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FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY

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35 Cents

Dallas school tax expected to jump 11%

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Taxpayers in the Dallas School District should expect at least a 15-mill increase in taxes from the 1991-1992 tentative budget which was to be presented for the board's approval last night (May 28). And Superintendent of School Gerald Wycallis said reaching that level may require curtailing some classes.

The present millage for property taxes is 141 mills.

The original budget, which included all departmental re-

quests, would have meant an increase of 30 mills, but by cutting certain items the finance committee brought the preliminary budget down to a 22-mill increase. At a public work session May 22, board members instructed Superintendent Gerald Wycallis and his entire staff to look at all areas in the district's program to determine what can be curtailed to decrease the millage before approval of a tentative budget at the May 28 meeting.

"We selected May 28 for the adoption of a tentative budget," said Wycallis, "Because the

DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT MILL RATES

1991-92	156*
1990-91	141
1989-90	132.5
1988-89	128.5
1987-88	116
1986-87	116
*Estimated	

state has not yet passed a budget. It's difficult to come up with a final budget by June 30 when the district is not certain

the amount of money we will receive from the state."

"Let's be explicit with the district taxpayers," said board member Jack Cleary. "The Governor has declared our district as an affluent district which means we will get only one percent, or \$38,000, more than last year while other schools around us are receiving higher allocations."

Charlotte Williams, the district's business manager, said, "If the governor's budget is not passed the district's net pickup

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Jigger Jones gets jail term for selling alcohol to minors

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The owner of a Lake Silkworth bar will spend at least one month in jail following his 1990 conviction of selling alcohol to minors.

David "Jigger" Jones, 65, was sentenced to one month to 23 months in jail and \$2,000 in fines by Luzerne County Judge Joseph Augello, on May 23.

The sentence comes more than one year after Jones was found guilty of selling, furnishing or giving beer and alcohol to minors, and corruption of minors.

Jones' wife, Eleanor who holds the liquor license for the bar, was also charged in the incident but was acquitted on all counts.

During the sentencing, Assistant District Attorney Jim Phillips asked that Jones be incarcerated because of his reputation of providing alcohol to minors.

"This may be his first conviction for this but this was not the first time alcohol was sold to minors," Phillips told Judge Augello.

He added that in the Back Mountain, "...it was general knowledge that you could get alcohol from Mr. Jones."

Jones' attorney, Joseph Albert, asked that Jones not be incarcerated because of his failing health. The attorney claimed that if Jones were jailed it could adversely affect his health.

Albert also said that incarceration would not be beneficial since Jones currently "...is not a risk to the community."

After Judge Augello handed down the sentence the two attorneys argued about when Jones should report to jail.

Phillips asked that Jones be taken immediately to jail but Albert believed that was not necessary.

"Come on Jim," Albert said to

Phillips. "What kind of threat does he pose. He has been at all the hearings and hasn't left the area which goes along with the conditions of his bail."

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Teeners say they bought from Jones after 1990 conviction

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Local teenagers say that they were able to purchase alcoholic beverages from Jigger Jones's bar long after he was convicted of selling to minors.

Jones, 65, will spend at least 30 days in jail and will pay \$2,000 in fines for furnishing beer and alcohol to minors more than a year ago.

However, there has been some discussion about the system where an establishment is repeatedly found to be in violation of alcohol laws but stiffer penalties are not handed out.

In court last week, Assistant District Attorney Jim Phillips said that Jones is known for furnishing alcohol to minors. "This is his first conviction but it is not the first time alcohol was sold to minors," he said.

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Remembering our fallen heroes

The Poppy Girls held out at the annual Dallas Memorial Day observance sponsored by the Daddow-Isaacs Post of the American

Legion. Speakers this year included Thomas Landon, a reservist just back from the Persian Gulf. More photos on page 6.

Fred Templin to retire after 33 years in education

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Fred Templin, supervisor of curriculum and instruction in the Dallas School District, looks back on his years of teaching with pleasure as he prepares to retire at the end of this school year.

"I enjoyed teaching and had a good rapport with the kids in their classrooms and it was a rewarding experience when former graduates from Dallas would come back and visit and tell you how what they learned at Dallas helped them in college. But I am looking forward to having time to travel and to do numerous things around the house that need to be done. I'm also looking forward to spending more time with my grandchildren and also visiting my children. I have a son, Fred, in California and my wife and I plan to visit him sometime in the near future. I'm also planning a fishing trip to Canada this summer with some friends," Templin said.

Templin is retiring from the district after 33 years in educa-

tion. After graduating from Bloomsburg University in 1958, he taught in Belvedere, N.J., for six months when the minimum salary was \$3600 annually and they offered him \$3800.

The following year he accepted a contract with Forty Fort School District where he taught sophomore algebra II and seventh grade math and also coached junior and senior high school football.

"In 1964 I came to Dallas and during that year taught higher mathematics. Dr. Mellman hired me to take the place of a teacher on sabbatical, then after they year teach at junior high. At the end of the year, however, Mr. Trimble called me in and told me to stay at the senior high and teach physics and chemistry which I did until March 25, 1985 when I assumed the position as Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction at the Administration Office," Templin explained.

He received his Masters degree

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Dallas men chosen to lead new diving team

By RICH JOHNSON
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Two Back Mountain residents have been chosen to head a special underwater diving team which will assist law enforcement agencies that investigate water related crimes.

Lt. Rich Zeglin and Sgt. Jim Johnson, both of Dallas Township, were chosen to lead the diving team which operates out of the Luzerne County Sheriff's Office.

"Because there is so much water in Luzerne County and there is a lack of diving teams, the sheriff asked that Jim and I put together a team strictly to help law enforcement agencies on things other than searching for or rescuing a body," said Zeglin.

"There are a number of scenarios where a team like this is needed so the sheriff's department wanted to put together this team," he added.

The diving team consists of about a dozen members who were selected based upon diving qualifications, experience and specialized training.

The divers will be called in to help local or state authorities with investigations, according to Johnson.

"There are just so many areas where this team could be used," he said. "One scenario might be a guy who robs a business in Dallas and while fleeing from the scene he throws a gun into the pond by the Meadows Nursing Home. We can come in and find the weapon,

bring it out with some of the dirt that was around it and use all that to help convict the guy."

The team may also be called upon to take underwater photographs or to search a vehicle that went into the water.

The team, which was formally introduced only two weeks ago, has already been put to one test when the state police in Hazleton needed divers to search a car that was spotted in a strip mining pit by police in a helicopter.

Because of the location it was impossible for emergency vehicles to drive into the pit, so the tactical teams rigged up some all terrain vehicles and traveled as far into the pit as possible. Then divers rappelled down a 75 foot cliff and entered the water.

"Two squads of divers went in," said Johnson. "One squad went immediately to the vehicle to conduct a search while the second did a search of the area to make sure everything was safe for the first squad."

Zeglin said it was determined that the car had been in the water for some time but no bodies were found. Police are now searching for suspects in the case with evidence obtained from the diving team.

Both Zeglin and Johnson are excited about the team. "We work well together and I think that will help with the success of any calls we have," said Zeglin, who is a former criminal investigator and

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HEADING NEW DIVING TEAM -Sgt. Jim Johnson and Lt. Rich Zeglin, both of Dallas Twp., have been chosen to lead a new county diving team which will specialize in underwater investigations. (Post Photo/Rich Johnson)

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Community Events

FLEA MARKET - Sat., June 1, starting at 9 AM, Sweet Valley Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary, Main Rd. Refreshments available.
LUZERNE COUNTY WOMENS' CONFERENCE - Sat., June 1, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus, Lehman. Child care and transportation available, call 675-9124.

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