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Little progress finding work for Native employees

By GRACE R. DOVE
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When the owners of Native Textiles announced in March that the plant will move to Glens Falls, NY within a year, company and union officials began to explore ways to help the workers. So far, few have settled on alternatives.

The plant's 127 workers face three choices: retire early, get another job in the area or move to Glens Falls.

A third of the work force will be eligible for early retirement, while a third is interested in moving and a third wants to stay in the area.

"The job market across the

entire country is very tight right now," said American Clothing and Textile Workers' Union mid-Atlantic regional director and international vice-president Bruce Dutton.

"We're trying to help the workers find jobs anywhere possible, but it's extremely difficult to get them to look outside the area. They don't want to commute up to 90 minutes each way to work."

The union has contacted all state and federal legislators about encouraging a department of the government or a private company to move into the Dallas plant, but no one has shown any interest yet, Dutton said.

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Bruce Dutton
Union official

Workers at the plant average about \$9 per hour, and many have been employed there for 20 years or more. At its peak, the plant employed 600 people.

Carris Brook Industries, the owner of Native Textiles, plans to send a small busload of workers from Dallas to Glens Falls in early

July to look the place over and find out what jobs will be available.

Company officials said that the move was necessary to bring the operations in Dallas closer to company headquarters in Glens Falls.

Unless the company can prove

that it has lost business to overseas manufacturers, workers won't be eligible for federal displaced worker benefits, Dutton said.

"If you want to prove loss of business to foreign competition, you have to contact all of the company's customers," he said. "The chances of doing that are slim."

Job retraining, another option, may sound better than it really is, Dutton said.

"The problem is finding a job in your field after you have finished retraining," he said. "Why train people for jobs that don't exist?"

Employing 127 workers on three shifts, Native Textiles has a \$2 million payroll.

According to tax records, it paid \$2,898 in municipal taxes and \$22,895 in school district taxes last year.

Once known as Natona Mills, the nation's premiere manufacturer of domestic lace, Native Textiles now produces tricot fabric used in women's intimate apparel, jacket linings and football-type sports jerseys.

During the late 1940's and early 1950's it also made camouflage netting for the armed forces and designed a special suit for the space program.

Computer foulup delays HL trash bills

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Councilman Ed Kelly reported at the June 21 meeting that problems with a computer program have caused many residents to receive their garbage bills late.

A new computer program caused a snafu in the entire system, from computing customers' outstanding balances to sending bills to the correct addresses, he said.

"We have collected only half of the money that we normally do at this time of year," Kelly said. "Many people don't have their garbage bills yet, but we hope to have everything mailed out by the end of the month."

Council president Martin Noon reported that the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) is surveying Harveys Creek at the Outlet to determine whether or not it can be dredged, now that the beaver dams and lodges have been cleared away.

"DER is also looking into possible funding for us to get a permit to do the work," Noon said. "They won't give us any anticipated schedules to begin work, but we want it done by September."

Mayor Rick Boice said that the citizens' council to the mayor has

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The thrill of victory

Dodger players mobbed coach Tom Dougherty Sunday after the team nipped the Giants 11-9 in a Back Mountain Little League

first round playoff game. The Dodgers came back for the win after being down 8-2. Little League all-stars are listed on page 9.

POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

Burglar arrests in sight

By RONALD BARTIZEK
Post Editor

Local police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are closing in on burglars they believe broke into several Back Mountain homes and businesses. Two of the thefts took place in Orchard View Terrace, including one in which over \$30,000 worth of jewelry and cash were taken.

Neighbors of a home in Orchard View said they saw FBI agents combing a home there, apparently in search of stolen merchandise or other evidence. Dallas Township police chief Carl Miers would not comment, except to say that he expected arrests later this week.

A string of burglaries took place beginning April 14, with a break-in at Rack 'Em Up Billiards on Main Road in Dallas Township, where about \$400 in quarters was removed from vending machines. That incident occurred the same day that about \$175 in coins was taken from a glass jug in a home on Lake Street in Dallas Borough, along with \$15 from a wallet.

The next day, someone forced open the rear door of a home on Franklin Street in Shavertown and took several credit cards and \$1,300 in cash. Police reported

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Davis resignation shocks board

By GRACE R. DOVE
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To the surprise of just about everyone, Lake-Lehman superintendent Dr. Nancy Davis handed school board members her letter of resignation after the June 20 budget meeting.

"This was a surprise - she just got a second four-year contract," said board member Ed Kern. "Dr. Davis had told us that she wanted to retire at Lake-Lehman."

"I'll be sorry to see her go," said Pat Gold, who also was surprised

by Dr. Davis's resignation. "She has always been very focused on and committed to early childhood education. She has been very dedicated to her work and always accessible to the public - a big plus in my book. We'll be very hard-pressed to find another superintendent like Dr. Davis."

Elizabeth Sichler said that two of Dr. Davis's greatest accomplishments at Lake-Lehman have been Head Start, which runs two sessions a day at the Lake-Noxen school during the school year, and the Wee Care day care pro-

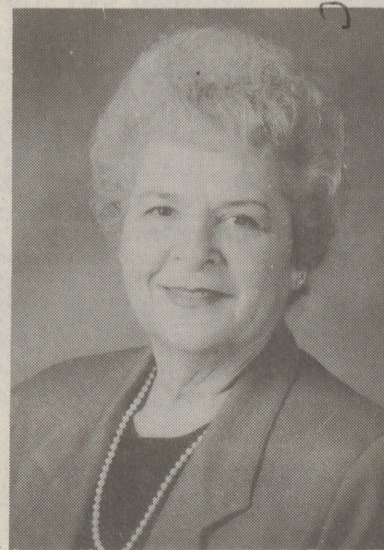
gram, which provides supervised activities for elementary school students before and after school and during the summer.

"Dr. Davis has always tried to do what is best for all of the students, both in academics and activities," Mrs. Sichler said.

Of the three Lake-Lehman superintendents whom Karen Whipple has known, Dr. Davis is the only one with a keen interest in students in the early grades.

"She has a real passion for

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DR. NANCY DAVIS

Water co. rips roads, may face stiff fines

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Emergency repairs made to water lines on three Harveys Lake roads could prove costly for water company owner National Utilities, Inc.

According to borough codes enforcement officer Paul Grimes, anyone digging holes in the roads must first get a \$10 permit and post a \$1,000 bond.

National Utilities, Inc., has dug holes in Second Street, Rhodes Terrace and High Street to repair system leaks.

Homeowners have complained

to the borough council that the excavations are improperly filled, if they have been filled at all.

Drivers have problems navigating around them and they could be hazardous for emergency vehicles.

"I wasn't aware of any permit policy at Harveys Lake," said Joe Bontrager, National Utilities president. "Do other municipalities have the same policy?" he asked

The code also states that work must be finished in a way which will not inconvenience the public and the person doing the digging

may not abandon the site without finishing repairs, Grimes said.

If the borough is forced to finish any abandoned road work, the person who originally started it must reimburse the borough.

Violators are fined \$100 per day, with each day at each site considered a separate violation, Grimes said.

Failure to pay the fines could result in 90 days in jail.

"This was emergency work," Bontrager said. "They were small leaks. I think we dug them by hand. They're scheduled for repair this week."

Grimes laughed when asked by a reporter if it is possible to dig through pavement by hand.

"As for emergency repairs, they're still supposed to come in the next business day and get a permit," he said. "I am unaware of National Utilities ever getting a permit for any work."

Grimes said that he would discuss the matter with solicitor Charles McCormick, the mayor and the council.

"I have to check if the statute of limitations on this has run out," he said.

Early deadline for July 6 issue

So that our staff may enjoy the July 4th holiday, the office of The Dallas Post will be closed all day Monday, July 4.

Advertising deadlines will be Friday, July 1 at 4 p.m., for display and classified.

Contributed news copy for the July 6 issue should be at our office by 2 p.m. Friday, July 1, earlier if possible.

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