

## Letter

### Recalls joy of receiving Post while in service

Editor:  
First of all, I want to thank you for sending The Dallas Post to the men and women in the armed services. I was on the Post staff during World War 2 and still remember how grateful the servicemen and women were to receive news from home.  
I would appreciate your sending the Post to my nephew, Robert Updyke, who is with the Army in

Saudi Arabia. He was graduated from Dallas High School in 1966 and would enjoy hearing the news from the Back Mountain.  
Bob, the oldest son of the late Police Chief Herbert H. Updyke of Kingston Township, is a Vietnam veteran with almost 20 years of service in the armed forces. He is assigned to a service company for Apache helicopters.  
Again, thank you for getting the

hometown news to the troops. I personally know how much that can mean because I've depended on your paper for the Back Mountain news since I moved to Michigan almost four years ago. I share my copy with my sister, Jean Updyke, and I can assure you we look forward to your paper's arrival each week.

Martha Hadsel Jackson, MI

## Bus

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and threw him down the bus," she said. "That issue was brought up last year and resolved. I didn't realize they were questioning the students but the students verified that I didn't even unhook my seat belt. The boy in question said some nasty words to a boy across the aisle and I made him sit back in his seat.

At the meeting, members of three families living on the road voiced their concerns about the bus service and blamed the bus driver for the problems involved.

The parents, who have a total of seven children, ages five to 14, stated that the students have had to walk home, as far as one and a half miles, on snowy days because the bus driver refused to travel the road because of its condition.

John Lee said, "It's not safe for the kids to walk the half mile or 1.9 miles to the main road. The township is more than willing to work with the bus driver. The road is flat. There has been vandalism on our road and I'm concerned for my children's safety."

George Wood, also a resident on Bear Swamp Road, said "I can't understand why the district can't call the parents if the driver can't pick up the students or bring them up the road. I have never been notified about a change in the route. My wife picks up the children after school. I have three children and they have walked from 1.5 to 1.9 miles from the bus dropoff."

*"I have been driving a bus for seven years and I have children of my own and I am concerned about the safety of the children."*

Glenda Gutowski  
Lake-Lehman bus driver

John Lee's mother told Superintendent of Schools Nancy Davis that she took her five-year-old granddaughter to the bus one day and the youngster wanted to get off and go home. "The bus driver closed the door while the girl was standing there by the door."

A third parent, Richard Cragle, said he drives a bus for Northwest Area, and that he drives his bus in and out of the road every day.

"Glenda's problem is she doesn't want to turn around on the gamelands but instead on a private piece of property," Cragle said. "She won't travel on the road in the morning but comes in on the road at night. The township is willing to cooperate. When she said the road wasn't wide enough to turn around, the township widened it, then she said the road was too icy so the township cindered the road. They are willing to work with her," Cragle

concluded.

"I have been driving for seven years and never had any problems before. When the road is bad they will have to bring the children out to the main road. As for the gamelands, they are not fit to use with a big bus. They are getting narrower and narrower," Gutowski concluded.

Davis told the parents that she and Barbara Ross, transportation coordinator, had gone out to the road the day before the board meeting and although the township had taken care of the road that morning, it is a soft dirt road and could be hazardous in snow or ice or when it's muddy. She also said that the distance the children had to walk to the first bus stop was less than a mile but she would discuss the problem with the driver and Ms. Ross.

Ross explained to a reporter that the bus driven by Mr. Cragle was a mini-bus which carried from 12 to 16 students while the bus driven by the driver, Glenda Gutowski is a regular school bus and carries up to 72 children.

"Whether there is snow or ice or mud, a bus that size could slide off the road or go down to the axle in mud. The bus driver will not travel that road if it is icy or muddy. It is up to the driver to use her discretion whether or not she should take the bus on a certain road," Ross said.

## Candidates

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Hill, William Tippet and Daniel Wisniewski are up for re-election and have all said they plan on running again.

Hill, who is the board's chairman, will be vying for his fifth term as a supervisor. "I enjoy serving on the board," he said. "I have time to spend doing the job and I get some satisfaction out of it."

Wisniewski will also be seeking his fifth term on the board. The supervisor said that he feels strong leadership is needed. "There have been a lot of changes in the township since I first began as a supervisor," he said. "The growth and changes have been like night and day and there has to be some good people looking after the community."

Tippet is hoping to be elected to a second term. The former chairman of the board also said he enjoys his work as a supervisor. "I am retired and have the time to spend on the township," he said.

Each seat on the Kingston Township board of supervisors is for a four year term.

### Harveys Lake

Four seats will be up for grabs in Harveys Lake Borough and it looks as if the Democratic party may have a chance to hold every seat on the council as the lone Republican councilman has said he will not seek re-election.

Councilman George Gwilliam said that he does not plan on running for a third term. He said that a new job and being the only minority councilman played a factor in his decision.

"I have started a new business and will be dedicating my time to that," said Gwilliam. "Also, I do not wish to be the only minority member of the board."

Councilman Joseph Sgarlat was a Republican until changing parties last year. His term is also up this year and he plans on running again.

"I like serving as a councilman," he said. "During my first term I can

say that I never missed a meeting, special meeting or work session."

The other two councilman up for re-election also plan on running again. David Abod will be seeking a second term. "I feel I have accomplished some good things while on the council," said Abod. "I have done a lot of work on improving the roads in the borough and also on setting up the recycling program and I don't want to see these projects fall apart."

Councilman Joseph Miscavage said he will be looking to serve a second term also. Miscavage was elected two years ago but, like the other seats up for election, he will be seeking a four year term.

### Lehman, Jackson have one opening each

Lehman Township will have a new supervisor next year. Supervisor Paul Goodwin has said he will not be seeking another term on the board.

In Jackson Township, one supervisor spot will be up for grabs. Supervisor Thomas Adams, who is also the boards chairman, said he plans on running for a second term. He said he enjoys serving on the board and laughed when he added, "I'm not in it for the money."

### Dallas School District

In the Dallas School District, all five directors whose terms expire this year say they will run again.

Clarence Michael, Ellen Nagy, John George and John Litz represent Dallas. Ernest Ashbridge, Jr. is from Kingston Township. Michael, Nagy, and Litz will seek second terms. George is up for a third year term and Ashbridge will seek a sixth term on the board having come on the board for the first time in 1970.

No other candidates had indicated they would seek one of the above offices as of February 19. Persons planning to run for an office in this year's primary election were able to obtain petitions beginning yesterday February 19. They will have until March 12 to circulate them and file them in the Election Bureau of the Luzerne County Courthouse.

### Lake-Lehman School District

In the Lake-Lehman School District, five directors' terms expire in December, 1991—Thomas Williams, Sweet Valley; Jeffrey Fritzen, Lehman; Dr. John Presper, Lehman; Elizabeth Sichler, Harveys Lake and Mark Elgaway, also of Harveys Lake. Presper, Fritzen and Sichler have announced that they will seek a second term and Williams, although he has not announced publicly told a reporter that he had decided to run for another term. Elgaway said he has not yet decided but will come to a decision within the week.

## The way we were



### 1945 East Dallas Team

Members of the 1945 East Dallas team in the Back Mountain are shown above. From left, sitting, are Art Bellas, Ted Wilson, Harry Martin, Jr.; standing, Michael Kozick, Warren Stanton, Al Davis, Walter Shultz, Tex Wilson, Pete Austin, Karl Kunkle, Robert Pickett. (Photo contributed)

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## Lehman couple rejects runoff plans

By RICH JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

A state engineer's recommendation on how to handle a water runoff problem in Lehman Township has been rejected by the owners of one of the properties involved.

The engineer, Joseph Marzani, made the recommendation last week after viewing the problem at a home owned by Dwayne and Ann Poepperling of Town and Country Manor.

Since purchasing their home last August, the Poepperlings have had to contend with water running across their property and onto the land of their neighbors, Phil and Nancy Stark.

Believing the source of the problem lies on township land the couple has asked the township to get involved in clearing it up, but no action has been taken because

the board of supervisors feels that it is the homeowners responsibility to handle the matter.

In an effort to come up with some sort of solution, the township asked that Marzani, who works for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, look at the situation and make a recommendation.

Marzani came back with two suggestions for the Poepperlings, but neither one appeals to the couple.

The first recommendation calls for the couple to obtain an easement for the a lot next to them and then turn a pipe handling the water at a 90 degree angle, sending the water across their yard, under a sidewalk and leaving it on the neighboring lot.

The second says that the couple should put a ditch on their property and send the water to a different neighboring lot. Again the

couple must obtain an easement to direct the water to that lot.

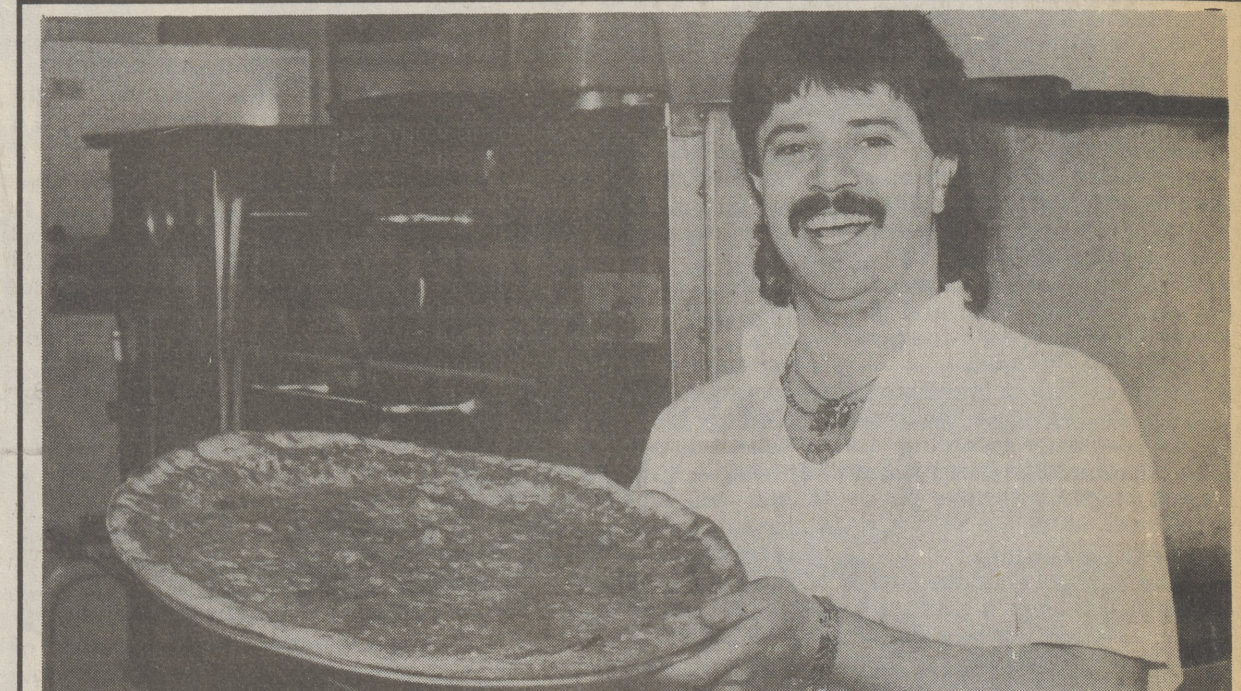
The Poepperlings do not feel that these are viable solutions because they must bear all responsibility for solving the problem.

"I guess we were expecting too much," said Ann Poepperling. "I don't see either of the suggestions helping us at all."

She said that all the cost of excavating and other work involved in these solutions would be up to them to do. Since they believe township water is causing the problem they would like to see the township do some of the work.

"I don't see why we should pipe township water across our yard," said Poepperling.

Ann Poepperling said she hoped that the issue could be solved out of court. "We have some other areas to look into and we hope it doesn't come to that," she said.



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