

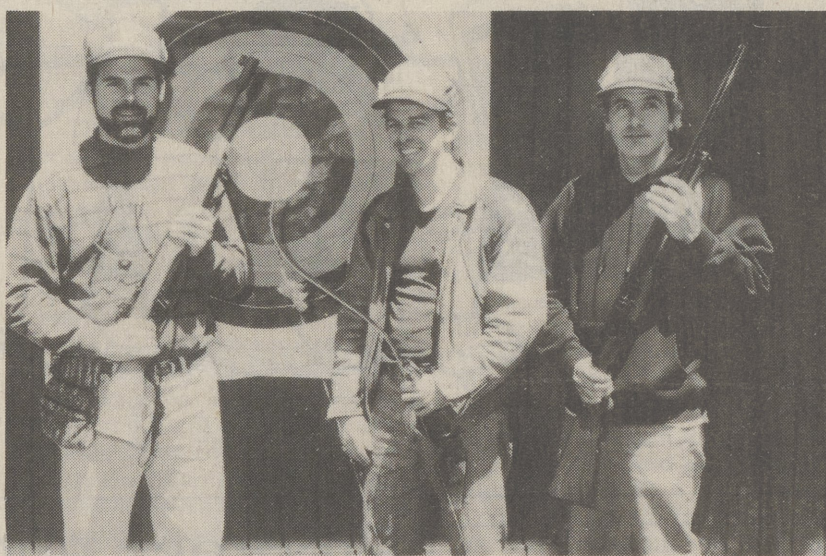
## Harveys Lake through the years

Like many other towns of various sizes, Harveys Lake Borough has its share of memorable dates.

- **1781:** According to local legend, the lake was discovered by Benjamin Harvey while trying to find his way back to Wyoming Valley after being released by Native Americans fighting for the British in New York.
- **1887:** Timbering and ice operations at the lake and along Bowman's Creek toward Mountain Springs and Ricketts flourished. Passenger service on the railroads running between Wyoming Valley and the timbering and ice camps was instituted. During this year the first lake trout were stocked.
- **1888:** The first reported problem of sewage running in the lake is recorded. Ice harvesters were concerned that it could ruin the ice.
- **1891:** The picnic grounds not far from Alderson opened, with passenger steamboat service running between the lake's north corner and the hotel district at the Inlet.
- **1894:** The Shawanese Post Office was opened, with summer service.
- **1898:** Trolley service from Wilkes-Barre was begun. It took only 30 minutes to make the 20-mile run through the West Side to the lake. The Oneonta Hotel at the Inlet opened, transforming Harveys Lake into one of the area's most fashionable resorts for the rich and famous.
- **1900:** The *Natoma*, the lake's first double-deck steamer, was launched.
- **1912:** President Teddy Roosevelt visited the lake.
- **1914:** The last lumber mill at Alderson was closed.
- **1919:** A fire destroyed part of the Oneonta Hotel.
- **1928-29:** Fires claimed the Oneonta Pavilion, the casino and bowling alley at Sunset, the amusement center and several businesses and cottages.
- **1931:** Trolley service past Idetown was discontinued, forcing passengers to take a bus to the Oneonta Hotel. In September, all trolleys past Dallas were discontinued, replaced by a bus line which operated until 1957.
- **1935:** John Hanson purchased a half interest in the old picnic grounds and developed it into an amusement park, which would eventually boast a carousel, arcade, fun house, photo gallery, miniature railroad, swimming area with "The Chute" slide, two roller coasters, whip, Dodge 'em cars, dance hall and roller skating rink.
- **1938:** Steamboat service was ended.

- **1942:** Route 415, the Harveys Lake-Dallas Highway, was dedicated. Previously, people drove to the lake over winding roads through Alderson or along Lake Street in Dallas to the Old Lake Road in Idetown.
- **1963:** The railroad line between Noxen and Dallas was abandoned, due to the decline in the lumber and ice industries and the closing of the Noxen tannery in 1961.
- **January, 1968:** Harveys Lake Borough was carved out of sections of Lake, Lehman and Dallas townships. The first mayor and council were sworn in January 1 at the Luzerne County courthouse by Justice Benjamin R. Jones, held its first organizational meeting January 2 at the D. C. Roberts Fire Company.
- **1972:** The Agnes flood in Wyoming Valley forced many to relocate and precipitated sudden development at the lake.

by Grace R. Dove



### Complete workshop

Tom Price, Jr. of Dallas and Dale Swire of Huntington Mills, participated in a recent Pennsylvania 4-H Shooting Sports workshop at Camp Mt. Luther near Mifflinburg where they became certified to work with 4-H'ers in archery. Air pistol, air rifle, archery and .22 rifle contests are held for teens at 4-H State Achievement Days at Penn State University in August. For more information on the 4-H shooting sports programs call Michael Martin at 825-1701.

## Franklin Twp. firefighters help Georgia flood victims

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

Normally firefighters from Franklin Township battle fires.

This weekend they will join forces with a trucking company and friends from the community to take on a new enemy - a flood.

The fire hall on Orange Road will be open July 23 and 24 to accept donations of cleaning supplies and baby needs for Operation Helping Hands, a drive to aid residents of Bainbridge, Georgia, hit by the worst flooding in the city's history.

"You don't have to be a Franklin Township resident to donate to the drive," said fire company secretary Debbie Jones. "We welcome donations from anyone interested in helping out."

Firefighters will be on hand from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. July 23 and from 1 to 6 p.m. July 24, Jones said.

"We need cleaning supplies, non-perishable food items, baby food and formula, disinfectant, brooms, buckets, rubber gloves, bedding, towels and first aid supplies," Jones said. "At this time we're not accepting clothing."

Organized by Wyoming County emergency management commissioner Ron Williams, the drive's goal is to send a tractor-trailer load of flood relief supplies to Bainbridge July 25.

"I've had lots of experience with flooding here in Wyoming County,

so I know the things that they need," Williams said, referring to high water on the Susquehanna River during the past two winters.

"Already we have had offers of help from as far away as Bradford and Susquehanna counties."

Penn's Best Trucking has donated the use of a tractor-trailer and driver to move the supplies south, and will donate a second truck if necessary, according to operations manager William Ruark.

A Penn's Best employee who is a member of a Methodist church in Springville had originally approached him about helping out, Ruark said.

"We did this for victims of Hurricane Hugo in South Carolina, Hurricane Andrew in Florida and the floods in the Midwest," Ruark said. "We always try to help out if it's something that we're able to do."

Debbie Jones said that people who want to donate flood relief supplies but don't have a way of getting them to the Franklin Township fire hall can call her at 675-5699 to arrange for pickup.

### Vacant position in Franklin Township

The Franklin Township board of supervisors is accepting nominations to fill a vacancy on the Franklin Township planning commission.

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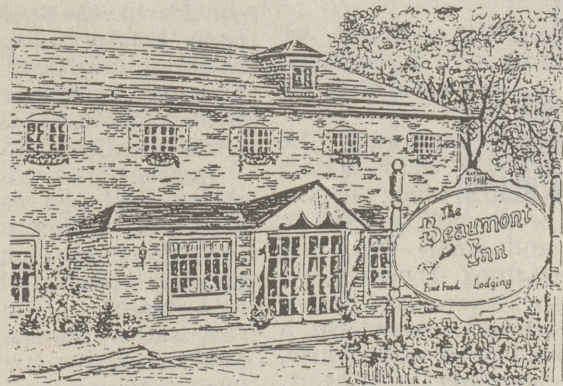
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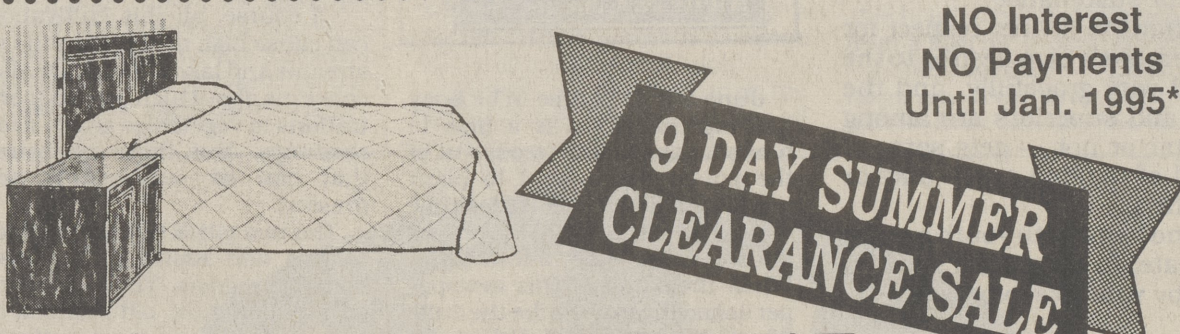
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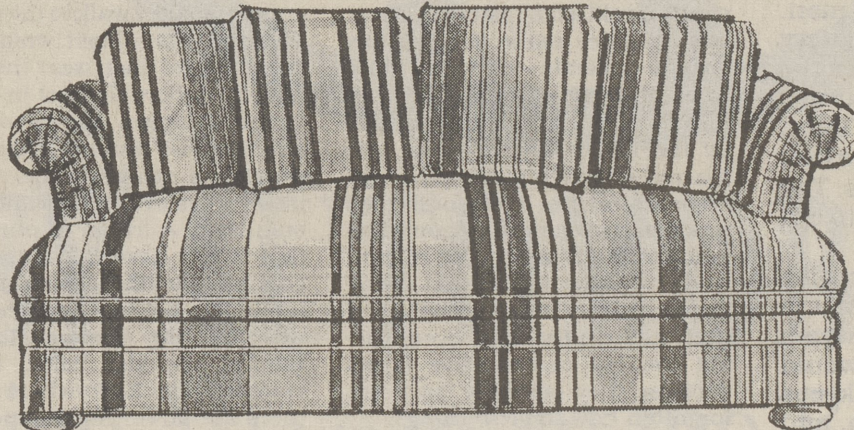
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