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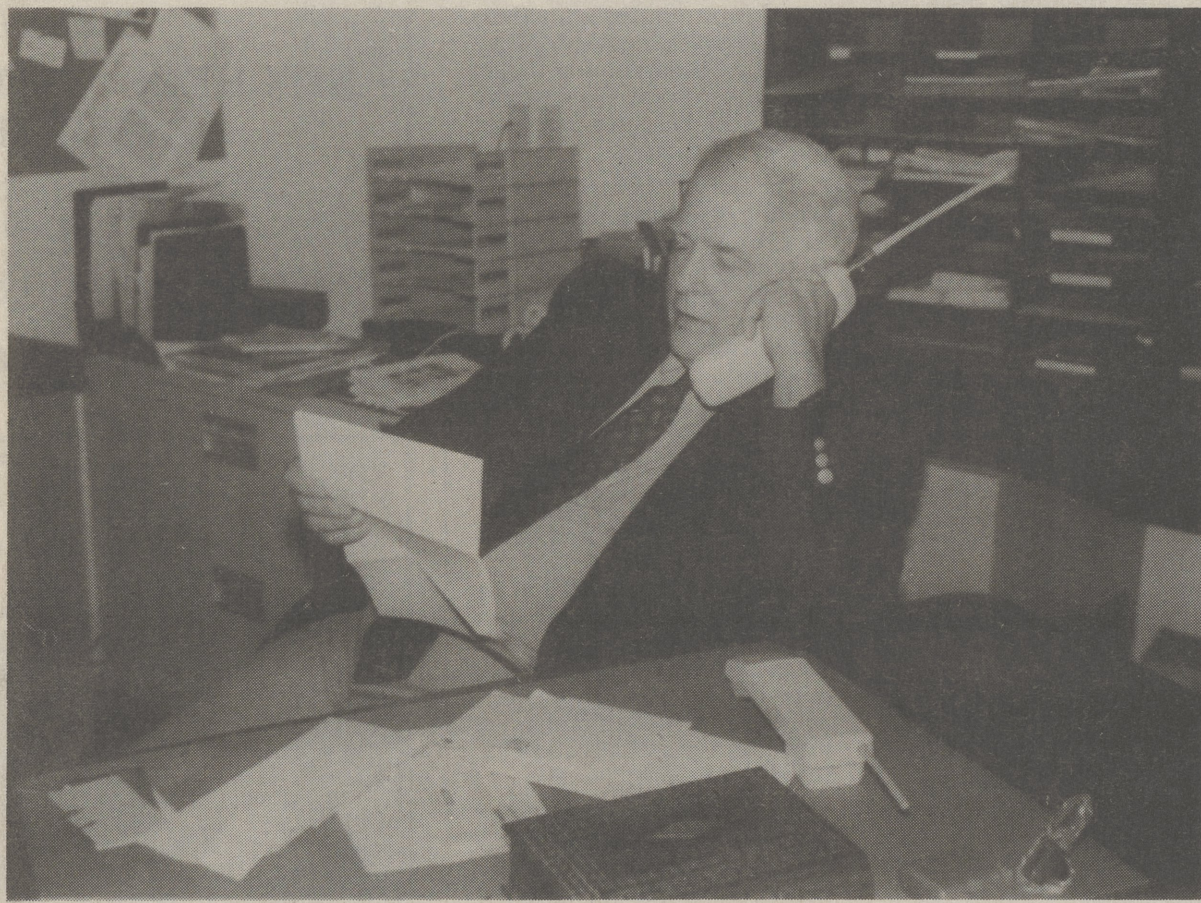
By JACK HILSHER
Post Correspondent

So you've got your new teaching certificate and are raring to get started - somewhere with a decent salary, good benefits and classes without guns and drugs, or at least, not very many. Where to look first? Probably not South Wilkes-Barre, certainly not South Bronx, but how about the Back Mountain?

Good choice, especially since Oldfield Road resident John Magagna recently moved his placement agency here and can help locate your dream job just about anywhere in the world. In fact, his company's logo reads, "Spanning The Globe - With A Personal Touch."

Magagna says that his firm "Search Associates" has placed hundreds of teachers and administrators in over one hundred American-International schools in countries from A to Z. Look, for example, at some of these locations: Argentina, Belgium, China, Egypt, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Venezuela and Zaire.

In these and dozens of other spots world-wide are hundreds of schools employing thousands of teachers and administrators. The language is English. Academic standards are high.



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REALLY LONG DISTANCE - From his office in Dallas, John Magagna places teachers and administrators in jobs at schools around the globe. A veteran international administrator himself, Magagna saw the need for his firm after a stint in Indonesia.

Discipline problems do not exist...one single druggie or gun toter would be impossible to find. Salaries and benefits are excellent, and lifestyles are exciting - what's more, teachers are respected and appreciated in the community. Most contracts are for two years and include round trip air fare! (Can you hear the shouts? Let's go!)

One who went is Bridget McNamer of Washington, D.C. Bridget has a Masters Degree from Harvard in International Relations and is a typical Magagna

fan. (Perhaps not so typical are Bridget's siblings - a brother and three sisters, all graduated from Harvard!) She wanted overseas experience and got it by attending a Search Associates Job Fair - more about those later.

Bridget's post was in English Lit in Jakarta International School in Indonesia. Actually she had many more than one offer and was able to take her pick.

McNamer - the name is Irish in case you were wondering -

gives total credit to John Magagna, saying, "He is very good at what he does. He has an uncanny ability to match people to job requirements, and besides that, he has a mind like a steel trap. He even could recall details about me which I had forgotten!"

It would be difficult to construct a more suitable background for doing his thing than Magagna's actual experiences. He was so impressed with his

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Sewer rates will rise \$30

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

After the Dallas Area Municipal Authority tied its new force main into the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority last year, it received an unpleasant surprise: a \$20 per customer increase in the amount it must pay WVSA to treat its sewage.

"We didn't know that it was coming," said DAMA executive director Tom Bagley, who announced last week that sewer rates will increase 16 percent, from \$188 per year to \$218 as of January 1. "This is our first rate increase in the past six years."

Serving 5,700 customers in Dallas Borough and Dallas, Kingston, Jackson and Lehman townships, DAMA has provided secondary sewage treatment to the Back Mountain since 1972.

Last year DAMA completed a \$5 million force main project, to tie into WVSA, which has upgraded its sewage treatment facility to tertiary treatment, which removes 97 percent of the pollutants from sewage before it's released into the Susquehanna River.

What DAMA sewer service costs

- Dallas Borough and Dallas and Kingston townships: \$188, soon to increase to \$218.
- Lehman Township: \$288.
- Jackson Township: \$380.
- Harveys Lake: \$450.

Where it goes

This is how the present \$188 from customers in the 3 member towns is spent

- \$92.12 paid to Wyoming Valley,
- \$68 paid towards the 1972 bond and
- \$27.88 paid towards DAMA's operating costs.

Located in Hanover Township, WVSA is the area's primary provider of wastewater treatment.

"If we had chosen to upgrade our plant to one similar to Wyoming Valley's, it initially would have cost us the same amount,"

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L-L middle school addition on hold

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Strapped for space in the middle level building and facing estimates higher than originally planned for, the Lake-Lehman school board tabled action on a \$135,000 addition at its regular October 11 meeting.

The board had originally budgeted \$150,000 for capital improvements involving replacing the 22-year-old modular classrooms at the middle level building, repairing several roads and bringing several oil storage tanks up to state specifications, according to financial manager Ray Bowersox.

To eliminate the problem of students having to walk outside to the modular rooms in bad weather, the district had considered setting them up closer to the main building, he said.

"We found out that replacing the modular buildings alone would have gone way over budget and cost about \$150,000," Bowersox said.

"It would have involved setting up foundations and enclosed walkways to the building and installing electrical connections and heating units. Our architect suggested looking at a site-built addition, expected to cost a maximum of \$130,000, which would blend in better with the building's architecture."

While surveying the building for possible additions, the architects found another problem - the roof over the gym leaks.

The board has asked Bowersox to prepare a cost breakdown and to list the advantages and disadvantages of a site-built addition versus replacing the modulars for its next meeting, he said.

"While some people might question the feasibility of investing in a building which we plan to replace anyway, it's the only way to go without raising taxes," Bowersox said. "We'd need a good 12 to 15 mills for a new building now. We're better off waiting until 2000 or 2001, when our debts for the Lake-Noxen building and renovations to other buildings will be paid off. Then we won't have to raise taxes to fund it."

Bowersox added that although the board had budgeted the teachers' raises and the hiring of an emotional support class teacher in the special education department, it hadn't counted on the necessity of hiring a second learning support teacher, which could cost the district an additional \$30,000, depending on the teacher's education and experience.

"We'll have to take it from the general fund, but it won't affect the middle level building's addition," he said.

Bid for Yalick farm property rejected

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

The sale of Yalick's farm in Dallas Township is back to square one.

A \$75,000 bid offered by the Conyngham family at the October 4 auction for the three-acre parcel where the family's produce market once stood has been rejected, according to the Yalicks' attorney,

Patrick J. Aregood.

The larger 46-acre parcel had been withdrawn from the auction because no bids had been offered.

"There is definite interest in the land," Aregood said. "We'll decide where to go with it once we receive a reasonable bid. We have had inquiries from a mixture of local and out-of-town people."

He had advised the family to withdraw the larger parcel from

the auction and to pursue the sale privately with several prospective buyers, Aregood said.

Straddling Route 415 and fronting on Rte. 118, the farm was offered for sale at a private auction October 4 by Douglas Clemens of the Traiman Auction Co., a Philadelphia-based realtor specializing in selling prime land to a wide market.

The three-acre parcel is zoned

partially residential and partially commercial, while the 46-acre parcel is zoned agricultural, except for a 300-foot-wide strip along both highways, which is zoned commercial.

The Yalick family operated a well-known market stand on Rte. 415, where they sold the produce which they grew on their farm for many years.

Water companies face tight rules

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Contrary to popular opinion, water companies don't simply drill a well, pump water to people's homes then sit back and collect the money, according to General Waterworks manager Mike Coyle.

Navigating through a maze of state and federal regulations alone is very complicated, before including maintenance, repairs, upgrading existing systems and the ever-increasing number of mandatory tests.

Different requirements for well water and water from a reservoir only complicate the issue.

"We follow the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, which the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) also uses," Coyle said. "DER can also set local standards if it feels that they're necessary."

Every year new quality standards and tests for contaminants are released, forcing water companies to constantly redesign their systems to remain in compliance, Coyle said.

"Our engineers study upcoming regulations and constantly evaluate our systems with an idea of what future regulations will require, so that we'll be able to satisfy the needs of our customers and fire departments - good quality and sufficient pressure and quantity," he said. "It's an ongoing process. You can't just wait until new regulations are adopted

Water meeting
Thurs., Oct. 20, 7 p.m.
Fortinsky Auditorium at Penn State, Lehman.
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and then go out and redesign your water system. We're fortunate to have our own in-house engineers who know our systems very well."

Bacteria, sediments (turbidity), lead, copper and pesticides are only a few of the tests required of water companies. Poisons, silver, benzene compounds, PCB's...each set of tests on the seemingly endless list of more than 90 chemical and biological contaminants must be performed during specific time periods.

All community water systems, even those in trailer parks, must send water samples to a DER-certified lab for testing, according to DER sanitarian Chas Spacke. The labs send the test results to DER and the water supplier, and monthly violation reports directly to DER, Spacke said.

Maintenance is a big headache for companies with older systems.

While General Waterworks has continued to replace older water lines, it still occasionally finds a surprise when construction crews

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40 water companies in region

Water in the Back Mountain comes from a patchwork of public and private suppliers of varying sizes. The following information was provided by Ronald Ptashkinski, sanitarian supervisor at the Bureau of Water Supply and Community Health at the Department of Environmental Resources.

Name	# Customers	Owner(s)
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP		
Echo Valley Mobile Home Park	240	Michael Kester
Maple Crest Water Association	56	association
Hillcrest Water Co.	153	PG&W
Trucksville Water Co.	750	PG&W
Brown Manor Water Co.	91	Robert A. Brown
Shavertown/Kingston Water Co.	358	PG&W
Shavertown Water Company	3,035	General Waterworks
Meadowcrest Water Co.	1,000	Jack and Bernard Banks
Midway Manor Water Co.	575	National Utilities
(two separate suppliers)		
Sunrise Estates Water Co.	162	Alfred Tamamini
Skytop Woodridge II Water Co.	30	Michael Corgan
Cedar Lanes Associates	25	John Moreck
Hillside water treatment plant	18,982	PG&W
(Most customers outside of Back Mountain)		
LEHMAN TOWNSHIP		
Bryant's Mobile Home Park	75	Dave Bryant
Country Crest Mobile Home Pk.	87	Bob Goodling
Oak Hill Water Co.	486	National Utilities
Town and Country Water Co.	100	association
Ceasetown Water Co.	87,069	PG&W
(Most customers outside of Back Mountain)		
HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH		
Country Manor Water Co.	31	Homer Baker
Blue Jay Mobile Home Park	126	Dolanent, Inc.
Rhodes Terrace Water Co.	180	National Utilities
Warden Place Water Co.	275	National Utilities
Harveys Lake Water Co.	200	General Waterworks
JACKSON TOWNSHIP		
Fieldcrest Water Association	95	association
Chase Manor Water Association	100	association

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