

Dallas Schools To Make Change In Curriculum

Agriculture Out, Academic Subjects, Languages, Stressed

Dallas Schools will discontinue instruction in Vocational Agriculture at the close of this school year, according to action taken by directors Tuesday evening. Demand, pointed out Dr. Robert Mellman in the superintendent's report, is steadily falling off.

Students presently taking agriculture may enroll in the Industrial Arts or other vocational courses at Wyoming Valley Technical Institute. Sheldon Mosier, instructor in agriculture, will be retained as a professional employee, assigned to the Junior High School as teacher of mathematics.

A similar proposal to discontinue the teaching of Latin narrowly missed passing the board.

Requirements of college entrance examinations are being modified, Dr. Mellman pointed out, with more emphasis laid upon thorough grounding in modern foreign languages and less on the classics. Five years of language study should be the norm for college entrance, he stated, three of one language, two of another. French and Spanish are contemplated. Many residents of continental countries are bilingual, an achievement which has not been stressed in this country, though it is commonplace in Canada, where business transactions are customarily carried out in French and English.

Dr. Mellman also proposed permitting students who have the ability, to complete high school requirements in eleven years instead of twelve, enter college, and at the completion of the first year receive their high school diplomas.

English, Dr. Mellman stated, should be stressed. Reports from freshmen in college indicate that expressing themselves on paper in coherent English is the hardest requirement. A close running mate is ability to read quickly and with complete comprehension.

A guidance program under a woman's leadership is seen advisable in the secondary schools, as George McCutcheon is overloaded.

Dr. Mellman, in offering various proposals, stated that carrying them out was contingent upon funds to finance them, and asked the board to deal with them, bearing this in mind. Help, he said, is desperately needed in the clerical force, and W. Frank Trimble, faced with opening of the new high school in the fall, will need an assistant.

Progress Of Building

Boyd Klein Construction Company reported on progress of the new school building.

Stone work at the front of the building is about completed. Interior glazed tile in classroom and corridor areas is completed, and glazing of classrooms finished except for the library.

Interior work can go ahead as soon as heating is hooked up. Frost damage to one section of the administration end of the gymnasium wing has raised the floor in two places, and disturbed one wall. Mr. Hoban stated that this elevation is expected to subside as soon as heat is laid on, and if it does not, it will be remedied. Abnormally cold weather has gripped the area for over a month, far earlier in the winter than usual.

William A. Austin showed a floor plan of Westmoreland, pointing out what space could be arranged for accommodation of elementary students, when high school students evacuate it in June. Twenty units are in prospect, with very little partitioning necessary.

Back Mt. Police Meet Tonight

Will Elect Officers Hear Prison Warden

Back Mountain Police will meet tonight at 8 at Jackson Fire Hall, to elect officers, and hear a talk by Frank Johnson, head of the State Correctional Institution. Jackson Township Police will be host to the group. Dennis Bonning, chief, has been ill and is not expected to attend.

Up for election are officers and three board members.

Incumbents are: president, John Lukavitch, Ross Township; vice president, Byron Kester, Franklin Township; treasurer, Robert Cooper, Jackson Township; secretary, Herbert Uplyke, Kingston Township.

Past President badges will go to Joseph Ide, Lehman Township; and retiring John Lukavitch, Ross.

Board members are: all officers; and Dennis Bonning, Jackson; Irwin Coolbaugh, Dallas Township; William Derhammer, Monroe; Edgar Hughes, Lake; Joseph Ide, Lehman; Walbridge Leinthal, Lake; Michael Traver, Noxen.

HOW MANY AREA PEOPLE WILL ATTEND INAUGURAL IN WASHINGTON D. C.

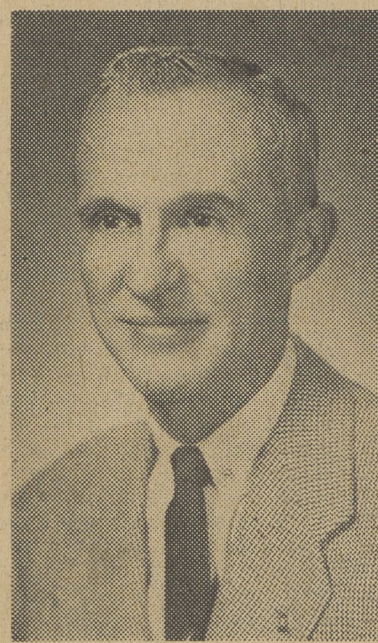
How many people from this area are going to attend the inaugural in Washington?

Mrs. Joseph Wallo, who has attended inaugurations each year since F. D. Roosevelt was inaugurated at the depth of the depression, says it all depends on the weather, but that she has a reservation, and will go to Washington if the cold lets up.

The Dallas Post would like to publish a list of Back Mountain residents who expect to attend.

Robert Maturi Heads Kiwanis

Gager Is Immediate Past President



Robert S. Maturi, Sutton Road, was installed president of Dallas Kiwanis Club January 4, at a meeting held at Irem Temple Country Club. Officiating was Past Lt. Governor, Dr. Xavier Chiampi, Swoyersville Kiwanis club, serving as Inter-Club chairman.

Dr. Chiampi complimented outgoing president Franklin J. Gager on an outstanding job during the past year, and designated him as immediate past president and member of the board of directors.

Mr. Maturi moves up from first vice president. Jerome R. Gardner was installed first vice president; Merrill Faegenburg, second vice president; William Guyette, treasurer; Alfred H. Ackerson, secretary.

Board members are: John E. Williams, George A. McCutcheon, Victor Piccone, and Andrew Roan.

Maturi took the chair, made a brief speech of acceptance, and closed the meeting.

Guests were Dr. Chiampi, Edward Matuchek and Dominic Alaïmo of Swoyersville, Leo Jacobs of Nanticoke Kiwanis, and James L. Brown.

Members present were: Franklin Gager, Fred Greenlee, Merrill Faegenburg, Andrew Roan, Frank Krieger, Harry Peiffer, George McCutcheon, Robert Dolbear, Robert Parry, John Hayt, William Lamouth, Stephen Sedler, John Blase, Harry Lefko, Edwin Thompson, William Wright, Edgar Hughes, William Austin, John Keating, Paul Laux, John Williams, John Churry, Raymond Tag, William Guyette, George Thomas, Thomas Kreidler, Alfred Ackerson, Victor Piccone, Theodore Ruff, Ernest Gay, Clarence LaBar, James Graham, Robert Yost, Jerome Gardner and Robert Maturi.

Lies Unconscious For Hours In The Woods

Isaac Swire, 44, Pikes Creek, who suffered a heart attack while hunting in the Scranton area on the first day of deer season, is expected home some time this week to continue his convalescence.

Mr. Swire, hunting with Thomas Swire and Dale Christian, lay unconscious in the woods from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m., until discovered by his hunting companions. The weather was very mild, and he did not suffer from exposure. He had been expecting the other men to drive deer in his direction.

Until New Year's Day, he was in the hospital at Scranton, when he was moved by ambulance to General Hospital.

HAVE YOU SEEN A HORSE AND CUTTER HERE THIS WINTER?

In spite of ideal winter weather and superb sleighing on Back Mountain back roads, no one in the Back Mountain area has seen a horse and cutter this winter.

Time was when straw rides and bobsleds were a familiar sight throughout the area and cutters and sleighs were as common in front of the old Raub Hotel as automobiles are now in the Miners Bank Parking lot.

If you have seen a horse and cutter this winter, won't you call The Post.

Dallas Library Appropriation Cut By Council

Tentative Budget Calls For Economy In All Departments

In an effort to conserve its limited \$28,000 income and forestal a tax increase for Borough purposes, Dallas Borough Council on Tuesday night adopted a temporary budget curtailing expenditures for police and discontinuing its annual contribution of \$300 to Back Mountain Memorial Library.

The tax millage will remain at 22 the same as last year.

All departments were asked to hold their requirements within their means. This leaves the street Department with the same budget as last year, \$6,000 for maintenance and supplies and \$6,500 for wages.

While the amount budgeted for extra police protection is curtailed, the actual amount budgeted for public safety is higher than last year because it includes the salary of a school traffic patrolman at Dallas Borough grade school.

The temporary budget may be seen at the Borough Building or at the home of Robert Brown, secretary, Huntsville Road.

It will be adopted with some changes at a later meeting.

Council adopted a resolution supporting the 1961 Greater Wilkes-Barre Industrial Fund Campaign, urging all residents of the Borough to support the campaign in order that this area may obtain maximum benefits on a matching fund basis from any distressed area legislation enacted by Congress.

Building permit in the amount of \$100,010, was issued to Berretta Construction Co. for the new Dallas Shopping Center, fee \$25.

Borough Secretary Robert Brown announced that Weston Associates have about completed their sewage feasibility survey plans which will be presented later this month to representatives of Dallas Borough and Township and Kingston Township.

Reporting for the Street Committee, Councilman Stephen Hartman announced that the rear end is gone in the old Street Department truck used only for cindering and will have to be repaired at an approximate cost of \$150.

Robert Post of the Building Committee announced that specifications have been prepared and bids will be shortly asked for a new chimney and repairs to the roof of the Borough Building.

In order to obtain needed funds earlier in the year, there will be a departure in tax collection this year. Secretary Brown said that tax notices for Borough purposes will be sent out earlier in the year than those for the School Board. In the past both have been sent out on the same time on the same card.

New street lights were suggested by Councilman Wilbur Davis and approved by Council for installation at the corner of Powderhorn Drive and Hickory Street and on Pinecrest Avenue between Machell Avenue and Booth Hill.

Glare Ice On Hill Delays Mourners

Glare ice on Machell Avenue last Wednesday morning delayed arrival of mourners at Gate of Heaven Church, where a mass of requiem was scheduled for the late Stanley Wroblecki. For fifteen minutes six cars battled the ascent.

THIS IS EVERYBODY'S JOB

The Back Mountain has two important reasons for supporting the \$1,500,000 Campaign to bring new industry and more jobs to the area.

The first is that the Greer or Wilkes-Barre Industrial Fund owns the former George Rice farm along Demunds Road at Fernbrook and this may become an important industrial center.

The second is that almost 700 persons who live in the Back Mountain are employed in factories brought here by the Industrial Fund.

Few persons realize that the former George Rice farm in Fernbrook has been the property of the Industrial Fund for several years. The Fund hopes eventually to locate factories in this area, and the \$1,500,000 Campaign could possibly be the start of the first of these factories in this Fernbrook tract. The ground is familiar to persons in the Back Mountain region because this farm land adjoins the Slovak Cemetery and is parallel with the Lehigh Valley Railroad. The tract covers 47 3/4 acres.

When the fund obtains enough money to build factories in this area, the result will be improvement of the entire economic fabric of the Back Mountain area. Taxes from these factories and the homes the workers in these factories probably will build, will bring a larger base for possible reduction of the taxes, particularly school taxes.

The Industrial Fund made a survey of the people who work in the factories financed by the Industrial Fund. It found that the employees include 377 from Dallas, 84 from Harveys Lake, 6 from Lehman, 81 from Shavertown, and 126 from Trucksville. In addition, there were some employees from Idetown and smaller communities in the Back Mountain area.

The Campaign for \$1,500,000 will be broad based. Everyone will be asked to give. Atty. Andrew J. Hourigan, Jr., chairman, said, "This is a Campaign in which we who can are trying to help our neighbors. Congress will do something this session for the depressed area. But, the bill probably will require that to get Federal aid, the community itself first must raise some money to contribute toward the total picture. We are anticipating we will have to give, so we are preparing to have our money ready to meet the requirements of the federal legislation."

Further, everyone who has a job is being asked to donate. The fair share, we in the campaign figure, is one-half of 1 per cent. For most workers this amounts to from 25 to 50 cents a week. This amount pledged and given over the next three years will bring jobs for our neighbors and for the 4,000 graduated every year from local high schools and the 500 graduated from local colleges. The Back Mountain particularly has much to gain and I'm confident its good people will do their just share to help raise \$1,500,000 to build \$6 million in factories for new jobs."

Rustlers Steal 900-Pound Bull From Brown Dairy Barn At Vernon

A valuable 900-pound 14-month old Holstein bull which was being raised for breeding purposes, was stolen Friday night from the Gerald Brown dairy herd at Vernon.

Mr. Brown, who operates two farms, discovered the loss Saturday morning when he went to do the chores at his upper farm where he kept several heifers and the bull in stanchions in a barn.

There were truck tire marks in the snow where the rustlers had backed their truck up to the door to load the bull.

Nobody presently lives in the house near the barn.

Mr. Brown, who has a herd of thirty-seven dairy cattle, raised the bull from a calf. He placed a value of \$300 on it for breeding purposes. It has a probable value of around \$150 as beef.

The farm from which it was taken is about a quarter of a mile from his home. The herd was in good shape and all accounted for on Thursday when he did the evening chores.

State Police are investigating.

Brooder House Fire At Carverton Tuesday Destroys 300 Baby Chicks

Fire originating around an overheated brooder stove destroyed a brooder house and 300 4-day old chicks Tuesday morning at 9:30 at Elwood Lord's Poultry Farm near Carverton Grange Hall.

Loss was estimated at \$500.

Franklin Township Fire Company responded immediately but the fire was too well along for them to save anything. Firemen responding were Sam Gardner, Edward Dorrance, Paul Mahler and Byron Kester.

About two years ago a fire at the same farm destroyed 1,500 baby chicks, a brooder house and six brooder stoves.

John S. Fine, Former Governor and Republican Political Boss Indicted For \$45,554. Income Tax Evasion

Man Who Held Unlimited Political Power For Years In Luzerne County Is Indicted With Brother-In-Law By Federal Grand Jury

POSTMASTER ASKS ALL PATRONS TO USE THEIR NEW ADDRESSES

Robert Voelker, postmaster at Shavertown, urges all patrons to notify publications and correspondents of their new house numbers and street addresses.

This can be done on a post-card, in a letter or with special "change of address" cards that can be obtained from the post-office.

"Important at all times to have the correct address on mail," Mr. Voelker said, "it is especially important when substitute or inexperienced carriers deliver the mail. One of our regular carriers was off this week due to death in the family. The substitute had quite a time of it when he tried to deliver mail with proper addresses missing."

Oakland Signs Bob Coolbaugh

Robert Coolbaugh former Dallas Township star athlete and for three years end on the varsity football team at the University of Richmond where he is now a senior, has signed a contract with the Oakland Raiders of the American Football Association.

Coolbaugh signed his contract last week in Mobile, Alabama, where he had a conference with League officials. He was also drafted by the Washington Redskins and had offers from the Los Angeles Rams and Cleveland Browns, but preferred the Raiders because it is a new club composed of all young men and will offer him more opportunity to play. Training will begin in July.

When Bob returned to Richmond after the holidays, Mrs. Coolbaugh, the former Marilyn Priest of Old Forge, accompanied him. They have taken an apartment in Richmond.

Fire Completely Destroys Car

Fire, presumed due to combustion of anti-freeze, completely destroyed a car in Trucksville yesterday morning at 8:30. Trucksville firemen responded.

A 1953 DeSoto, property of Bill Heiser, who guards the Trucksville school crossing, at the blinker light, caught fire as it was parked in front of the apartment house at 76 Main Highway warming up. Starting under the hood, it spread rapidly to the gas line, and the car was instantly a mass of flames.

Charges Dismissed

A Columbia County Grand Jury has ignored involuntary manslaughter transcript charges against Howard Whitesell, Back Mountain building contractor, growing out of a fatal automobile accident on the evening of November 19, 1960 while Mr. Whitesell was returning from Geisinger Hospital.

One man was killed and another seriously injured in the crash which occurred on old Route 11 between Danville and Berwick.

Thieves Enter Three Places Over Week-End

Loot Is Confined For Most Part To Food, Beverages

A wave of petty thievery struck the Back Mountain region last weekend.

Robbers broke open a rear door Sunday night at Hislop & Daring Sausage & Meat Kitchen on Memorial Highway and made off with canned meats, jars of olives, pickles and beverages. They also broke open a Coke machine in which there was \$10 in change.

Entry was made by forcing a rear double door some time after 10 Sunday night. Ray Daring had been working there until that time.

Break In Church

Intruders also broke into Trucks-ville Methodist Church but apparently took nothing. When the intruders failed to make entry through either of two basement windows which they broke, they shattered a glass in a door.

They apparently used lighted newspapers as a torch to search the interior of the sanctuary for police found bits of charred newspaper on the rugs and in the aisles.

Police theorize that a lighted cross over the entrance to the church may have misled the intruders into believing they were entering a Catholic Church where they could steal the contents of poor boxes.

Robbery At Kunkle

Thieves broke a panel in a kitchen door some time late Saturday or early Sunday morning at Kunkle Community Hall stole cartons of cigarettes and beverages. They also broke open a cash box belonging to Kunkle Community Hall Association but obtained only small change and nothing else of value.

Library Annual Meeting

Back Mountain Memorial Library Association will hold its annual meeting for the election of directors and officers on Thursday evening, January 26 at 8.

All members are entitled to vote who have paid dues of \$1.

Antique Automobile And Firearms Fancier Trades Guns For Bearcat

A deal in which a nationally known Connecticut manufacturer of pistols received several rare antique firearms and a Dallas man obtained a 1928 Stutz Bearcat was consummated a few weeks ago when Milford "Tiny" Gould drove the valuable car home from Connecticut.

The car is one of only two of that model manufactured in 1928 by the Stutz Company. It is in excellent condition with original paint and refinements.

Mr. Gould expects to recondition it and enter it in the shows of the Classic Car Club of America as he did last weekend with his 1931 La-Baron Custom Chrysler Imperial Roadster which won third place at the Ninth Annual Winter Show of the Classic Car Club of America at Buck Hill Falls on Friday and Saturday.

Tiny received 87 points out of a possible 100 for a classic car in perfect condition. In classic car scoring each car starts with 100 points with percentage point deductions for condition of paint, upholstery, mechanical parts, cleanliness, etc.

So rare is a 100-point car that only one out of the 891 cars entered last August in the big Hershey Show received that distinction.

Last week's Winter Show was one of the two big shows conducted annually by the Classic Car Club. Cars were entered from California, Iowa, Canada and states east of the Mississippi River.

Among other local exhibitors were Andrew J. Sordoni, Jr., and Lambert Swingle.

Long fascinated by antique and sports cars, Mr. Gould also is an avid collector of antique firearms. Included in his collection is an antique sword-cane presented to John Hancock on April 2, 1772 by Governor Hurlshoff.

"Tiny" became acquainted with William Ruger, a noted firearms collector and the largest manufacturer of pistols in the United States, through his interest in firearms and antique cars.

Mr. Ruger had a Stutz Bearcat with which he hated to part. Mr. Gould had firearms that he was loth to sell. So they made a deal. Tiny got the Bear Cat and Ruger got the guns and a cash consideration.

Apparently guns come first with Mr. Ruger and antique cars are first in Tiny's heart.

Tiny will show some of his Civil War pieces with William Krimmel at the Civil War Round Table this Friday night at 8 at Back Mountain Memorial Library Annex.

Sledding At Irem

Since the heavy snows, many cars park daily at Irem Country Club, with passengers unloading sleds and toboggans for a swift run down the Canada and states east of the Mississippi River.

Mill City Woman Injured When Car Skids In Front Of Constable's Home

Martha Hall, Mill City, received lacerations of the nose and bruises about the face and eyes Saturday night at 10:30 when her 1956 sedan skidded on the ice in front of Constable Byron Kester's home at Demunds and severed a pole belonging to Harveys Lake Light Company.

Miss Hall had been visiting the Nicholas Berdy home at Briar Crest, Idetown, and was returning home when the accident occurred.

Mr. Kester, hearing the crash, went to her assistance and found her dazed and bleeding in the car which was damaged to the extent of \$275. Damage to the pole was \$56.

Clyde Birth was called to pull the car back up on the road, and tow it away for repairs.

Mr. Kester took Miss Hall to her home in Mill City.

Mrs. Ethel Shaver Honored By Fellow Commonwealth Employees



Mrs. Ethel Shaver, chief operator for Commonwealth Telephone Company at the General Offices, Dallas, was guest of honor at a dinner given by her fellow Dallas employees this week at Hotel Sterling.

The dinner paid tribute to Mrs. Shaver's forty years of service with Commonwealth. Jack Landis, district manager, served as toastmaster and presented Mrs. Shaver with several lovely gifts from her co-workers.

Mrs. Shaver started with Commonwealth on January 3, 1921 when it was operated by William Gay, general manager. A year following its acquisition by Andrew Sordoni she was, in 1929, made chief operator. Prior to the Dallas exchange's conversion to dial operation in 1952, Commonwealth operated an eleven position switchboard on the second floor of the present Harveys Lake Light Company building.

Mrs. Shaver now serves as receptionist and chief operator in the foyer of the Dallas General Offices. She and her husband, Russell, an electrical contractor, and son, Willard, reside at 118 Main Street, Dallas.

Seated at table left to right: Col. H. H. Butler, Mrs. Shaver, J. N. Landis, Yvonne Schlittler, Mrs. Ruth Bonning, Rita Cummings, Helen Monahan, Mrs. Norma Smith, Carol Hadel, Mrs. Margaret Houlihan. Standing, left to right: George Doyle, Ray Parsons, Elmer Evenson, Mrs. Elmer Evenson, Mrs. Betty Hutchinson, Mrs. Roberta Vesley, Pat McGuire, Mrs. J. N. Landis, Mrs. Jennie Rummage, Grace Klees, Florence Weaver, Mrs. Mable Jones, Miriam Case, Marguerite Morgan, Charles Glawe, Mrs. Audrey Van Orden, Mrs. Nancy Alderson, Ted Swisher, Mrs. Jean Wilson, Mrs. Shirley Templin, William Weatherill.