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Chase prison will hook up to water line

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Six years after asking the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections to rely on a water pipeline instead of wells at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas (SCID), the SCID Concerned Citizens can chalk up a victory.

Corrections commissioner Joseph D. Lehman wrote to state senator Charles D. Lemmond July 20 that he had decided to allow SCID to use the pipeline full-time and use the facility's three wells only in case of an emergency.

The \$663,000 pipeline to the

Ceasestown Reservoir had been built two years ago, but prison officials had refused to use it, even after a \$43,000 hydrogeological study had indicated that the prison's continuing reliance on its wells could affect between three and 10 nearby wells.

The prison pumps between 300,000 and 400,000 gallons of water each day from its wells, the survey said.

"Make no mistake about my decision to use the PG&W pipeline," Lehman wrote. "I have not been convinced that Dallas has ever posed any threat to the area's watershed. However, there are times when the Commonwealth must

demonstrate it has been and will continue to be a good neighbor to area communities. This is one such occasion."

Corrections department press secretary Ben Livinggood refused to elaborate on Lehman's reasons for making his decision.

"The letter speaks for itself," he said. Lehman's letter didn't give a definite date when the prison will change water sources. He said that using the water line will cost approximately \$100,000 a year.

Engineers are expected to go to SCID this week and begin making plans to

change water sources and adapt the existing wells to a standby status, Livinggood said.

"I'm elated," said Pat Rusiloski of SCID Concerned Citizens, a group which had worked with area legislators for six years to get the water line installed and in use. "I didn't expect it. Our organization is very happy with Commissioner Lehman's decision."

Jackson Township supervisor Walter Glogowski said that he is pleased that the prison is following a good neighbor policy.

"We're pleased with the commissioner's decision," he said. "Using the

water line is what we had wanted them to do."

"I'm delighted with the decision," said representative George Hasay, who worked with representatives Stanley Jarolin and Phyllis Mundy and senator Charles Lemmond to unite to help SCID Concerned Citizens. "This will help resolve the water problem - it's only common sense. The legislative team's hard work hasn't been done in vain."

Lemmond said that he is "absolutely delighted."

"Commissioner Lehman made a re-

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B-24 vets reunite

By JACK HILSHER
Post Correspondent

Fifty years ago Tech. Sgt. Lamar Sharpe of Old Carverton Road in Trucksville was looking at black puffs appearing like magic outside his B-24 bomber. But there was nothing magical about the pieces of metal those black "flak" bursts could send through a plane's fuselage.

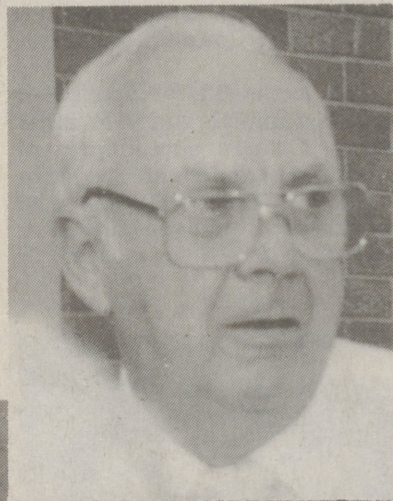
Last week five members of his World War II B-24 bomber crew of nine gathered in the Back Mountain for their first reunion in 50 years, to recall those flak bursts and other close calls, and talk, and then talk some more.

"This reunion," said Sharpe, who acted as coordinator, "will be low key. No dancing girls coming out of a cake, no fuss and no fanfare. Five out of nine attending (we couldn't locate the other four) isn't a bad turnout. It took a lot of time and a lot of phone calls, but we're just going to reminisce, and we have a lot of that to do."

Barney Reagan, the plane's nose gunner, also warned, "No program, no champagne. If we feel like it we may put something on the charcoal, but that's it!" They both sounded serious, so there is no reason to believe the reunion didn't go exactly as planned. And since the press was "excluded" we'll just have to assume so.

From Corning, NY, Reagan was to show up in a 30-foot Winnebago and planned to sleep wherever wanted to, occupying a reserved spot at Frances Slocum's trailer park.

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"Several crew members lay down and kicked the bombs free. These were kids, reckless kids at that. But they made the best gunners because they didn't give a 'hoot' for anything."

Lamar Sharpe
WWII bomber crew member



JAUNTY CREW - Lamar Sharpe and his crew buddies posed by their plane in this photo. Sharpe is kneeling at the far right. Others who made the trip to the Back Mountain for a reunion last weekend were, John Byrne, navigator, standing far left; Capt. C.D. Adams, pilot,

standing third from left; Barney Reagan, nose gunner, kneeling second from left; and Claude Smith, radio operator, kneeling third from left. Crew members of the World War II B-24 bomber met at Sharpe's Trucksville home last weekend.

Water co. asks for rate hike

By GRACE R. DOVE
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If the Public Utility Commission approves a rate increase request by General Waterworks, Back Mountain water rates will take another turn on the roller coaster which they have been riding since 1992.

This time it's up, not down.

The proposed rate increase would add \$1.73 to the \$83.23 quarterly bill of the typical customer using 15,000 gallons of water in the Dallas division and \$18.37 to the \$66.59 quarterly bill of the average customer using 15,000 gallons of water in the Noxen division.

According to general manager Mike Coyle, the increase was needed to finance capital improvements in the system.

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Orloski gets variances, plans to build

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Describing his plans for the sites of the former Dallas Exxon and Tokyo Restaurant as "a unique approach," Edward Orloski obtained approval from Dallas Borough for a 7,440 square-foot combination convenience store, drive-through gas station, full-service bank and car wash, which will create between 20 and 30 jobs for the Back Mountain.

The planned Orloski's convenience store will sell Citgo gasoline and house the Astro full-service car wash and the Commonwealth Bank, with both walk-in and drive-through service.

The borough's Zoning Hearing Board had met June 30 and July 7 to study Orloski's building plans and consider his variance requests and had walked the site to familiarize themselves with its layout.

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Red Cross gears up for blood drive

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Chicken about giving blood? There's no need to be, say Back Mountain residents Nancy Gruver and Sy Chadwick, who have donated 22 gallons of blood between them.

Nancy just received a plaque from Chadwick, a volunteer for the Back Mountain Blood Council, for donating five gallons - 20 pints.

She has never missed a blood drive.

"I got into it after Don Weidner, the health director where I work at Offset Paperback, asked me if I'd try it," she said. "I kidded him that I would, but maybe they wouldn't take it."

The cheerful Ross Township resident, a 14-year employee at Offset, said that giving blood doesn't hurt.

"I'd recommend it to anyone," she smiled. "It's easy. And they



POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE

GIVING PART OF HERSELF - Ross Twp. resident Nancy Gruver recently received a plaque recognizing her as a five-gallon blood donor from Red Cross volunteer Sy Chadwick.

give you goodies afterwards."

Nancy also helps out in her community in another way, bringing puppies from the SPCA to Wyoming Valley Health Care Nursing Home several times a

Red Cross Blood Drive
Tues., August 2 • 1-6 p.m.
Fellowship Free Evangelical Church
Hildebrandt Road, Dallas

month.

Occasionally accompanied by her husband, Bob, and daughter, Linda Gruver Kovalick, she's never missed a visit there either.

Chadwick has donated 17 gallons - 136 pints - of blood and is a member of the Back Mountain Blood Council, an organization of area churches which organizes open community blood drives every eight weeks.

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Four Back Mountain teams wear district champion crowns. Page 11.

■ It's official Nancy

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