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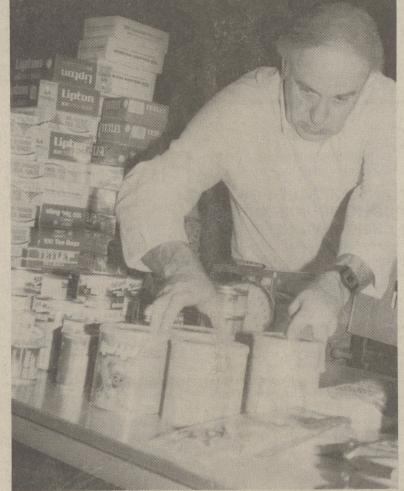
By GRACE R. DOVE

Thanks to the generosity of Back Mountain families, 1,400 lbs of nonperishable food items will soon arrive in Russia. The food was collected in a drive sponsored by 10 area churches.

According to Morag Michael of Trucksville United Methodist Church's Mission Society, Russia's continuing economic instability has created a crisis in which people cannot afford skyrocketing food

Russians must wait for hours in long lines for what little food is available — if anything is left when they finally reach the head of the line. And those who cannot wait in long lines in the cold weather due to illness or disability are particularly hard-pressed.

In an attempt to help out, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, in cooperation with the Russian Orthodox Church and the Soviet Peace Fund, launched a nationwide food drive, "To Russia See FOOD, pg 7



PACKING IT UP - Tom Oliver arranges containers of tea bags and powdered fruit drinks to be packed for shipment to needy Russian families. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

Lower interest rates squeeze school districts

By ERIC FOSTER
Post Staff

While the Dallas and Lake-Lehman School Districts will receive less state money than they did last year if governor Casey's proposed budget is passed, low interest rates may hurt the districts even more.

If the governor's proposed budget is passed, Lake-Lehman will receive \$4,259,495, or \$89,568 less in state funding for the 1992-93 school year. Dallas will receive \$3,807,184, or \$151,436 less than 1991-92.

The two districts, which invest their revenue until it's needed, may be hurt just as badly by falling interest rates as by the reduced subsidies.

"Interest rates are down now. Today, certificates of deposit barely pay 4%," said Bowersox. "Last year most of our certificates were in the 8 and 9 percents."

Bowersox said that if interest rates continue to be low, the district could lose \$150,000 to \$200,000.

In Dallas, last year's interest income of \$338,000 was more than the district may lose in state subsidies this year. If interest rates remain at 4%, the district might only make half that much this

Officials in the districts say this is going to be one of the toughest budgets ever to prepare, but seem to be taking the news in stride.

Dallas will have it's first official presentation of the budget at the end of April or the beginning of May, said Charlotte Williams, the district's business manager.

Raymond Bowersox, business manager at Lake-Lehman, said that work will begin on a preliminary budget in early March. Both districts typically pass final budgets at the end of June.

"There are going to be problems, it's all going to be a problem," said Bowersox, who is also the secre-

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Cable TV rates will rise in April

Customers of the Tele-Media Cable Company can expect their cable bill to increase in April.

As of April 1, the monthly charge for basic service will increase from \$16.50 to \$18.50.

"Most of our cost is brought on by programming, said Donald Zagorski, manager of Tele-Media. "Some channels have increased

The company's last increase was in April of 1991 when it

Tele-Media serves Harveys Lake and Dallas boroughs and the townships of Lehman, Dallas, Franklin and Kingston.

Teachers coached on response to questions

Teachers in the Dallas School District are being coached by their union on how to respond to questions from neighbors and friends about contract negotiations in the district. Dallas teachers have worked without a contract since last August, when the previous five-year agreement ended.

The teachers' union originally asked for a new five-year contract with annual increases of just under 10 percent. The school board has offered several options, from a flat \$2,500 annual increase for two years to four percent yearly over three years.

A memorandum sent February 19 by the Public Relations Committee to all members of the Dallas ruary 19. Education Association mentions that the negotiating team had "identified members in each buildrelations given our current situ-

The memo ends by mentioning a list of tips for handling conversations that was included. The text of those suggestions, which are taken' from statewide union material, appears below.

Tips for handling those conversations with neighbors and friends

• Most people just want a chance to vent their frustrations. Listen. Maintain eye contact and listen to what the speaker has to say. Your response should be short, concise, and on target. Answer only the question asked.

· Compose an answer to the most frequent question/attack and use it like a broken record. Don't

See TEACHERS, pg 8 the soil around them with gasoline. (Post Photo/Eric Foster)

Golf course water use worries planners

By ERIC FOSTER Post Staff

How the proposed Huntsville Golf Club's use of 125,000 gallons of water daily will affect water when the township's planning commission met Monday, Febru-

which hasn't yet received a report 125,000 gallons of water a day for

to accept or reject them.

While the commission spent a lot of time with details on the 12 large maps, the later part of the supplies in Lehman Township was meeting was spent discussing the major topic of conversation/ concerns about the amount of water the course would use.

The proposed 400-acre golf course, located along Market Street The Planning Commission, and Route 118, would require

on the plans for the course from its watering, according to George engineer, Bob Betzler, has 90 days Evans, an engineer working on the course. In contrast, two nearby schools, the Lake-Lehman High School and the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School together use only about 10,000 gallons of water

The club would admit 450 members with an initiation fee of \$15,000 each, and an annual membership fee of between \$2,200 and \$3,200.

The principal investors in the golf club are Richard Maslow of Dallas, Dave Hall of Shavertown and Dick Pearsall of Dallas. "The main issue is pulling out in

excess of 125,000 gallons of water a day to water grass," said supervisor David Sutton, who chairs the planning commission. After the meeting Sutton said that 125,000 gallons of water is equivalent to

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A HERO WITH HIS FAMILY - Shown from left are, Mike Neil, Sue Stettler, Wallace Stettler's wife, Keith Rinehimer, and his parents, Rose and Bill Rinehimer. Rinehimer is shown holding a proclamation from the state Senate congratulating him for rescuing Dr. Stettler.

Keith Rinehimer honored by Kiwanis

Rinehimer was honored by both the Dallas Kiwanis and the Pennsylvania Senate Wednesday, Feb-Rinehimer's quick action last

fall after Dr. Wallace Stettler was

involved in an auto accident is

TAINTED SOIL SITE - The parking lot at Jackson Township's new

municipal building is now a crater after old gas tanks were removed

from ground in front of the former gas station. The old tanks tainted

Seventeen-year-old Keith Stettler from being paralyzed.

Dean Abbott, the secretary of the Kiwanis, presented Rinehimer with a \$100 check for the Kingston Township Ambulance Association, while Senator Charles Lemmond presented him with a proclamaing to serve in coordinating public credited with possibly preventing tion from the Senate honoring him.

Rinehimer, who would like to become a professional firefighter, took a first responder course with his friend Mike Neil, 16. Both are juniors at the Dallas High School.

"I got him into the fire department and he got me into the ambulance," said Rinehimer.

Program makes reading fun

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

Clifford the dog helped to introduce first graders at Lehman-Jackson school to the Reading is FUNdamental (RIF) program at the school's RIF kickoff Thursday,

February 13.
An old friend, Clifford and his antics introduce students to letters, numbers and other basic concepts in a series of stories.

Under the RIF program, firstgraders select a book to read and to keep, according to instructional support teacher Sandy Strickland After reading the book, each student must complete a short assignment which includes writing the book's title and author, de scribing their favorite part and drawing a picture.

"Decisions, decisions," sighed Jenna Pearson, poring over the colorful display of "Clifford" books on a table in Mrs. Fox's classroom

Eugene Milbrodt wasted no time in selecting a book and heading for his desk for a few minutes' sneak

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Gas taints soil at new Jackson Twp. building

By ERIC FOSTER Post Staff

Removing a couple of old gas tanks in front of Jackson Township's municipal building has turned out to be a much bigger job than expected.

When the township contracted R.N. Fitch and Sons to remove the tanks, they expected there to be only two 2,000 gallon tanks, and one 1,000 gallon tank. Instead there were two 1,000 gallon tanks, and four 4,000 gailon tanks. All of them were corroded and full of holes, contaminating the nearby

Fitch and Sons started pulling the tanks out of the ground in early February, according to D.J. Fitch, project manager. He expected the last of the contami nated soil to be removed Tuesday February 25.

"We haul the soil to Pittsburgh, said Fitch.

From Pittsburgh, Fitch said the contaminated soil is taken by barge to either an asphalt plant in Texas or a cement plant in Arkansas where it is recycled. He didn'

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