



**QUESTIONABLE DUMP** - This dump, located on a piece of land in Lehman Township, has come under fire from the Lehman Township Supervisors. The board reported the dump and property owner Ignatius Hozempa to the state Department of Environmental Resources, saying the dump is illegal and could be a health threat because it is located near a stream that flows into a public water supply. (Post Photo/Rich Johnson)

### Dump

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porter on his property to look at the dump but a view from a neighboring property showed that there were boxes, cans, bottles, wood, and cinder blocks. Also in the dump were some old appliances and tires.

Dumping on the property appears to be continuing as an unidentified man was seen on June 14 dumping bottles from a truck at the site. The truck was later seen at Hozempa's residence.

### Investigation would determine violations

It is unknown at this time if the dump is a violation of state or township laws.

DER spokesman Marc Carman said that an investigation into the matter would have to take place to find out if there were any state violations. He added, however, that there may be a problem with the garbage from the tavern being dumped on the land.

"Normally only household waste could be dumped on a private property and even then there would have to be certain areas met for that to fall under an agricultural exception," said Carman. "You are not supposed to bring in materials from an outside source and leave them. But an investigation will have to determine which way this thing goes."

The supervisors hope that the investigation comes soon, citing the location of the dump. "This could be a violation of a zoning ordinance," said Goodwin. "And you have to be concerned that part of the property is probably wetlands and it is near a public water supply."

The dump is located near a stream known as "Crotchee Run." The stream runs into Harveys Creek and then to Rice Dam, which is a public water supply for the Nanticoke area.

Hozempa denied any threat to the water supply, saying that the dump is not dangerous. "It's on my property and it's not hurting anyone so there shouldn't be a big fuss made over it," he said.

### Calls complaint 'political'

Hozempa said that the complaint has been made because of his recent victory in the primary election to become township supervisor.

"Just because I won the nomination they are starting trouble," said Hozempa. "I've been doing this for years but they wait until now to bring it up."

The supervisors deny any political motives and say they were made aware of the situation when residents complained. The board said it did what the state recommends to do in such a situation.

"We, as supervisors, are obligated to report this," said supervisor David Sutton. "We have received numerous complaints and DER is the one who regulates the dumping and we are required to inform them of the complaints."

Hozempa, who served as a supervisor in the past, is the only candidate on the ballot in November and is expected to win the seat, replacing Goodwin.

The supervisors said that Hozempa's experience as a supervisor should have made him handle the situation differently.

"He held office before so he ought to know better than to do something like this," said Sutton. "We are not doing this as a political move, I'm not even running for office. We just want to make sure the township is safe and that all residents comply with the laws."

### Investigation could take some time

The board would like to see DER react quickly to its complaint but it may take a few days before all the paperwork is completed.

A complaint was being filed on June 17 with DER's department of water quality. But Carman said that the investigation would be handled by another department.

"Once we receive the complaint we will assign it to a field inspector and he will respond. We can't put a definite time on when he will respond but if we think it is an emergency then he will respond faster," said Carman.

Hozempa said he had not yet been contacted by DER and wasn't even aware of the complaint.

As of Tuesday morning, no inspection had been made of the property.

Besides DER, the state fish commission and Pennsylvania Gas & Water Co. were both notified about the dump but offered no comment.

### Rabies

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Raccoons are the number one animal to spread rabies, followed by skunks and fox follow close behind," Davenport continued.

"This morning we had a rabid horse brought in," Davenport said last week. "We have also had some cows bitten but they were vaccinated so there was no problem. Most of the farmers in Susquehanna County are now vaccinating their cows and people should have their horses vaccinated to be safe since most horses are out to pasture."

Davenport said since the law requires dogs to be vaccinated, most dogs are the best barrier between wild animals and humans. If humans are bitten by a rabid animal, they are required to have a series of injections which cost about \$1,000.

By law all house cats must be vaccinated and should be, Dr. Davenport said, but stray cats are a problem.

He explained there are two kinds of rabies; Vicious Rabies during the first stage causes the animal to attack. As the disease progresses, the animal slows, staggers and becomes paralyzed. The other type is the Dumb Rabies, which only a

low percentage of animals contract. When affected, wild animals act tame and will let persons come near them which is dangerous.

"Now that school is out, parents should warn their children to stay away from all animals no matter how the animals act. All animals should be vaccinated for their own safety," said Dr. Davenport.

Don Burchell, conservation officer at the Pennsylvania Game Commission in Dallas, said last year's rabies cases totaled 611 throughout the entire state. Raccoons topped the list with 406 followed by skunks. Other animals tested positive were ground-hogs, bats, cats, fox, horses and a bobcat, not necessarily in that order.

"Raccoons are the primary carriers," said Burchell. "It's probably

due to their low resistance to the disease and because they re-infect within their families.

"We have had reports of nine cases in the county, all raccoons, one in Shavertown. A dog fought with it but the dog had its rabies shots and was all right. I also had to destroy a gray fox at Country Club Apartments but it wasn't tested since it didn't bite anyone," Burchell said. "I'm only aware of my territory so Dr. Davenport is a good source. I know there have been three rabid horses, two cows, 10 skunks, one bat, one ground hog, three cats and 98 raccoons."

"If a person sees a wild animal or any animal but especially sick wild animals notify the Game Commission immediately," Burchell said.

The Game Commission's phone number in Dallas is 675-1143.

### SPCA to conduct rabies clinic

Edward Gross, manager of Luzerne County SPCA, has announced that the SPCA will conduct a second rabies clinic at the shelter, Fox Hill Road, Plains Township, Saturday, June 22, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Northeast Pennsylvania Veterinarians Association will co-sponsor the clinic. Dr. Robert Bishop will administer the vaccinations. Cost will be \$5.00.

Dogs must be brought on a leash and cats in a carrier.

### Memories

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Carey said there was another class in with his for farming and they used to have some lively discussions on how to farm. That was a big difference from when he went to school in Wilkes-Barre, Carey said.

"It was a close group of teachers and they were like our friends instead of teachers and always ready to help us," Carey said fondly. "Mr. Kester was a fine man."

Ms. Lenora Robinson taught home economics and the girls used to make some fine foods and we would get to sample them. We didn't have any cafeteria. We used to 'brown bag' it and then we would sample some of the girls' cooking at noon. We would only pay 5¢ for soup."

Most of the kids walked to school, Carey said. "There were three or four buses for the kids who lived way out but not like today's buses. There was one we called the 'Chicken Coop.' You can imagine what it was like."

Carey said some students came from Alderson and others from as far as Centermoreland.

"We played football and basketball," Carey said. "We had no gym to practice so we played at Kunkle Community Hall. Our team played Beaumont and teams downtown. We also had a band of sorts. The kids who had their own instruments were the band members."

Carey was president of the senior class and gave the welcome address at Commencement. H.C. Fetterolf, assistant director of vocational agriculture, gave the guest address and Mr. Keifer, president of the school directors, pre-



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sented the diplomas. Robert Eipper gave the farewell address.

"We were a great class," said

Carey. The boys in the class were William Butler, Robert Eipper, Joseph Jachemovicz, Alex Matukitis, and James Miers. The girls were Merle Anderson, Freda Cobleigh, Ila Goss, Marion Kunkle, Jeanne Stark, Elizabeth Frantz, and Marjorie Kitchen.

"We had only one teacher in each grade but Mr. Girton taught as well although he was the principal," Carey recalled. The other teachers were Donald Kester, J. Lloyd Drake, Lenora Robinson, Mary Stahlman, Margaret Wallace, Lena Van Tyl, Elizabeth Love, Marie Woolbert, Hilda Ruggles, Emily Goldsmith, Nan Bryant and Reba Stevens.

A copy of the program for the second commencement indicated the class flower was a sunburst rose, and the class motto was "Climb though the rocks be rugged."

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