

Board Approves More Land For New High School

Jenkins Retires As Solicitor; Ohlman Re-elected President

Dallas Area joint school board voted on a definite site for the proposed new senior high school Tuesday night and designated Lacy, Atherton and Davis as architect.

Reorganization of individual and joint boards took place, Kidder Peabody was named financial advisor, and a report on the possibility of separating senior and junior high school students was heard.

The Site

James Hutchison, chairman of building and grounds, showed a map embracing expanded acreage for the site.

In addition to the 62 acres outlined, ten more acres are available, to square off the outlines. Harrisburg requires a minimum of 45.

Frank Townsend pointed out the advisability of obtaining additional property to guard against encroachment of industrial development or substandard housing.

Mr. Hutchison said the property is high above the Tunkhannock Highway in a commanding position, and entirely unobstructed in all directions.

The 62-acre plot includes six acres from the Newman farm, 46 from the Lipp farm, and ten from the old Fair Grounds. Ten more acres adjacent to the stone wall bounding the George Rice farm, would square off the plot, and an extra strip of property, now separating New Goss Manor from the proposed area, would provide access on the southern side. Access roads are already available to the north and east.

The Architects

L. V. Lacy, introduced by Mr. Hutchison, said that as a member of the community, with a stake of children and grandchildren in its progress, he approved highly of the site.

Settling a question in the minds of some of the board members who had made a point of it at the November board meeting, he stated that his firm was very happy to have Roushey and Smith, engineers and consultants, handle the heating, plumbing, and electrical installation.

Mr. Lacy suggested that permission be obtained by Mr. Hutchison to put down test borings of the subsoil recalling the trouble which developed during excavation for the Commonwealth Telephone building on Lake Street, when quicksand was encountered.

To a question raised by Charles Mannar, Mr. Lacy replied that the Building Authority, not the architect, solicited bids and awarded contracts, but with the advice of the architect.

He said that as a special service, his firm will furnish a continuous on-the-spot project supervisor to keep constant check on progress, once building was started.

The architect's fee will be the standard 6%. This, explained Mr. Lacy, does not take into consideration the cost of the site, negotiated by the Building Authority.

D. T. Scott, who made arrangements for the original Real Estate Board survey team for valuation of the various properties called for a survey of the additional property now proposed, the cost not to exceed \$50.

The board authorized the solicitor to draw up papers for formation of a five-man Building Authority, one from each district represented, specifying personnel not presently serving on the school board.

Ohlman Again Heads Board

Harry Ohlman was elected president of the joint board, to serve one year, according to a ruling by the two solicitors present, Jonathan Valentine and Mitchell Jenkins, that Ohlman's previous election in July was on an interim basis, and that alphabetical rotation started with the first organization meeting, according to articles of agreement.

Mr. Townsend had raised the question of whether the presidency should now pass to Dallas Township.

Francis Ambrose was reelected vice president.

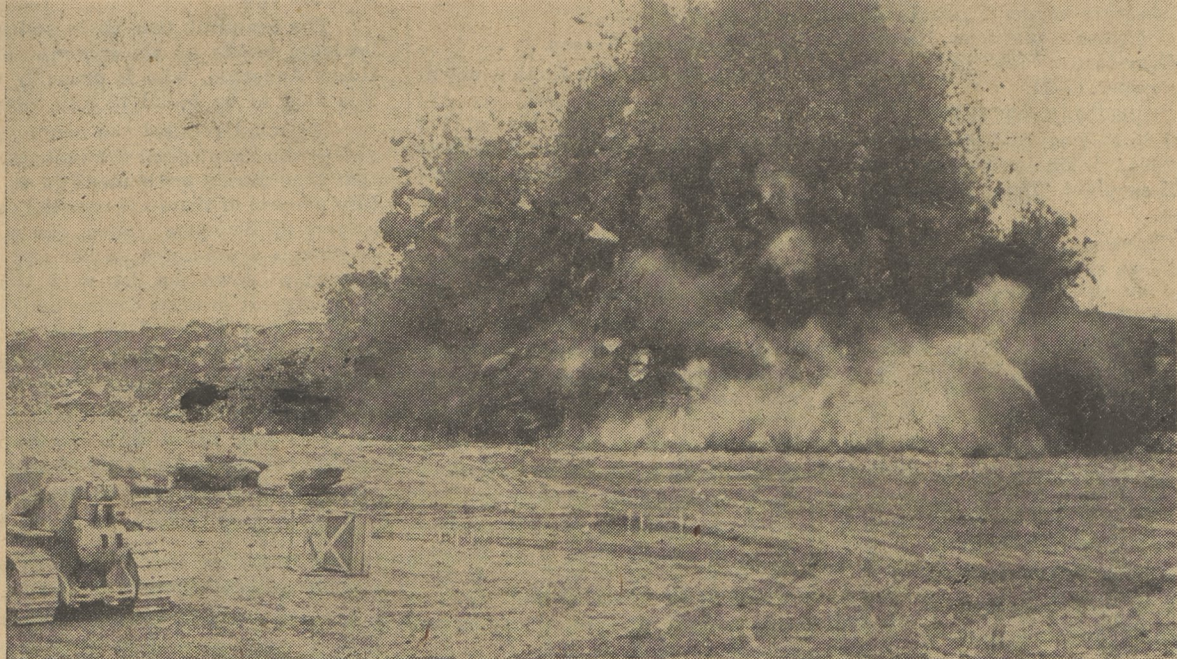
Mitchell Jenkins withdrew his name from the candidates for solicitor, leaving the board unanimously in favor of Jonathan Valentine, at a salary of \$400 a year.

At individual meetings prior to the general session, R. A. Neal was elected president, Francis Ambrose vice president, of Dallas Township Board; Philip Cheney secretary, Mr. Valentine, solicitor.

Franklin Township elected John Perry, president; Henry Hess, vice president; George Dymond, secretary, and Harold Lewis, treasurer.

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There She Blows! Seven Thousand Yards of Rock



Jackson Grading Is On Schedule

Construction Will Start Late In March

Continuing the enormous project of leveling off an entire hilltop for the new State Institution for Mental Delinquents in Jackson Township, John McShain Construction Company set off three big blasts Saturday morning at the site not far from the old Jackson Grange Hall.

In the picture above you see 4,400 pounds of dynamite moving the solid rock that will shortly be taken away by giant Euclid shovels.

The dynamite is placed in holes ranging from four to twenty-seven feet deep over a wide area, requiring two to three days for the drilling operations which are carried on continuously by night and day shifts. About 50 pounds of dynamite is placed in each hole. The rock foreman and his crew of drillers and powder men must keep well ahead of the Euclids so that the grading can continue without interruption.

Watching one of the blasts in the lower picture is left to right: John Brinn, rock foreman; John Finlaw, assistant superintendent; Al Kozemchak, master mechanic and Louis Edwards, general superintendent.

Work of preparing the site is moving ahead on schedule with construction of buildings set to start near the end of March.

No Clues Yet On Diamond Robbery

Police have obtained a couple of good leads but are still without definite clues on the robbery of Henry's Jewelry Store a week ago early Monday morning.

\$1,500 worth of diamond rings were stolen from a broken shop window.

Christmas Hi-Fidelity

Back Mountain Memorial Library in cooperation with Keith McDonald of Audio Video Products Company will present a program of hi-fidelity Christmas music Monday evening at 8:30 in the Library Annex.

Mr. McDonald will set up the most modern equipment in the field of sound for the program. The public, and especially high school students, is invited to attend.

There will be no admission or collection.

Most Citizens Approve Action Of Supervisors

Thirty-five Mile Speed Limit Is Endorsed By Public

Quick on the heels of Kingston Township's decision to post 35-mile speed limit signs along Memorial Highway came discussion this week pro and con.

The decision of the Supervisors was spurred by petitions signed by 600 Kingston Township citizens asking that a 35-mile an hour speed limit be enforced from the Dallas Township line to the Courtdale Borough line.

Here are what some Back Mountain citizens thought of the project when interviewed this week by The Dallas Post.

W. B. Jeter, Dallas, Branch Miners Bank: "The highway is safe at 40-miles an hour anywhere but whatever the speed limit it should be enforced. If you make it 35 and don't enforce it, then the man who obeys the limit is a menace on the highway. I'm not in favor of posting speed limits just for a bluff."

David Schooley, Trucksville, executive Boston Store: "I'm all for it. I was one of the 600 who signed the petitions."

Thomas Garrity, Harveys Lake, real estate and insurance: "With the present condition of the highway and its narrowness 35-miles an hour is probably all right. Traffic should be restricted, but the limit is probably too low to continue very long. Traffic has got to move and we've got to have a better road so that it can move at a maximum safe speed."

Clifford Space, Dallas, retired farmer: "I'm not in favor of the 35-mile speed limit. It is too confusing. The police should enforce the laws they now have. Get the fellow who exceeds 50 miles per hour."

Howard Isaacs, Trucksville, Chrysler-Plymouth dealer: "No comment."

Harold Titman, Dallas Township, retired merchant: "Thirty-five miles is ok in the built-up sections, 45-miles elsewhere. It won't make much difference what speeds are posted, the motorists will all drive ten miles faster. I'd like to see the law enforced."

L. L. Richardson, Dallas, Dodge-Plymouth dealer: "Thirty-five miles is all right if it is enforced."

Charles Long, Sweet Valley Farm implement dealer: "Thirty-five miles an hour is needed and ok if it is enforced."

Mrs. Jean Kuehn, Dallas, high in the councils of the Republican Women: "Well, from Hillside on down to Luzerne, you sometimes have to make a little time. Go slow, and somebody blasts a horn at you and calls you a cement creeper and one of those lousy women drivers, through the built-up sections, 35 miles an hour is plenty fast enough."

Lester Squier, supervising principal of Lehman-Jackson-Ross schools: "The trouble on that stretch of road between Hillside and Luzerne is that people overcompensate for holding down through Shavertown and Trucksville. When they step on the gas, they step too hard. Fifty miles an hour is all right, sixty is all wrong. If legal speed limit could be

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Citizens' Group Is Out To Save Life; Not To "Get" Anybody Andrew Says

Road Blocks And Speed Traps Will Be In Operation During Holidays Gansel Says

A proposed set of by-laws was presented to Back Mountain Citizens Committee on Safety Monday night at its meeting in Dallas Borough School.

They were drawn up by a Constitution Committee composed of Raymond Kuhnert, Leslie Barstow and Rev. Russell Lawry who offered them for the consideration of the group and the public before their final adoption.

It was decided by the Citizens Committee to have By-Laws published in The Dallas Post before their final adoption at a meeting scheduled for Monday, January 14 at 8 in Dallas Borough.

Proposed By-Laws

ARTICLE I—NAME: Back Mountain Citizens Committee on Safety.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE: A non-profit, non-political, voluntary citizens organization seeking to mobilize greater public support in the development and effective operation of traffic safety measures.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP: Membership is open to all residents of the Back Mountain region who are interested in the promotion of safety on the highways.

No application needed or dues to be paid.

ARTICLE IV—MEETINGS: 1. Meetings of this organization will be held once a month at a time and place designated by the officers.

2. Special meetings may be called by any member but channeled through the officers. The purpose of such meeting must be stated in advance.

3. All meetings must be announced in the public press one week in advance.

4. To transact any business at any meeting a quorum must be present. A quorum is to mean three fourths of the total number of officers and chairman of all standing committees.

ARTICLE V—VOTING: Each interested citizen attending a meeting shall be entitled to one vote on any matter coming before the group.

ARTICLE VI—OFFICERS: This organization shall be composed of the following officers:

1. A Board of Directors composed of all officers and the Chairman of all standing committees.

2. Officers

- a) Chairman
- b) Vice Chairman
- c) Secretary
- d) Treasurer

ARTICLE VII—STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Steering Committee

2. Magistrate Committee

3. Police Committee

4. Publicity Committee

5. Education Committee

a) Schools

b) P. T. A.

c) Service Clubs

6. Ways and Means Committee

ARTICLE VIII—ELECTIONS:

1. Election of Officers shall be conducted at the Annual Meeting to be held in November of each year.

2. The election of officers shall be held as an open election.

ARTICLE IX—FINANCES: The finances of this organization shall be handled by the Ways and Means Committee as the need arises.

Outlines Purposes

Following considerable discussion of the By-Laws, Thomas Andrew, chairman of the Citizens Committee announced that it is not the intention of the group to usurp the duties of any elected officials of any Back Mountain municipality, but it is the intent of the group to work with them and to make suggestions for greater traffic safety whenever it is deemed necessary.

"The sole purpose of the organization," he said "is to save life, it is not out 'to get' anybody. It hopes to accomplish its goal through stricter law enforcement, education, and an awakened consciousness on the part of the public that highway safety starts first of all with the man behind the wheel."

"This organization demands continued road blocks, enforced speed limits, speed traps and a complete elimination of any kind of fix for the offender. We expect to follow this up with an educational program that will provide safety films and speakers for PTA groups, schools, service clubs and churches. And we are going to continue it, not for one week or one month, but the year around."

More Road Blocks Coming

Chief of Police James Gansel of Dallas Township reporting for the Police Committee, said that there would definitely be road blocks operating prior to Christmas and possibly New Year's Eve. Extra police will be on duty patrolling the highways for speeders and drunks.

William Moss, Trucksville, manager of Sherwin-Williams Paint Company suggested that it might be a good idea to send out chain letters asking the receivers to promise personally to practice courtesy on the highway and to obey the motor vehicle laws. Each recipient would be asked to forward a similar letter to five friends. "As their names move

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(Photos by Kozemchak)

Child Swallows Her Collection, Shiny Nickel Removed By Surgery

Loyalville Methodist Church services were interrupted Sunday morning in the midst of Rev. Paul Clemow's sermon, when a small girl choked on her Sunday School collection and was carried gasping and struggling from the building.

Bernadine Ruth Darnell, four and a half, daughter of Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. Arthur Earl Darnell, whiled away the sermon time by playing with two shiny new nickels. She sampled one for taste, and couldn't get it back.

Mrs. Pearl Ide, her seat-mate, carried her out. Diane Nienius, Bernadine's aunt, substituting for the regular organist, abandoned the organ and flew down the aisle. Dr. L. B. Thomas, Lake Silkworth, left abruptly, followed by his wife. A number of others slipped out of the building.

Bernadine, admitted to Nesbitt Hospital on order of Dr. Richard Crompton, family physician, revealed the nickel by fluoroscope. It was half way down, firmly lodged.

Application of a bronchoscope, under anaesthetic, failed to find it. Another X-Ray showed that it had skidded when the muscles relaxed. Bronchoscoped again, Bernadine yielded up the nickel, and forty-five minutes later was sleeping it off in the children's ward.

Her throat is still pretty sore from the sharp edges of the new coin and the instruments, but she was discharged from the hospital three days after admission.

Her daddy, based in Norfolk, is on a cruise to Miami, and expects to be home in Loyalville for Christmas. He has been with the Navy for over eighteen years, and is soon due for retirement from service. There are two younger children.

Chorale Has Full Schedule On Monday In New York

Members of the Dallas Womens Club Chorale, journeying to New York Monday in a jam-packed chartered bus, sang at Grand Central Station late in the afternoon as milling commuters thronged the huge rotunda, and a little later in the lobby of the Commodore Hotel.

It was a full day, with Christmas looking and shopping on the agenda of a day which started at 6 a.m. and ended shortly after midnight.

Chorale members sang themselves hoarse on the way back to Dallas. Mrs. Norman Patton is conductor.

Rotarians Prepare For Kids' Christmas Party

Every effort is being made to make the annual Christmas Kids' Party, sponsored by Dallas Rotary Club, a big success this year. It will be held at the Prince of Peace Church, Saturday, December 15, 4:30 to 6:30.

Dale Parry, chairman, urges each member to bring at least two children, more if possible.

Entry Blanks For Lighting Contest Available Locally

Entry blanks for the Back Mountain Lighting Contest are available at business places in Shavertown, Trucksville, Dallas, Lehman and at the Dallas Post. Deadline for entry is December 20. Blanks may be returned with entry fee to James Kozemchak, chairman, care of the Dallas Post.

Mr. Kozemchak states that a number of anonymous donations toward the prize envelopes have been received. These donations, plus the entry fee of \$1, make possible an offer of two \$15 prizes, two \$10 prizes, and two \$5. Picture windows this year are in a separate category from conventional outside lighting, to afford opportunity for building a picture which will add to the holiday scene. This explains the double prize list of first, second and third prizes.

Any person in the Back Mountain, whether entered in another contest or not, may register on payment of the fee. Judges will tour the area December 27. If response warrants it, prizes will be made larger.

White Sisters Here On Sunday

Famous Trio Will Sing In Shavertown

The White Sisters, nationally famous vocal trio, stars of radio, television and night club fame, will appear on the Word of Life rally Sunday evening at 7:45 at Shavertown Bible Church, and on Tuesday evening at 7:45 at Centermoreland Baptist Church.

Their story is one of the most unusual in show business. After appearing with Dennis James, and Arthur Godfrey, they toured the United States and Europe with Ted Mack of the Amateur Hour.

Back in the States, they made their headquarters in Baltimore where from the TV Show "Star Discovery Time" they moved out to other appearances. They appeared at the Cow Palace in San Francisco and at the top hotels and night clubs of the country.

Then in April 1953 while they were entertaining at the Flamingo Night Club in Las Vegas, they decided to devote all of their time to religious work.

Their accompanist Miss Patsy Cahall presented concerts in the Philadelphia Academy at the age of 6. She has been on the Paul White-mann radio and TV shows

Local Churches Join Hands In Sending Clothing To Hungary

Local churches of every creed are cooperating to help Hungary in her great need, working through many channels, but with the emphasis on warm clothing.

Gate of Heaven and Our Lady of Victory Catholic Churches have sent nearly two tons of warm, wearable clothing, product of a Thanksgiving drive which netted twice the amount normally contributed. 6,000 articles were shipped by Lehigh Valley freight to New York, stoutly packed in 71 cartons. Cash contributions were also sent, but Rev. Francis A. Kane says that nothing takes the place of wool garments, and it was on the clothing itself that emphasis was laid. Shipment was made through the National Catholic Welfare Conference which decides where the need is greatest for the annual donations.

Lutheran Relief

Rev. Frederick Eidam, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, reports that the Lutheran League packed warm clothing yesterday, for shipment to the Phillipsburg Depot for sorting and processing, prior to shipment from New York to the distributing center nearest Hungary.

Rev. Eidam explained that for ten years Lutheran Relief has maintained depots in Germany and Hungary, where the project is part of

the "Helfswerk." Clothing is drawn from the depots when needed, and replaced by further shipments, so that an emergency supply is always at hand, ready for distribution among the distressed of any faith or any nationality.

Church Council Active

Rev. Russell Lawry, pastor of Dallas Methodist Church, working through the United Council of Churches, reports that deadline for donations of clothing for Hungarian relief work is set for December 16 for general packing, though Cub Scouts will bring their offerings to the Christmas party December 19. He states that the need is urgent, and asks full cooperation.

All pastors in the Back Mountain have emphasized the need to their congregations. There is practically no limit and no saturation point.

CARE Accepts Only Money

CARE, says Mrs. George Shepherd, Goss Manor, accepts only money, not clothing. The organization has connections with wholesale surplus food outlets and stands ready to furnish clothing, food, or other supplies, according to its plan of packaging and mailing to foreign lands. Mrs. Shepherd has all necessary information.

Cash contributions to relief may be made through any church in the Back Mountain.