

Federal judge puts group home suit on hold

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Federal Court Judge Kosik told attorneys for the Institute of Human Resources Services Inc. and Association for Retarded Citizens that they were steps ahead of themselves in the case they filed asking for an injunction to prevent Dallas Township from evicting the five residents in the group home at 236 Church St.

Atty. Michael Opel and Atty. Kimberly Borland had filed the case based on charges of discrimination in response to the township's charges filed with the magistrate that the home at 236 Church Street was a boarding house, not a family

home and was in violation of the R-1 ordinance.

The judge told them that he could not determine any discrimination in the township's allegation since they specifically stated in writing that they believed the group home was a boarding house not a family home.

Judge Kosik said they first had to wait for a decision from the township zoning board. If not satisfied they could take proper steps to file in the County courts and continue if necessary through Commonwealth Courts before filing in Federal Court.

The Dallas Township Zoning Board is expected to hand down their decision Sept. 17.

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In deciding to apply for a waiver, the district joined many other school districts in the area taking this option, including Lake-Lehman, Northwest and Tunkhannock.

In other business Ed Palka of Shavertown told the board that he was concerned that there was no chorus teacher in the senior high.

"My son went to school today (Monday) and there was no chorus teacher and the class had no supervision," Palka said. "I am concerned that one teacher should have to supervise two classes. It's not safe."

High school principal Frank Galicki said that Cindy Thomas, the chorus teacher, did not come in Monday so band director Tab Hunter was supervising both units. Wycallis asked Galicki to talk with Ms. Thomas about extending her class hours.

Joann Mallick of Applewood Manor told the board that her son has nine study halls a week—on three days they are back to back—and that he has no classes after 5 p.m.

"I have schedules from three different sections and all of them have too many study halls. Have the study halls been increased because programs and teachers have been cut?" she asked.

Dr. Gilbert Griffiths, middle school principal, said that the former activity periods have been incorporated into the study halls and the administration is now in the process of working out a schedule.

"We have 635 students in the middle school and only about 300 of these students are in band or chorus or both. We did not do away with activity periods but merely incorporated them with the study halls. We dropped intermural programs because the teachers did

The school district would use the \$130,000 to restore programs cut from the 1991-92 budget

not think they were beneficial. We are now rescheduling other programs, one of them tutorial," Griffiths explained.

Board member Thomas Stitzer asked Mrs. Mallick to give him the copies of the schedules she had.

"I agree that nine study halls are entirely too many. I can't guarantee we can do anything about it but the board will discuss the problem. Because of lack of funds the board had to cut programs," Stitzer said.

In other business, board members:

- Approved adopting the revised reopened budget with the budgetary revenue to be decreased in the amount of \$618,783 and budgetary expenditures to be reduced by the same amount for a total budget of \$14,218,463 to comply with section 687 (g) of the Public School Code of 1949 amended by Act 25 of 1991.

- Approved the request of Mrs. Elizabeth Cannon, professional employee for a sabbatical leave for the 1991-92 school year.

- Approved the appointment of Paul Brown as a long term substitute professional employee at Dallas Elementary School for the 1991-92 school year filling the vacancy created by Mrs. Cannon's sabbatical leave.

- Approved the extension of Dallas Education Association's current contract while their negotiations are continuing.



Harveys Lake roads paved

Harveys Lake Borough Councilman David Abod at left stands on a recently "tarred and chipped" road in Keefer Plot with Martin Jones, a civil engineering student at Penn State who is helping the borough with its paving project. Before paving, the road in the foreground resembled the rutted private road in the background. Other residential roads throughout the borough are presently being paved.

According to Abod, after several years of traffic, the tarred and chipped road becomes nearly as hard as standard pavement. The cost is 51 cents a yard of tarring and chipping, as opposed to approximately \$13 a yard for traditional pavement.

After three years of paving, the only dirt road left in the borough is Hollowich Road. The work has been paid for with state liquid fuels funds, which can only be used for road work. Abod said that the borough is working to make Hollowich and Outlet roads eligible for the state funding. Jones is donating his time to the borough.

Jackson Twp. hopes fire hydrant helps in winter

Jackson Township is installing a dry fire hydrant at the township pond next to the new municipal building.

The hydrant will not have water under pressure, but will allow firefighters to draw water from the pond without the risk of having their hoses clogged with sediment, or having to chop through ice in the winter, said Jackson Township Fire Chief Rollie Evans.

The township's volunteer firefighters donated the labor to install the hydrant. Gary Cadwalader's excavating company donated both the equipment needed to install the hydrant, and labor.

The cost of the materials for the hydrant is approximately \$1,000,

according to township supervisor Thomas Adams.

At their meeting September 9, the supervisors asked solicitor Elythe Evans to send a letter to the Sutton Hills Association asking if a similar hydrant could be installed at Bulford Pond in Sutton Hills.

Adams also reminded residents that there is firewood available to township residents at the new municipal building.

To take the wood, all residents most do is sign a waiver relieving the township of any responsibility in the case of an accident. The best times to sign the waiver are at the new municipal building on week days from 8 to 8:30 a.m., noon to 12:30 p.m., and 3 to 3:30 p.m.

Motorists must keep cars insured, or lose registration

State Rep. Phyllis Mundy is alerting motorists that under Pennsylvania law, all vehicles must be insured at all times, even if the vehicle is not in use.

If you drop insurance on your vehicle for any reason, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will automatically suspend your registration, Mundy warned.

If there is a lapse in insurance coverage, the insured person must provide PennDOT with proof of insurance indicating an effective date of coverage 21 days or less from the date the insurance was dropped, and an affidavit stating

that the vehicle was not operated during this time. PennDOT also must be provided copies of the insurance documents.

If these requirements are not met, a three-month suspension will be placed upon the individual after the vehicle's license plate has been surrendered. A \$50 restoration fee must be paid once the suspension has been lifted.

"It is illegal to own or operate a vehicle without being properly insured," Mundy said. "Even if the car is not being used, it still must be covered by insurance."

Army Sgt. Joseph DeRiggi reports for duty in Virginia

Army Sgt. Joseph V. DeRiggi, a military police specialist, has arrived for duty in Roanoke, Va.

He is the son of Philip T. and Marianne J. DeRiggi of Marywood Drive, Dallas.

His wife, Christina, is the daughter

of Robert M. and Judith E. PaGura of 870 Damon Drive, Medina, Ohio.

The sergeant is a 1979 graduate of Phillipsburg Catholic High School, N.J.

Jeffrey King named scholar

Jeffrey B. King of Dallas, was named a Presidential Scholar at Susquehanna University.

He is a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and the son of Donald

L. King of Ridge Road and Audrey E. Lazar.

He will be a science major at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove.

Teacher

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hours but nothing was resolved," said board member James Richardson. "Proposals were exchanged but nothing was accomplished."

According to State Mediator James Paley, proposals were exchanged in an effort to reduce the number of out-

standing issues between the two parties.

"Proposals were exchanged but there was no response," confirmed Dallas Superintendent Gerald Wycallis.

The next bargaining session is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m.



Insalaco's donates computers

Insalaco's Supermarkets and Affiliated Food Distributors announced plans today to join "Teaming Up For Better Education", a new education initiative co-sponsored by Procter & Gamble Company and the IBM Corporation. The program will donate up to \$3 million in electronic teacher's aid equipment to elementary schools nationwide.

Two IBM PS/2 computers were donated to Gate of Heaven School in Dallas.

"We recognize that elementary schools are performing some of the nation's most important work," said Vince Insalaco, Vice-President, Insalaco's Supermarkets. "By offering the latest in audio-visual and textual teaching aids, we believe that we can help teachers improve the quality of their students' education."

"Teaming Up For Better Education" has received the endorsement of the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the National Association of Partners in Education (NAPE).

Above, Gate of Heaven principal Mary Tighe, left, accepts a certificate for the first computer from Vince Insalaco.

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