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## Former Pub may stand for years

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
Staff Writer

Hearthstone Pub, built by John Sullivan and known as the Meridian, was once considered one of the finest dining places in the Back Mountain. Today, it stands at 38 Main St., Dallas, the center of controversy over who owns it — an eyesore and a fire trap.

Nearby residents and business owners dread the thought that fire may break out, wondering how firemen will keep it under control. Parents worry that children may sneak in the hazardous building through one of the holes where boards have been ripped off or through windows smashed out, then accidentally fall through the dilapidated flooring.

Despite nearly two years of discussion over what to do about the abandoned building, who actually owns it is still in question.

Some documents list TLC Enterprise Inc. as the owner. Corporate papers filed in Harrisburg show Dick Chaney as president and Noel A. Thomas, Jr., secretary and treasurer of that corporation. Those papers were filed in early 1975, but reports are that TLC's

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### NEWS ANALYSIS

## Brief storm knocks out power to 5,000 homes

By RICH JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Many parts of the Back Mountain are still cleaning up after a brief but fierce storm ripped through the area Monday evening.

High winds and lightning caused many trees, signs and poles to topple over, taking with them power and telephone lines.

Emergency and utility crews were out for most of Monday night trying to restore power and clean up the mess.

Joe Reimer, a spokesman for UGI Corporation, said the storm caused power interruptions for approximately 5,000 customers, most of which were in the Back

About 100 homes were still without power Tuesday afternoon

Mountain.

"It was a busy night for us," said Reimer. "We had crews at work throughout the night trying to get power back to many of the places where it was out."

As of Tuesday afternoon UGI crews had power restored to all but approximately 100 customers.

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## New water company promises better response But it may come at a price

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
Staff Writer

A breath of fresh air may be blowing into the Back Mountain's relationship with its major water supplier, but it will likely come at a price.

The General Waterworks Management and Service Company acquired the assets of the Dallas-Shavertown Water Company in May of this year and immediately agreed to comply with a Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's opinion and order of Jan. 12, 1989 that required adequate public disclosure of the company's plans. Under the order, the Shavertown Water Company was ordered to submit an engineering report

addressing water quality complaints in the Shavertown system, and to file status reports every six months thereafter to monitor progress in implementing the recommendations of the engineering report.

Among recent changes in the system is the reinstatement of a well that had been shut down because of contamination. "The Hassold Well is back on line," said Manager Michael Coyle Monday. "An aerator stripper to treat the contaminant which was in the well is working well. The Salla Well is now on standby, usually being used six to eight hours per day to re-

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### The littlest fundraiser?

Little Amanda Sawicki of Harveys Lake helped her mom tend a booth at the annual Eastern Star flea market in Dallas last Saturday. At 2 1/2 years of age, Amanda is the youngest member of the Harveys Lake Ladies Auxiliary. (Post Photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

## A Tale of Two Lakes

### Harveys Lake, Conneaut have many similarities

By RICH JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

It was the best of news, it was the worst of news for two lakes in Pennsylvania. People living near Harveys Lake and Conneaut Lake have recently learned that each lake lays claim to being "...the largest natural lake in Pennsylvania."

The controversy over the size of Harveys Lake and Conneaut Lake, in Crawford County, is still brewing and supporters for each are sticking to their guns.

Despite the battle for the title of largest natural lake, both areas continue to thrive during the summer months. Their natural beauty and waterways make both

areas a haven for recreation lovers. Because of the controversy over size and the many other similarities between the two, *The Dallas Post* decided to take some time and take a good look at this "Tale of Two Lakes."

Both lakes have interesting histories. Harveys Lake was discovered by Benjamin Harvey in

1781 after he was captured by the British. After being released, he wandered upon the lake while heading to his home in Plymouth.

Conneaut Lake dates back to the end of the ice age and is believed to have been formed by the moving of glaciers. The waters

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## Jet skis popularity growing

By RICH JOHNSON  
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They are often called motorcycles or snowmobiles on water, but "jet skis" seem to have gained a popularity all their own on Harveys Lake.

The number of jet skis in use at the lake, as well as on other state waterways, has increased greatly this summer. One observer at Harveys Lake commented that last year there were just "a handful" of jet skis at the lake. This year is different, as jet skis sometimes seem to outnumber boats on the water.

Jet skis are motorized float-  
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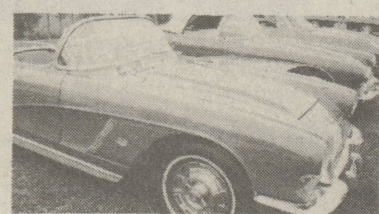
SKIING ON WATER - The popularity of jet skis has grown tremendously in recent years. Riders say they're fun and safe as long as boating rules are obeyed. (Post Photo by Rich Johnson)

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### Coming up:

#### Back Mountain Antique Car Show



Sunday, August 19  
Hundreds of antique, classic and custom cars, flea market, bake sale, refreshments  
Lake-Lehman High School Grounds  
Benefits Lake-Lehman Band Boosters  
Rain Date: August 26

DALLAS BOROUGH COUNCIL - Tues., Aug. 21, 8 PM, Dallas Borough Bldg., Main Street  
DALLAS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS - Tues., Aug. 21, 7:30 PM, Dallas Twp. Bldg., Route 309  
HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH COUNCIL - Tues., Aug. 21, 7:30 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg., Route 415  
HARVEYS LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION - Mon., Aug. 20, 7 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg., Route 415