

Polio Shots For Kingston Twp. To Be Given

James Says Plans For High School And Grades Are Laid

To parents of students awaiting polio protection at Westmoreland high school and Shavertown grade school, news that arrangements are being made to give the necessary Salk inoculation within a few days, will come as a relief. Charles James, in announcing this decision at Monday night's Westmoreland jointure meeting, said that no further delay is expected, and a schedule is being drawn up. Children of other schools in the jointure will receive their second shots this month, dates to be announced.

Mr. James recommended that the name of Patricia Walsh, 1956 graduate of College Misericordia, be placed on the substitute list officially. Miss Walsh is presently teaching vocal music in the jointure.

One High School Body
To Mrs. Charles Eberle's question about progress of plans for amalgamating the two high school student bodies in advance of construction of the new high school building, Mr. James replied that administrators were plotting a possible course for such action, but that it would take careful and painstaking planning.

Transportation problems would arise in housing junior high school students at Dallas Township school and senior high school students at Westmoreland, and in addition, at least two rooms would have to be made available at the Township to provide accommodations. This, in the face of former strong resistance on the part of Dallas, Franklin and Monroe boards to reallocation of children might bring on complications.

The athletic program, all board members agreed, would be immeasurably strengthened by drawing upon all available athletes for strong teams able to hold their own against Valley high schools.

Another difficulty is that books in the two high schools are not yet standardized. This is something which must be adjusted before the new building is opened, and board members felt the adjustment might as well be made early as late.

Teachers at Westmoreland operate on a five period schedule, those at Dallas-Franklin-Monroe on a six period schedule with no slack time. Here again difficulties might arise. With faculty members assayed in terms of their abilities to handle junior or senior high school students, some Westmoreland teachers and some Township teachers would inevitably be shifted, and two additional teachers would probably be needed to round out the faculty.

Administrators, said Mr. James, would report on progress at Dallas Area Schoolboard meeting on Tuesday.

Miscellaneous
Members were reminded of the board and faculty dinner meeting Saturday night at Dallas Township cafeteria.

Dr. Robert Bodycomb, in response to the report on a sudden leap of \$1.20 per ton in the cost of coal delivered to school bins in January, recommended consultation with the board attorney. Prices at the breaker have increased.

Music supervisors Lester Lewis and Patricia Walsh were authorized to attend a music work-shop at Coughlin High School January 17.

Purchase of two batteries was authorized to replace batteries which cannot be recharged, supplying the emergency lighting system for Westmoreland. The emergency lighting system has never been used, but State law requires that the series of batteries be kept up to strength in case of sudden interruption to the power lines.

John Wardell reported that Westmoreland now has the best supply of water it has ever enjoyed, since installation of the pressure tank and booster pump. Interruption of water service Monday morning could not be laid to failure of these new units, but to a faulty connection at the tank on top of the hill. Mr. Wardell stated that only when showers are running full tilt in the locker rooms, was pressure too low in the Home Economics room.

Charles Mannear presided. All board members were present except Harry Ohlman, absent because of illness.

Borough Raises Salaries-Wages For Employees

Street Department Authorized To Use Salt With Ashes

Salaries and wages of police and road department employees were increased at the January meeting of Dallas Borough Council Tuesday night at the Borough Building.

Street Department wages for laborers will be increased from \$1 to \$1.10 per hour retroactive to January 1. The same hourly rate will also apply for all extra policemen.

The salaries of Chief of Police Russell Honeywell and Street Commissioner Alvin Shaffer were increased \$15 per month, bringing their annual salaries to \$3,180 instead of \$3,000. Chief Honeywell is also paid a nominal amount for the use of his car in his police work.

The Street Department was instructed to purchase two new tires and two recaps for use on the Borough Truck at a bid of \$150 submitted by Jack Williams.

The Street Department was also authorized to use a specially prepared salt as well as ashes on Borough streets.

Borough Engineer John Jeter informed Council that he is now spending about four hours a day in his new offices on the second floor of the Borough Building. The offices have been nicely equipped and were open for inspection.

Mr. Jeter said he was pleased with the number of persons who come to the building for information on streets, house numbers and other pertinent information.

When the subject of renewal of an insurance policy on the plate glass windows in the Borough building was presented by Secretary Robert Brown, it was decided that there should be a reappraisal of insurance needs on Borough property and that policies should be distributed among insurance men paying taxes within the Borough.

President Joseph MacVeigh named Councilmen Sterling Williams, Harold Brobst and Raymon Hedden to a committee to look up insurance needs and report at the next meeting.

The proposed Borough Budget was presented and studied and Secretary Brown was commended for presenting a detailed copy to each Councilman.

In case a vacancy should arise among the three Borough Auditors, it was placed on record that William Baker Jr. will be the next appointee.

During his reading of the Treasurer's report, Secretary Brown pointed out that the Borough ended the year with an apparent overdraft of \$15.20 but this was due to an accounting oversight.

There were no fines or arrests during December. The meeting closed with an informal discussion of police problems within the Borough ranging from the need for a cruiser, through insurance coverage of private cars used for police work, to the problem of responsibility for traffic law enforcement on State highways that bisect the Borough.

Issues Warning On Dog Licenses
Agent Has His Eye On Back Mountain

George S. Salanick, dog law enforcement agent of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, this week issued the following warning to Back Mountain dog owners. The Pennsylvania Dog Law is for the protection of the public and their property through the proper control of dogs and the protection of the properly licensed and tagged dogs.

Your 1956 dog license expires on January 15, 1957 regardless of when you purchased it.

Planning Annual Meeting



Members of the committee planning the annual meeting of Back Mountain YMCA Thursday night at the headquarters building in Shavertown are: left to right, Rev. Robert D. Yost, Charles Eberle, chairman; and Walter Mohr. Absent when the picture was taken were: Elmer Evenson and Clyde Birth.

Annual Meeting Thursday Night

Board Of Management Invites The Public

Back Mountain Branch YMCA Board of Management extends to all its many members and friends, an invitation to attend the annual meeting at the "Y" building in Shavertown Thursday evening, January 17 at 8.

R. E. Neal, chairman of the board of management, announced that reports will be given, concerning finances and activities of the past year. He asked that all members and friends and youth of high school age join together at that time to review the 1956 program and to dream and plan for the future.

Charles "Buzz" Eberle, chairman of the committee planning the program, stated that Dr. Carl E. Hontz, Dental Surgeon, will be speaker of the evening.

Dr. Hontz, a resident of Shavertown, has long been interested in YMCA work. He served on the board of directors of the Central YMCA in Wilkes-Barre from 1948 until 1955. During that time he was chairman of the boys' program committee. He is still active on the committee for Camp Kresge on Beaver Lake. Dr. Hontz is a past president of the Wilkes-Barre "Y's" Men's Club and of Luzerne County Dental Association.

Motorists Say Roads Unashed

Carverton Road Gets Some Relief

A number of Back Mountain motorists called The Dallas Post Monday night to inform it that despite glaring icing conditions there were no ashes on Route 309 from Luzerne to Dallas during the peak commuting period between 4:30 and 8 p. m.

Ashes were scattered on the section from Dallas toward Harveys Lake some time during the same period.

Motorists were forced to drive at a snail's pace and exercise extreme caution in order to avoid accidents. It was due to their good sense that there were none.

One of the first to report the hazardous driving conditions was Ornan Lamb, of Machell Avenue, who said he agreed completely with last week's Post editorial that the State Highway Department has failed for two years to ash Route 309 on time and as it should.

Another was Asa Day, president of Keystone Bottling Company, whose home is on Terrace Drive. Mr. Day said he never saw driving worse. He agreed completely with the editorial.

Some Get Relief
That the Highway Department in other areas is paying some attention to an aroused public opinion was indicated by the following letter received this week by The Post:

"Dear Editor:
"Hurray, Hurray! We got our Carverton Road cindered twice this week before our men folks left for their work and our children left for school.

"It was the other way around until you started editorial campaign. No cinders until roads were not being used.

"Let's give them credit for it. Thank you for exposing them.

"Do they know how many lives are in their hands, bus loads of school children and their fathers out on icy roads?"

"I do hope they keep up their good work.
"Thank you again,
"A New Comer."

Authority Board Representative

All Come From Varied Fields Of Activity

Among the five school districts involved there was general public approval this week of the five men named by their respective districts as members of the Authority to construct a new high school building for Dallas Area schools.

Included in their number are a banker, an accountant, a contractor, an engineer, and a lumber dealer.

Brief biographical sketches of each are given below:

Monroe Township
Sam Davis, Monroe Township's choice for the Dallas Area Schools Authority Board, has lived in Beaumont for eighteen years. His four children are grown up and away from home, so that he has no personal stake in the school system, except as good schools affect any community. He is accepting this obligation to represent his area as a matter of civic duty.

Mr. Davis is assistant cashier at the Kingston Branch of Second National Bank of Wilkes-Barre. He has been with the bank for twenty-nine years, the major portion of the time before it amalgamated with the Wilkes-Barre bank and was the First National Bank of Kingston.

He was born in Edwardsville, moved to Dorranceton when he was ten years old, and obtained his education at Kingston schools. He is a graduate of the Wharton School, an extension of the University of Pennsylvania.

Franklin Township
Hugh Gebheart, Sutton Creek, is supervisor of accounting for the Spring Brook Water Company, a position taken five years ago when he abandoned the dairy business on his 150 acres and turned to raising of beef cattle. A graduate of Pennsylvania State University, he was affiliated for a time with the Ethyl Corporation in the Chrysler Building, New York City. Twelve years ago he and his wife moved to Sutton Creek.

He is one of the founders of the Franklin Township Fire Company, and treasurer of the Mens Club, Orange Methodist Church. In 1942 he conducted an audit of Wilkes-Barre School district, taking a year and a half to the project.

Mr. Gebheart was born in Williamsport, and received elementary and secondary education in Sunbury schools.

His wife has been teaching English at Wilkes-Barre Day School (now Wyoming Seminary Day School) for the past twelve years. She holds a masters degree from Columbia University, following graduation from Bucknell.

Dallas Borough
Raymon R. Hedden, Dallas, has had his own construction business since the close of World War II, in which he served as Lieutenant Commander in the Navy, in charge of construction. Terrace Gardens, the Birch Hill Lane area, is his own development. A resident of Dallas for the past eight years, he retains business affiliations in Nanticoke, where he operates the Nanticoke Lumber Company in addition to his construction offices. He is a staunch believer in the future of the Back Mountain.

He belongs to the Board of Governors of the United Fund; the Industrial Fund of Nanticoke; was a former president of the Contractors Association; serves on Dallas Borough Council; belongs to the Westmoreland Club; is a member of Dallas Methodist Church; serves as public works officer of the Navy Armory in Kingston; annually contributes greatly to the Library Auction.

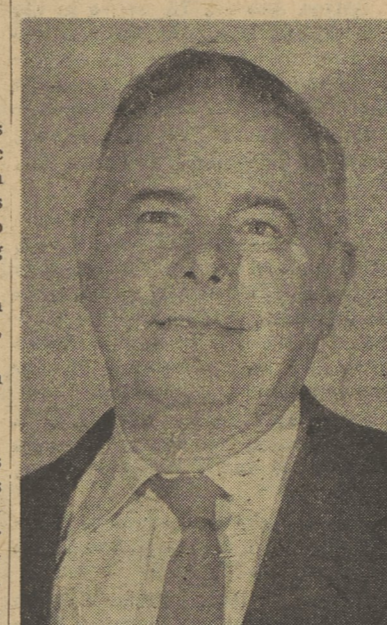
He holds an engineering degree from Cornell University. For two years after graduation he was with the W. L. Crow Co. of New York, and briefly after the war was a partner

Five Are Named To Dallas Area Joint School Building Authority

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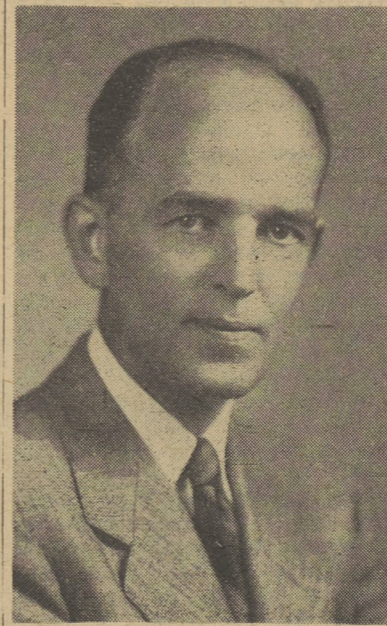
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HUGH GEBHEART



RAYMON R. HEDDEN



HARRY G. SWEPSTON



HOWARD WEINER, JR.

State School Building Consultant Urges Board To Act Immediately

New High School Possible By September 1958 But More Likely By 1960 Or 1961

Five men, one from each school district of the Dallas Area Schools jointure, were named to the Authority Board for construction of a new senior high school at Tuesday night's session.

Articles of agreement drawn up by Atty. Jonathan Valentine and signed by president and secretary of each participating school board, designate as members: Raymon Hedden, Dallas Borough; Harry Swepton, Dallas Township; Howard Wiener, Kingston Township; Hugh Gebheart, Franklin Township; Samuel Davis, Monroe Township.

John Yaple Is Some Improved

Stricken Wednesday At His Home Here

Condition of John Yaple, Luzerne County Sealer of Weights and Measures and local real estate man, who was rushed to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital in Dallas Community Ambulance shortly after 1 Wednesday, appears to be slightly improved.

Mr. Yaple was stricken while seated in the office of his home in Goss Manor conversing with his friend Hume Daron. Mr. Yaple had offered to prepare a bowl of soup for Mr. Daron when the latter observed that Mr. Yaple had dropped a cigarette from his mouth and that his eyes were not good.

He went immediately to Mr. Yaple's aid and assisted the stricken man to a couch in another room before Mr. Yaple collapsed, his left arm and leg paralyzed.

Mr. Daron called Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Richards, neighbors, and members of Dallas Community Ambulance Corps, who immediately summoned Dr. A. A. Mascali, the Community Ambulance and Mrs. Yaple who was teaching fourth grade at Dallas-Franklin-Monroe school. All arrived at the home at about the same time.

Dr. Mascali gave emergency treatment and Mr. Yaple was taken to the hospital in the ambulance manned by Al Shafer, Joseph Hand, and Ray Titus. Daniel Richards accompanied by Mrs. Yaple administered oxygen during the trip, while Mr. Daron and Mrs. Richards followed in another car.

Near the big curve at Blaze's Stone House, Mr. Yaple rallied and asked "who's driving?" and has continued to take increasing interest since.

He is under oxygen and is being treated by Dr. Donald Closterman. Mr. Yaple was stricken seriously with a heart attack ten years ago from which he had apparently recovered so that he could follow a normal routine of daily living including hunting and fishing as well as his regular duties.

When the call for the ambulance came through over the emergency phone, Ray Titus was alone on duty at Boyd White's store. Mr. Titus hesitated for a moment, called Mr. White who was at his home and was instructed: "Close the store, and go."

Book Club Will Install Officers

Stout Succeeds Kear As New President

Officers will be installed and annual reports submitted at the Wednesday afternoon meeting of the Book Club in Back Mountain Memorial Library Annex. Mrs. Lloyd Kear, outgoing president, will conduct the meeting until reports are read, when she will relinquish the chair to Mrs. Gerald Stout. Mrs. Stout will introduce new committee chairmen, and Mrs. Warren Unger will conduct a brief book discussion.

Hostesses will be: Mesdames C. A. Albert, James Ansbacher, Robert Bachman, James Besecker, C. N. Booth, Alfred Boysen, Edgar Brace, Norwood Brader, John Brewster, J. A. Brook, M. J. Brown, and H. H. Butler.

Condition Of Ohlman Shows Improvement

Harry Ohlman, Dallas Area School Board president, who has been a patient since a week ago Wednesday at Wyoming Valley Hospital where he was taken following a heart attack at his home, is showing improvement and is presently out of oxygen although he still has three nurses.

He will probably be confined for some time before he can return home.

Formation of a Building Authority, with acceptance by the joint board, is a preliminary step in preparation for building. The Authority works hand in hand with the board but is a separate entity empowered to draw contracts, sell bonds, and put up the building. The building, to be deemed acceptable to the joint school board, must be in accordance with specifications of the board.

The Building and Grounds Committee was instructed to obtain option on the acreage proposed at a previous meeting, preliminary to obtaining permission for sinking of test borings to determine the subsoil.

Eugene S. Teter, County Superintendent, introduced Dr. Edwin Cruttenden, consultant in school buildings from the State Department of Education, who advised the joint board to adopt a realistic attitude toward the goal of a new senior high school.

If the board takes its place in line with 400 other joint boards, all waiting for State funds it will, with luck, be 1960 or 1961 before a building can be readied for occupancy, Dr. Cruttenden said.

There is another line-up, said Dr. Cruttenden, a much shorter one, of districts which are anxious enough to get going so that they are willing to proceed without subsidy for the present, relying on the State to pick up the tab later when the legislature grinds out further funds, or the Federal Government passes legislation to aid districts to build.

If Dallas Area Schools join this shorter line-up, there is no reason why construction cannot start this spring, with probable occupancy by September 1958.

A study of property values, assessed and market, he continued, shows that none of the districts concerned are now paying for a high school, but are still thinking in terms of one-room schools.

If the State average of valuation were applied to the area, an assessed valuation of \$5,387,000, now 18% of the market value of \$29,710,000, would zoom to \$10,500,000. Luzerne County is progressing with revaluation.

Millage of 35 can be legally increased by 15 mills, bringing millage up to 50, according to Act 481.

Percentage rates for bond issues are rising, building costs are rising. The State has already approved 9 hundred millions for construction. Nearly 100 millions are approved for 150 districts which are willing to go ahead without subsidy.

"What are your actual needs? Must you have 78 acres of land? How much enrollment do you expect by September, 1960? By 1970?" asked Dr. Cruttenden.

Don't build a school for 700 children if you will eventually need to expand it to accommodate 800, he warned. Additions are expensive. It will take between thirty and forty years to pay for the building. It is important to plan wisely, so that it will be neither too small nor outmoded in that period of time. In his opinion, there is enough potential wealth in the area to pay for a good high school.

Visitors were asked for their opinions. Fred Eck said he thought it wise to go ahead. Further Federal aid might well be in the wind, he said, or the State Legislature might, under pressure, do something.

Henry Peterson said that he concurred. Rev. Russell Lawry said he as a newcomer to the area, did not feel well acquainted enough with conditions to make a definite commitment.

James Hutchison, chairman of Building and Grounds, presented articles of agreement with Lacy, Atherton and Davis.

Charles James, secondary schools principal, and Raymond Kuhnert, Dallas Area principal, submitted reports on Westmoreland and triple jointure committee.

Francis Ambrose presided in the absence of president Harry Ohlman.

Goss Is In Harrisburg

Shad Goss, Claude Street, is serving as Chief Sergeant at Arms in the State Legislature, a position he has held for a number of years with the exception of the past two.