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Friends mourn former magistrate

By GRACE R. DOVE
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The sudden death March 4 of former District Magistrate Earl Gregory was an unpleasant surprise for his friends.

"He was just up here last Wednesday, and he looked fine," said District Magistrate James Tupper, Gregory's successor. "He always stopped by once a week to shoot the breeze."

"He was a terrific boss and a good family friend," said Tupper's secretary Joyce Culver, who worked for Gregory for nine years. "It's too soon - I really can't talk about it."

Describing him as "a fair, decent man," Tupper said he's trying to follow in Gregory's footsteps.

"Those are awfully big footsteps to fill," he said.

When Tupper was sworn in last year, Gregory shared his philosophy with him: use common sense, be fair and be compassionate. And always keep your sense of humor.

That sense of humor, combined with the realization that his daily decisions affected people's lives, their incomes and in some cases their criminal history, were the hallmarks of the man who wore the magistrate's black robe for more than two decades.

When he retired at the end of 1993, he said he wanted to write a book about the funny side of his job.

"He was my mentor," said retired Kingston Township police chief Paul Sabol. "Earl inspired me to become more involved in police work and to run for con-

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Joyce Culver
Worked for Gregory nine years

stable in the election back in the early '60's, when I was a part-time patrolman."

When Sabol defeated four opponents in the election, Gregory, then a justice of the peace, bought him his first constable's badge, he recalled.

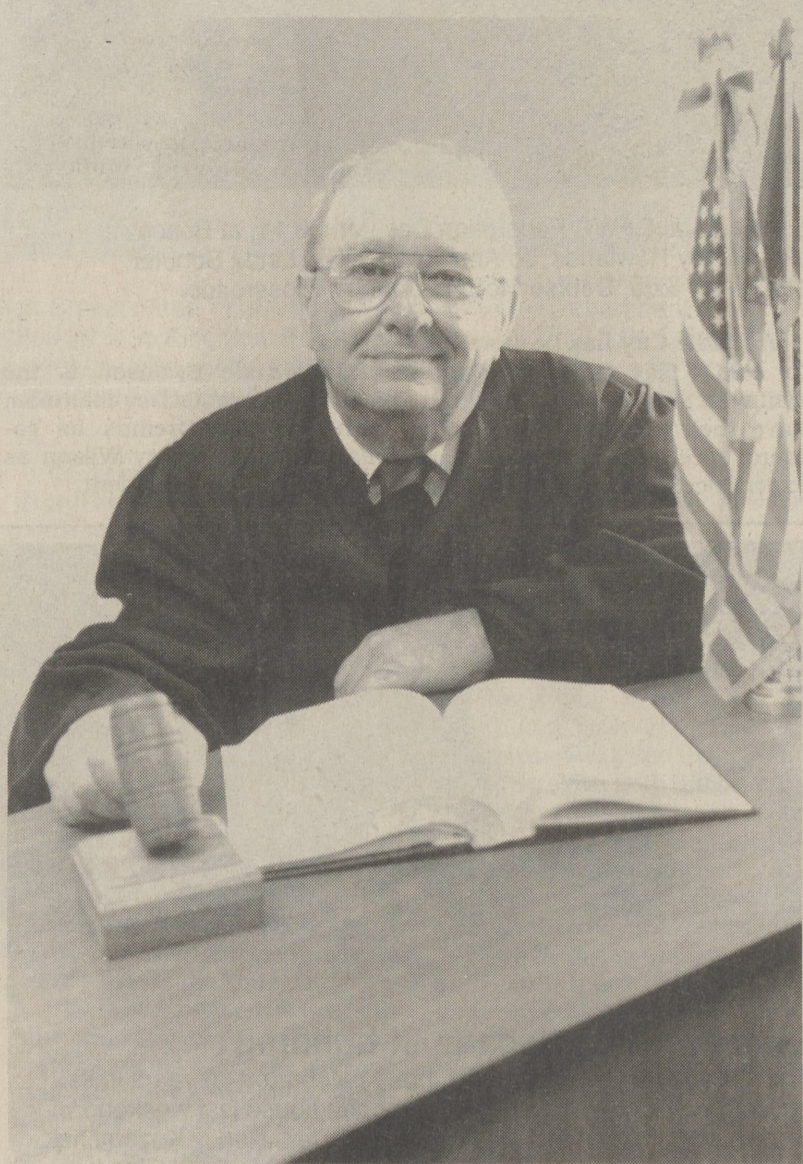
"I saw him Thursday and he looked fine," Sabol said. "We kidded each other about going fishing on a charter boat in New York State. I called him Friday and his son said he wasn't feeling well. When I called Saturday, his daughter asked me to call back later because he felt a little worse. And then...that was it."

Sabol recalled their trips to Canada to go fishing and some special local hijinks which made the pages of the Sunday paper.

"Earl had a huge stuffed rabbit, which he had wired a set of ten-point deer antlers to," he said. "It hung in Bill Debo's diner on Route 309. Earl and Bill concocted an organization which they called The Jackalope Club, which Earl wrote stories about and sent to columnist Jane Bolger at the *Sunday Independent*."

According to popular local tradition, the Jackalope Club regularly met at Bill's Diner and at Painter's Den on Dutch Mountain.

Sabol reminisced about an-



EARL GREGORY
Retired District Justice passed away suddenly

other trip to hunt doe at Gregory's brother's place out in Chase.

"Earl told me there were doe all over the place," he chuckled. "I didn't see any - guess I must have been in the wrong place."

Sabol paid his good friend back when Gregory retired.

"I gave him a straw hat and a life-size turkey decoy at his retirement dinner," he said. "I

told him if he didn't see any turkey, he could always shoot the decoy."

"We'll all miss him," said Dallas Borough police chief Jack Fowler, who enjoyed playing pool with Gregory. "He was an excellent player - he knew lots of tricks to get you to miss your shot. But he never shared any of them with us. He could

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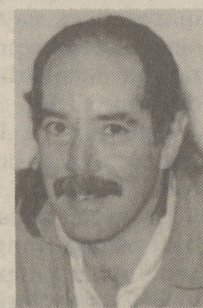
Councilman lays claim to lake bed

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

HARVEYS LAKE - A dispute about a dock has escalated into a Harveys Lake councilman's claim that he has squatter's rights over a section of lake bed in front of his next-door neighbor's property.

At a three-hour zoning hearing February 28 David Abod and his wife, Dora, of Pole 155 appealed a permit issued by enforcement officer Paul Grimes to James Pugh to build a dock and boat-house on his waterfront property.

A section of Abod's dock encroaches approximately 20 feet into the lake in front of Pugh's property.



DAVE ABOD

Who owns lake bed? Who knows? Pg. 14

The Abods were represented by attorney Raymond Hassey, while Pugh and the lot's co-owner, Jaqueline Debo, were represented by attorney Louis Wetzel at the hearing.

The Abods contended that Grimes improperly issued Pugh the permit on December 27, 1994, because Pugh doesn't own the land underneath the lake in front of his lot.

Hassey first tried to prove a case of adverse possession, in which Abod claimed the equivalent of squatter's rights to the lake bed in front of Pugh's lot, because a 20-foot section of a dock originating in Abod's lakefront had encroached into Pugh's waterfront for more than 21 years.

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New, lower speed limits for Hillside Rd.

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Police chief Don Jones reported to the Jackson Township supervisors at their March 6 meeting that Luzerne County has finished a traffic study of Hillside Road, which Jones had requested, and has set new speed limits.

From Route 309 to the Chase Road intersection the speed limit will be 35 mph, while from Chase Road to Huntsville it will be 25 mph.

Later in the meeting, Chase Road resident Mike Sudol asked the supervisors "to do something" about the condition of his neighbor's yard, which he described as a junk collection.

"They have between 12 and 15 people living there - even in the garage," he said. "There are at least eight junk cars and a large oil tank in the yard, car seats all around the house and bags of garbage leaning against my fence. There's so much junk in their driveway that I can't even look both ways when I back out of my driveway."

Some of the cars are up on blocks, he said. On weekends

people congregate in the neighbor's front yard to work on them. Zoning officer John Krupa said that "junk" is a relative term. "One man's junk is another man's gold," he explained.

The township has no specific regulations prohibiting this type of situation, Glogowski said. The supervisors never passed a junk car ordinance because they couldn't differentiate between junk cars and cars being saved for parts or restoration.

The meeting was a momentous occasion for the supervisors, who received a computerized account of the township's monthly bills for the first time.

"With a computer accounting, we can track all of our expenditures more closely," said chairman Walter Glogowski, commending secretary Henry Zbiek for his work.

In other business the supervisors voted to:

• Appoint Edwardsville resident Scott Lee Ravert as a part-time patrolman, with a six-month probationary period. Ravert has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, Jones noted.

Regional police visit raises questions

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Consolidating several area police forces could have benefits and might save money, but Back Mountain officials want to know more before they decide whether or not to try it.

As part of a study sponsored by the Back Mountain Citizens' Council, 12 area officials visited the Penn Ridge Regional Police Department in Sellersville February 28 and came home with a better picture of how such a force works.

Chief Ron Smeal gave them an inside look at the Penn Ridge Regional Police Department, comprised of three semi-rural

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Ron Smeal
Chief of Penn Ridge Regional Police Department

municipalities in northern Bucks County. His talk wasn't all positive.

"I was led to believe that consolidation would be simple," said Harveys Lake councilman Francis Kopko. "It's very involved. The municipalities have many concerns to work out - the officials will have to see eye to eye to have it be successful."

"There are so many hurdles for a regional police force to jump - you should be like Jackie Joyner,"

Smeal quipped. "It never lets up. You just can't sit back and relax, once you've gotten started."

"Chief Smeal was very positive and gave us a clearer picture of what this type of department is like," said Dallas councilman Bill Peiffer. "I realize now how hard you have to work to keep a regional department together - it's a constant job."

The three-year-old department covers 31 square miles and 35 miles of roads and serves 12,750

residents with 14 officers. Its 1993 budget was \$920,936, which works out to \$72.23 per resident.

In comparison, the seven Back Mountain communities (Harveys Lake and Dallas boroughs and Kingston, Franklin, Lake, Jackson and Lehman townships) participating in the regional police study have a population of 23,826 and cover a total of 96 square miles.

The 21 full-time officers are responsible for 319 miles of roads.

Six of the seven communities spend a total of \$1,095,187 on their police departments. (Franklin Township relies on the state police.)

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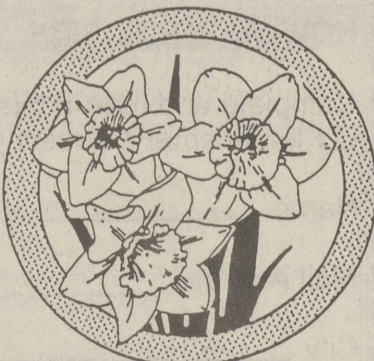
Daffodils bring hope, help to fight cancer

By JACK HILSHER
Post Correspondent

The daffodil is a good symbolic choice for volunteers of the American Cancer Society. A branch of the Amaryllis family of flowers, daffodils are more than just another pretty face. For the Cancer Society, the daffodil is a sign of spring, a sign of hope, and in addition has the fortunate reputation of being a "cheerful flower."

March 20 through 24th are "Daffodil Days" for the Society. Orders are taken by March 10th for delivery March 22 to 24th at just \$5 per bunch. Heading the project for this year is a Back Mountain volunteer, Marilyn Glogowski of Shavertown, who is chairperson for all of Luzerne County. Marilyn has her own personal reasons for promoting these flowery "signs of hope."

Her mother became a cancer statistic after only 90 days - one of



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the over half-million who die annually. Marilyn's Daffodil Day committee has a fairly modest goal for this year's project - \$101,000 - but Marilyn says, "I think we have a good chance at it.

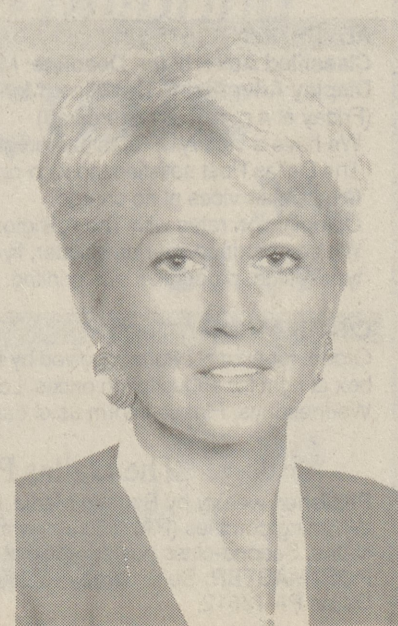
We've lost a lot of hard workers, but even if we don't quite make it, I intend to say, 'Mom, this is for you!'

Marilyn and her husband have no children at home, but she claims she actually has 28...all in her 5th grade class at Lake-Lehman! Husband Walter is a PSEA representative locally.

Daffodils will be flown in from the state of Washington soon, and the task of preparing and wrapping bunches is a huge one. Delivery to fill orders is equally daunting, but Marilyn says, "We usually have a good turnout of volunteers, and we're encouraged by the seven drivers and two dozen 'wrappers' who have signed up so far, but we can always use more. Anyone interested in helping please call 825-7763."

Businesses which wish to help Daffodil Days but without daffo-

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MARILYN GLOGOWSKI
Luzerne County Daffodil Days chairperson

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