

HL water woes spring from well in traffic island

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By the Harveys Lake Water Company's own account, its 50 residential and six business customers get crummy service. At a meeting for its customers Saturday, August 24, the company said that it was going to improve service by drilling a new well - just as soon as it can pur-

chase some land to put the well on.

"I'm not going to tell you that you're getting great service. You're not," said Joe Dysard, central district manager for General Waterworks, which purchased the Harveys Lake Water Company in May, 1990, along with the Dallas, Shavertown and Noxen water companies. According to Dysard, the com-

pany's problems in providing good service spring from the location of its well - in the traffic island where Route 415 meets Harveys Lake.

The company does not own the land the well is located on, and can't make any large improvements to it.

Among problems cited by the approximately 25 residents who attended the meeting were frequent water outages and a chlo-

rine taste in the water.

The company would like to drill a well in the Carpenter Road area uphill from the company's customers, and include a storage tank so during power outages, customers would still have water provided by the force of gravity.

"If we can get a piece of property in the next couple of months, it ought to be done by April," said Dysard.

Dysard said customers' rates will not increase until the improvements are made, though a surcharge has been added to their bills to cover increased state taxes on utilities.

Until this spring, the company pumped water from its well to a small covered reservoir at the corner of Hillside and Ridge avenues, and used gravity to provide customers with 6 to 9 pounds of water pressure. The roof of the reservoir is caving in, and fearing the reservoir would be contaminated, the company switched to pumping water to homes directly from the well, and increased water pressure.



Lions spruce up fair building

The Harveys Lake Lions and the Lake Silkworth Area Lions joined forces recently at the Luzerne County Fall Fair Grounds. As a joint community project, the Lions painted the exterior of the newly installed Arts and Crafts Exhibitors' building. The Luzerne County Fall Fair begins September 4 and ends September 8. Lions participating in the project were Joe Neilson, Bill Gallagher, Pete Austin, Dick Williams, Bill McGargel, Glen Bynon, PDG Lee Watson, Sid May, Mark Weaver, Keith Harry, Bill Wilson, Dan Samson, Jack Bulman, Dan Williams, Tom Baer, Rich Williams II, President Stanley Spencer, and Wayne Rhone, all members of the Harveys Lake Club. Members of the Lake Silkworth Area Club were Frank Antonik, Stanley Wojciechowski, Troy Lubinski, Walt Lobacz, John Raggi, Al Radginski, Tom Rusnak, Wayne Pettit, Tony Stefanowicz, Mike Stefanowicz, Bob Moyer, George Yurko, Ed Kelly, Fall Fair President.

Lawyer tells residents, don't pay

Trash protesters ready for showdown

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Solidarity was the password at a meeting held by Attorney Gifford Cappellini Monday, Aug. 26, to organize a class action suit against the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA).

Cappellini told over 200 residents who gathered at the Carverton United Methodist Church to pay who they want to haul their trash, and not pay DAMA if they aren't using the service.

"What are they going to do, round up hundreds and thousands of people for not paying their bills? That's one approach, but we have to stand firm," said Cappellini, who lives in Orchard View Terrace, Dallas Township. "I got my bill two days ago and my bill has already been torn up and thrown away."

Cappellini said he'd like to have the suit filed sometime within the next 30 days. He said the primary allegation of the suit will be that DAMA infringed upon the residents right to make contracts, and keep contracts which already exist.

"We're not charging legal fees,"

said Cappellini. "We'll estimate what it will cost for photo copies and maybe court costs. That should be minimal."

"I'm not going to guarantee a result here," said Cappellini. "But something is rotten in the state of Denmark. It doesn't feel right in our gut."

Cappellini said that he will be gathering five to ten residents, representing each of the municipalities involved to represent the entire group.

"If it doesn't work legally, then we can do it politically," said Cappellini. "But we all have to stick together."

He recommended that the residents flex their political muscle by rustling up some write-in candidates for the November general election.

"At some point, your group should institute a non-profit group to prevent this from happening again," said Cappellini. "This happened because we were all caught off guard."

Cappellini also suggested a private detective be hired to make sure the recyclable items being

collected are being recycled, and a scientific public opinion poll be taken on DAMA's trash plan.

DAMA gave a \$2 million, 30-month exclusive contract to Danella Environmental Technologies to collect waste and recyclables in Kingston Township, Dallas Township and Dallas Borough. Residents pay \$135 a year for the collection of two bags a week, with DAMA receiving an additional \$1.50 for each extra bag.

But one man at the meeting was a little leery of simply not paying his bills for a long period of time.

"I don't like the idea of not paying bills," said Stanislaw Haczynski, Dallas Township, at the meeting. "Why don't we put the money in an escrow account. Why don't we pay the money to a third party and when it's over we pay it, or we get it back?"

"The gentleman has a good idea, but there's a lot of problems with that," said Cappellini, citing the difficulty in choosing someone to administer the account, and adding that some can't afford the bills in the first place.

Obituaries

JOHN BOMBA

John L. Bomba, 39, formerly of Wilkes-Barre Township, died Aug. 19, 1991 in Denver, Colo. after a brief illness.

Born in Wilkes-Barre Township, he was the son of Stanley and Mary Chmielewski Bomba, of Wilkes-Barre Township.

Surviving in addition to his parents are brothers, Stanley Jr., Wilkes-Barre Township; Bernard, Bear Creek; sisters, Mrs. Marie Stavish, New York, NY; Mrs. Beverly Vespcio, Harveys Lake; Mrs. Pamela Girton, Woodbridge, Va.; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Interment, Holy Trinity Cemetery, Bear Creek.

CHARLOTTE ENGLER

Charlotte A. Engler, 57, of South Main Street, Trucksville, died shortly after admission Aug. 21, 1991 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township. Her she was stricken ill earlier at the Pittston YMCA.

A lifelong resident of Trucksville, she was the daughter of the late John and Alice Gordon Hoyt. She attended Kingston Township schools. Prior to her retirement, she was employed as a floorlady at Ann-Will Garment Co., Kingston. She was a member of Trucksville United Methodist Church. She was a volunteer worker at the Pittston YMCA, where she was a swimming instructor for the handicapped.

Surviving are her husband, John; sons, John D., Sweet Valley; Kenneth L., Virginia Beach, Va.; Clifford G., Trucksville; Donald L., Glen Allen, Va.; Mark C., Dallas; daughter, Alice Mary Newman, Winston-Salem, NC; nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Aug. 24, 1991.

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

HENRIETTA WARMAN

Henrietta E. Warman, RR 1, Warman St., Larksville, died Aug. 26, 1991, at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

She and her husband, William S., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on July 3, 1991.

Surviving in addition to her husband, are daughters, Betty Dotter, Wilkes-Barre; Catherine Spangenberg, Trucksville; Jeanette Holena, Plymouth; sons, William at home; Stephen and Frank, both of Larksville; Frederick, Plymouth; nine grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; brothers, Edward, Kingston; Clarence, Exeter; Burton, Larksville; Earl, Wilkes-Barre.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Thursday with Williams Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

Friends may call 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

ANNE WASKO

Anne D. Wasko, of Kingsley Drive, Harmony Hills, Newark, Del., died Aug. 21, 1991, at home.

Surviving are her husband of 43 years, Anthony P.; sons, Terry L., Fair Hill, Md.; Scott A., Bear, Del.; Jeffrey A., Newark, Del.; brothers, Joseph and Steven both of Swoyersville; sisters, Victoria Allen, Forty Fort; Mary Mucha, Swoyersville; Helen Strish and Tillie Popson, both of Trucksville; two granddaughters.

Interment, All Saints Cemetery, Wilmington, Del.

ANDREW KOTCH

Andrew J. Kotch, of Church St., Swoyersville, died Aug. 22, 1991 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Swoyersville, he was the son of the late Andrew and Elizabeth Bosak Kotch.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Joanne, in 1960.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jean Zdurowski; sons, Andrew, Shavertown; Stephen, Bear Creek; daughters, Elizabeth Simons, Springfield, Mass.; Vivian Manganello, Harrisburg; brothers, Michael, West Wyoming; Stephen, Forty Fort; sister, Marion Diction, Rutland, Vt.; six grandchildren.

Interment, St. John Nepomucene parish cemetery, Courtdale.

JEAN MARIE PALL

Jean Marie Pall, 65, RR 5, Hunlock Creek, Pikes Creek, died Aug. 26, 1991, at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

A lifelong resident of Pikes Creek, she was the daughter of the late Elmer N. and Marie Fraley Wolfe. She served as a justice of the peace for six years and then as a notary public for 24 years, retiring 10 years ago. She was a member of the Sweet Valley Church of Christ. She was a member of the Sweet Valley Craft Club and the Young at Heart Club.

She and her husband, Walter, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary last January.

Surviving in addition to her husband, are a son, the Rev. W. James, Dallas; daughter, Constance M. Pall, Kingston; brother, Floyd, Sweet Valley; sisters, Lucy Matthews, Wilkes-Barre; Virginia Hoover, Idetown; Marjorie Williams, Pikes Creek; one grandson.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday in Sweet Valley Church of Christ, with the Rev. Gry DeSanto, pastor, officiating.

Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

Friends may call 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home, cor. of Rtes. 29 and 118, Pikes Creek; or 10 a.m. until time of services Thursday in church.

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to the Sweet Valley Church of Christ, RR 2, Box 2430, Sweet Valley, 18656 or to Sweet Valley Ambulance Association, PO Box 207, Sweet Valley, 18656.

JOHN ADAMCHAK

John Adamchak, of Casack St., Swoyersville, died Aug. 23, 1991 at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Church, Swoyersville.

Surviving are sisters, Helen Charney, Swoyersville; Cecilia Wysocki, Shavertown; brothers, Steve, Swoyersville; William, Savannah, Ga.; Raymond, Ocala, Fla. Interment, parish cemetery, Swoyersville.

ANNA PIZNAR

Anna M. Piznar, 81, of Huntsville Road, Dallas, died Aug. 20, 1991 at home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late Anthony and Mary Janiga Baranowski. She attended Wilkes-Barre schools. She had resided in Dallas for the past 33 years. She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John F., Aug. 26, 1985; granddaughter, Judy Piznar, March 11, 1989.

Surviving are a sister, Sophie Kopinski, Wilkes-Barre; brother, John, Cleveland, Ohio; stepsons, John F. Columbus, Miss.; Robert S., East Brunswick, N.J.; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Interment, St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Cemetery, West Wyoming.

RUTH SANDS

Ruth French Sands of RR 2, Mehoopany, died Aug. 21, 1991, at Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert R.; daughter, Frances; son, Donald R., Sr.

Surviving are sons, Raymond L., Mehoopany; Korah R., Falls; Gilbert T., Tunkhannock; Gary R., Lake Wales, Fla.; daughters, E.B. Smith, Winter Haven, Fla.; Mrs. Donald Miller, Mehoopany; Mrs. William Shoemaker, Laceyville; sister, Mrs. Edward MacDougall, Beaumont; 38 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

Interment, Vaughn Cemetery, Mehoopany.

THOMAS SPACE

Thomas P. Space, of Highland Manor Nursing Home, formerly of Exeter, died Aug. 22, 1991, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was the son of William and Margaret Zavada Space, Exeter. He was employed as a truck driver by the Shelley Trucking Co., Lehman.

Surviving in addition to his parents, are a daughter, Donna, Edwardsville; son, Thomas Jr., Edwardsville; sister, Mrs. Marilyn Jacobs, West Pittston; brothers, William, Dallas Township; Eugene, Exeter, two grandchildren.

Interment, St. John the Baptist Slovak Cemetery, Exeter.

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