



## Only Yesterday

### 60 Years Ago - June 17, 1932 SUMMER DANCES AT MERIDIAN BALLROOM

Harold Rust in his address of the joint meeting of Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club and Dallas Rotary Club held in Colonial Inn urged great cooperation between the two service clubs in this vicinity so that the energy of each may be combined in unified effort in behalf of community achievement.

Willard Westover, a member of Boy Scout Troop 281 of which Russell Weaver is Scoutmaster has been selected by officials of Wyoming Valley Council Boy Scouts as one of the buglers for Camp Acahela this summer.

Elwood Terry of Harveys Lake has taken over Meridian Ballroom for every Friday night of the summer season and will conduct modern dances there with Terry's Nightingales furnishing the music.

### 50 Years Ago - June 19, 1942 DALLAS P.D. CHIEF COVERT HONORED WITH GOLD BADGE

More than 400 families have been enrolled for the extra canning sugar allotment, but in order to care for those who were unable to appear at the registration center this week, additional registration will be conducted Tuesday and Wednesday at Dallas Borough High School.

First soldier from this region to be shipped overseas to Europe with the new A.E.F. Pvt. George Swan is now in Ireland with a Coast Artillery outfit, according to a cablegram received by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Swan of Idetown.

In recognition of his courtesy, loyalty and efficiency during three years as chief of police of Dallas Borough, and for his dependability during eight years as special officer, Chief Walter Covert was awarded a gold officer's badge and new cap with gold shield at appropriate ceremonies on Main Street last week.

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### 40 Years Ago - June 20, 1952 CAPT. WILLIAMS, NAMED ASST. PROF. OF MILITARY SCIENCE

Darrel Major son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Major, Trucksville, placed third in the Poultry Judging contest conducted as part of the State Future Farmers of Amer-

ica convention held at Penn State College. Darrel will participate in the National FFA Convention at Kansas City this fall as a result of his outstanding performance in a field of 132 contestants.

Capt. Harry B. Williams, Dallas recently returned from duty in the Far East Command, has reported for duty as Asst. Prof. of Military Science and Tactics for the Reserve Officers Training Corps program at Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Pa.

A.L. Flick, Commanding Officer, Troop B, Pennsylvania State Police, Wyoming has announced that a vigilant check will be made this year to prevent sale of any illegal fireworks and prosecution will be made.

East Dallas Teeners won their second straight game in the Bi-County Jr. league defeating Carverton 1-0.

"Belles on Their Toes" starring Jeanne Crain and Myrna Loy now playing at the Himmler.

### 30 Years Ago - June 21, 1962 BACK MOUNTAIN LIBRARY RECEIVES \$2,500 IN STATE FUNDS

Gov. David L. Lawrence has approved state aid grants to five libraries in Luzerne County totaling \$18,784.26. The Back Mountain Memorial Library will receive a grant of about \$2500.

Bill Wright reported that the Dallas Key Club Drill Team received a wild ovation last Wednesday at the conclusion of their six minutes of holding the spotlight

### Kingston Twp. police hike patrols

Kingston Township Police Chief Paul Sabol announces that his department will be increasing patrols throughout the Township to enforce speed limits and promote safety among motorists.

The summer travel season is upon us. This leads to more traffic and a greater potential for accidents," according to Chief Sabol. The Police Department will be aggressively enforcing the speed limits through the use of marked and unmarked patrol cars equipped with VASCAR speed timing devices.

before 17,000 spectators in the mammoth Denver Bear Stadium. The team returned home Saturday.

School is out for Loren Keller, Idetown, after driving the school bus for 21 years and stacking a record of 65,000 miles without an accident for Lehman Township.

Wed - Grace Ann Bachman to Thoms E. Pesikay of Memphis, Tenn.

In Little League play, Shavertown opened its season with a 5-4 victory over Westmoreland; Fernbrook vs. Dallas 6-4; Harters vs. Strausers 9-0 and Gossarts vs. Duke Isaacs 14-7.

### 20 Years Ago - June 22, 1972 DALLAS UNITED PENN BANK TO EXPAND

An expansion project underway for months at the Dallas office of the United Penn Bank will reach a festive climax June 24 when the new and improved facilities will be opened for public inspection.

Reports that Sandy Beach was closed due to pollution was strongly denied by Sandy Beach Recreation Inc. The only part of the beach recreational area that is not open is the Sand Bar which is expected to be opened to the public in the very near future.

Dallas Board of Education awarded a contract for installation of sewer lines to Hoover and Milbrodt for five schools of Dallas School District requiring sewer lines in order to be connected to the new sewer system of DAMA.

Wed - Kathy Ide to Sgt. Earl Boston.

## Lake algae

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can begin; that is for the DER to sign a contract with the borough.

Lance Himmelberger, water pollution biologist from the Department of Environmental Resources Bureau of Water Quality Management, said he expects the contract to be signed, and the study to begin in another four to six weeks.

"They have a study plan, a very good study plan. It's just a matter of getting the administrative stuff out of the way," said Himmelberger.

The \$70,000 study will be paid for through a 70/30 matching grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, which will provide \$49,000. Instead of paying cash, the borough will meet its 30 percent share of the cost through volunteer labor from EVAC valued at \$8,000, and donated lab time from Wilkes University valued at \$5,000. The final portion of the cost will be paid with an \$8,000 grant from the state's Department of Environmental Resources, which has been budgeted for the 1991/1992 fiscal year.

Also included in the tour, were Paul Maher, an aide to U.S. Representative Paul Kanjorski, and Milard Twardowski, an aide to state Representative George Hasay.

Once started, Chris Holdren of Coastal Environmental Services will conduct the 18-month study.

Harveys Lake has a couple of strikes against it from the start which make it susceptible to algae blooms.

First, the watershed of the state's largest natural lake is relatively small, not quite six times as large as the lake's surface area. About a quarter of the lake's watershed is residential development, housing 2,430 citizens in all. And most of that development is right on the lake, forming a tight ring around it, which means that nutrients that feed algae blooms from lawn fertilizers or septic systems that are unconnected to sewer lines don't have far to go to reach the water.

Second, feeding water into the lake are several very small streams and springs in the lake's bottom. The lake's outlet, Harveys Creek is often a trickle. A typical gallon of water that runs into the lake laden with nutrients will stay there for just over 3 years before it drains into Harveys Creek - plenty of time for the nutrients to feed a bloom of cyanobacteria.

The detective work involved in the study will be discovering what the real sources of pollution are as opposed to just guessing at them.

"Though you may think you

know what the problems are," said Himmelberger, "you may not have enough detailed information to start cleaning up the lake."

Holdren will test the quality of the water running into the lake through its tributaries, and the water in the lake itself, but he'll also be looking in some more out-of-the-way places for answers. He'll study what the runoff water from the roads encircling the lake, laden with salt and sediment, does to the quality of Harveys Lake. He'll check the quality of ground water in the area. He'll look at what may be polluting some of the lake's tributaries, and he'll find out how much pollution already lies in the sediment covering the lake's bottom.

"The sedimentation problems are very severe," said Holdren, during the four-hour tour. "In general the water quality here is going to be better on a day to day basis. Even though it comes out very well as a whole, there are periods with very severe problems."

### Some initial clues

Initial observations on the causes of the lake's ailment suggest that sewage contaminating the lake has been partly eliminated since sewers were installed in 1977. Sediments running into the water carrying contaminants may prove an important source of contamination.

"We feel a lot of pollution is lying in the sediments," said Abod. "When we have a calm day and we test the water it is almost drinkable."

But said Abod, when there are a lot of boats on the lake stirring up the bottom sediments, "the pollution would go off the scale."

Some of the sedimentation problem may be caused by faulty storm water catch basins around the lake, said Abod. In many of the 300 catch basins, instead of having the drain pipe several feet above the bottom of the basin, so sediment can settle out of the water before running into the lake, the pipe is on the bottom of the basin and water runs out sediment and all.

One of the most severe problems with sediment filling in the lake is at Sandy Bottom near the state's boat launch. Once 10 or 11 feet deep, the water now is only three feet deep. The suspected source of the problem is a creek which runs along School House Road. Though the state Fish Commission plans to dredge the area this fall, the problem will likely return unless the flow of sediments is stopped.

The study report, which will contain recommendations for things to be done at the lake and estimated costs, must be finished by December of 1993.

"Just because you do a study, doesn't necessarily mean that you're going to get money for the cleanup," pointed out Himmelberger, who noted that the Environmental Protection Agency has \$7 million allocated to it this year for cleaning lakes all across the nation.

Cleanup matching grants are also a lot tougher, requiring the local organizations to come up with a full 50% of the funds, said Himmelberger.

Even without cleanup funding, the study may give some direction for a few things that can be done to help the lake at low cost.

Though the borough has worked to find homes unconnected to the sewers, Advisory Council member Guy Giordano noted that the hundreds of boat houses on the lake are a likely source of pollution.

"One thing that bothers me is that we haven't put enough effort into sewerage shoreline boat houses," said Giordano.

Based on his many years of servicing boats on the lake, Giordano estimates that half of the shoreline structures don't have toilet facilities, and a fifth of them are not located near the owner's home.

Giordano said that the borough requires that people who have a boat house without a home within 300 feet of the boat house are required to hook up to the sewers. Those with homes nearby are encouraged to have the boat houses hooked up by having the hookup charge halved.

"The point is people don't go across the street," said Giordano. "They jump in the lake and go swimming."

Ironically, said Giordano, DER regulations prohibit installing toilets in boat houses.

Even routine lawn care can present a danger to the lake.

"We were thinking about passing a law that you can't use lawn fertilizer," added Giordano. Fertilizer, running into the lake water, can help feed an algae bloom. "But it was advised that we don't change anything until the study is over."

The Environmental Advisory Council also has been pushing the Fish Commission to install additional floating docks at the launch area so boaters can use the restroom facilities there, said Giordano.



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