

# Second Jail Break Brings Public Demands For Relay Signals

Since the news of the second jail break in less than five weeks dismayed the Back Mountain, scores of residents have besieged the Dallas Post with demands that something be done to make the warning signal more effective.

The most frequently heard suggestion is that the siren signal from the State Institution be relayed through a prearranged signal, from every fire house in the Back Mountain.

If each fire house were alerted by telephone the instant a man escaped, and every fire siren in the area sounded an alarm which could not be confused with an air raid exercise or a brush fire alarm, the entire community would be informed at once.

Some residents have thought it out a step farther. It is just as important they say, for the signal to be given that denotes recapture of the criminal, so that householders may breathe easy again.

It has been suggested that the signal for an escape might be three blasts on the fire-house sirens, with a wait of one minute, then three more blasts.

The signal for capture might be one shriek of the siren.

Residents are not satisfied with the present warning signal. If the wind is in the wrong direction, the siren at the watch-tower of the prison is not heard too plainly, and residents are unaware that they must take precautions.

Mrs. Charles Frantz, who lives within sight of the

institution across a pleasant valley, has to say:

"Few, if any of us, were pleased by the news that a correctional institution for defective delinquents was to be placed in the midst of our peaceful countryside, but resigned ourselves and hoped for the best when the news became ugly reality.

"When the first inmate escaped, we were unnerved by the thought that this man was able to slip away so easily from his guard and remain at large for so many hours. When he was finally captured without any serious consequences, we felt perhaps that this would be a good lesson to those in authority, and that security regulations would be more carefully enforced.

"Now, only thirty-four days later, there is another break, again in broad daylight, and again apparently without knowledge of the guard.

"We realize that the administrators of an institution of this size face problems in trying to look after their inmates; but we feel very strongly that they have a responsibility to the people of this community.

"It seems to me the height of futility to spend ten million dollars of the tax-payers' money to build a maximum security prison, only to permit its inmates to work outside the walls without adequate supervision.

"Surely a better system of guarding the prisoners could be devised. As the Dallas Post pointed out last week in its fine editorial, we have been lucky to have had two prisoners recaptured without serious incident.

"The next time, we may not be so fortunate."

Dr. G. W. Klem, of Huntsville, has two little girls, 10 and 12. It was necessary for him to leave his wife and his children last Tuesday night because of an emergency call at Nesbitt Hospital.

Dr. Klem says: "I loaded a shotgun and a pistol for Jane (Jane is his wife, and he has taught her to shoot), when my emergency call came at 8 p.m. We live within a short distance of the convalescent home where the first prisoner was captured with a ten inch butcher-knife in his hand not quite five weeks ago, and we figured that the prisoner who got away on Tuesday night have taken the same route.

"That was the longest night I ever spent, knowing that my wife and children were unprotected. But I couldn't leave my patient. I didn't reach home until 6 a. m. But by that time, I had been told that the prisoner had been taken, and at 4:30 Jane was able to go to bed without fear. She had been sitting up with the shotgun and pistol by her side.

"Why wasn't some signal blown to relieve the minds of the people who were sitting fearfully in their homes? Jane sat up without daring to go to sleep, five hours longer than necessary. I went through hell down at the hospital, doing my job, saving my patient, but always with one part of my mind at home with Jane.

"That man got loose at 2:30. My little girls walk a mile from the Lake-Lehman bus, through a sparsely settled area not over a mile from the prison. We didn't even know a prisoner was at large until time to expect

them home from school.

"I called Mr. Johnson, head of security at the prison, four times during the evening. All I could get was that the man had been last seen down on route 29, near Ceasertown. I asked Mr. Johnson what could be done to make things safer. He said, 'With the situation here, and present facilities, I can't make any promises at all. It could happen again tomorrow.'

"There are prison breaks in any place where there is a prison. That, we have to accept. But is there any reason why we can't know at once when a break occurs, in time to go collect our children at school instead of letting them walk home from the bus?

"And why can't we have a signal when a prisoner is recaptured? Maybe there was a signal Tuesday night when guards took the prisoner back to the institution. If so the sound of the siren was carried away by the wind, and a lot of people worried all night."

Mrs. Cyril Morza, Follies Road, within a short distance of the prison, said the prison break didn't bother her in the least. "I've got a dog," she explained, "No body's going to get past that dog. He barks, and he could bite if I told him to. I went to bed and to sleep. The dog stayed right in the house with me."

Mrs. Homer Moyer, in Dallas, heard the siren from the institution, but she didn't know what it meant, paid no attention to it. Not an air raid, because it didn't keep

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## Commencement At Lake-Lehman

### Awards Presented, 96 Given Diplomas

Baccalaureate services for the Class of 1961 were held at Lehman School on Sunday at 8:15 p. m. Commencement activities were held at Lehman School on Thursday evening at 8:15. Alexander C. Carmichael, pastor of the DeWitt Community Church, Syracuse, spoke on "The End of the Rainbow".

Father Stanislaus Banas, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth, gave the Invocation and Rev. Norman Tiffany, Lehman Methodist Church, gave the Benediction.

John Landis and Jacquelyn Ruff delivered the honor orations.

Mr. Anthony Marchakitis presented the awards and Mr. Lester B. Squier presented the Class of 1961. Mr. Edgar Lashford, president of the Lake-Lehman Area Joint School Board awarded the diplomas.

Mr. Milauskas, band, director played the processional and recessional marches and gave a 10-minute concert from 8 to 8:10 p. m.

Selections were: Westeners—Overture—Walters; Beguine Festival, Oszer; Singing Sands—Overture—Foreman.

1961 Graduation Awards

Lake Commencement Awards: Given at Lehman School on Tuesday: Academic, Jacquelyn Ruff; Commercial, Donna Meeker; Home-making, Judith Shalata; Industrial Arts, Craig Houliston; Citizenship, John Honeywell, Judith Shalata.

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Lake Class Night Awards

Given at the Lake School on June 2: Danforth, Grover Anderson, Judith Shalata; Dramatics, Ronalee Stepanski; Athletics, Claude Sorber, Janet Allen; Student Council, Grover Anderson, Judith Shalata, Barbara Hennebaul; F. H. A., Louisa Patton; Attendance, Ronalee Stepanski; Science, Grover Anderson; Educators' Assoc. Award, Jacquelyn Ruff; Harveys Lake Women's Club, Jacquelyn Ruff, John Whitesell.

Lehman Class Night Awards:

Given at the Lehman School on May 26: Danforth, Dean Long, Jo Ann Price; Letterman, Benjamin Rusiloski; American Legion, Dean Long, Helen Sidler; Charles H. Long, John Klemunes; DeKalb, Joseph Roginski; Plastic Arts Corporation Award, Kollin Foss.

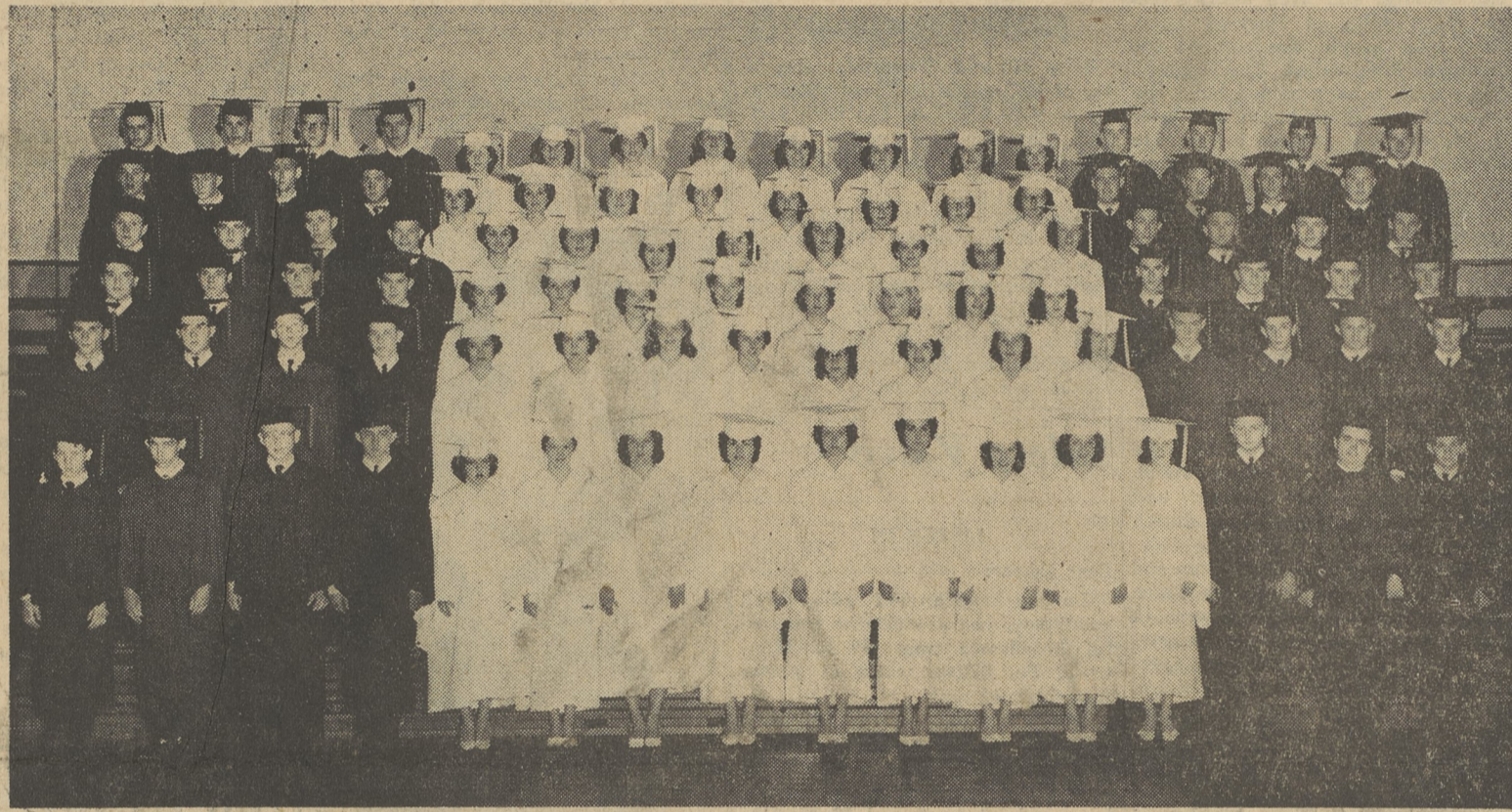
## Little League To Ask For Support

### Doorbell Night Is Slated For Monday

Monday, June 19, is Door Bell Night for Back Mountain Little League. On that night every little leaguer and teen-leaguer will be uniform and will be calling on Back Mountain citizens for their financial support of this program for the youth of the area. There are about 300 boys in the program along with more than 100 adults, comprising 19 baseball teams. Each team plays at least one game each week, and many weeks two games. The regularly scheduled games and the practice sessions keep the boys occupied three or four evenings each week. The season runs from late May till mid August.

There are games at the little league field every evening Monday through Friday, and from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. on Saturday. Games begin at 6:30 P.M. Bring the family and come out to the games. Have a good time along with the boys.

## Lake-Lehman High School Graduates Pose For Academic Picture



Lake-Lehman High School, at joint exercises for both senior classes, graduated ninety-six seniors Tuesday night at impressive commencement ceremonies in the Lehman gymnasium.

Senior in academic cap and gown, are:

Row one, left to right: George Nichols, Larry Wesley, Stanley Kabata, Gerald Owens, Lillian Gibbons, Jeanie Kocher, Paulette Loomis, Gloria Cigarski, Barbara Hoover, Linda Scouton, Bernadine Kuc, Judith Shalata, Dorothy Gosart, Michael Yurko, Arthur Gosart, Glenn Coolbaugh.

Row two: Anthony Sayre, Douglas

Trumbower, Royal Culver, Gerald Wagner, Cindy Disque, Barbara Hennebaul, Jacquelyn Ruff, Janet Allen, Sharon Orosz, Rosemary Seavone, Jo Ann Price, Susan Dodd, Ernest Bevan, Richard Rogers, Joseph Roginski, William Hardisky.

Row three: Claude Sorber, David Williams, Michael Zorzi, John Landis, Margaret Gensel, Barbara Smith, Marion Purainen, Betty Kovalick, Louise Patton, Elizabeth Roman, Donna Meeker, Bonnie Cragle, Bill Williams, Jack Donnelly, John Honeywell, Martin Skoviah.

Row four: Richard Disque, Grover Anderson, John Corbett, Larry Lansing, Mary Sabo, Anna Yench,

Shirley Johnson, Sandra Slimak, Pauline Zerioss, Carol Mathers, Linda Jennings, Barbara Kovalick, Andrew Petroski, Dale Titus, Benjamin Rusiloski, George Stockage.

Row five: Richard Seavone, Kolin Foss, John Klemunes, William Norwig, Karin Roskoski, Ruth Tremayne, Sharon Coombs, Patsy Hoover, Leah Klamovich, Earlene Ballet, Eileen Crispell, Ronalee Stepanski, Dean Long, Robert McDaniels, Larry Stash, Daniel McDermott.

Row six: Craig Houliston, Nik Fritz, James Pearce, John Whitesell, Janet Fielding, Karen Rogers, Glenda Lyons, Helen Sidler, Gladys McDermott, Mary Manzoni, Teresa

Fedor, Janet Covert, Alex Wilson, Gerry Mauer, John Morningstar, PERRY RITTENHOUSE.

### Unit Here June 27

Wyoming Valley Tuberculosis and Health Society will station its mobile Chest X-Ray unit at Dixon's Restaurant June 27, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., for servicing of the entire Back Mountain region. Hours are 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

### Speed Traps Are Set

Speed traps are being set up in the Borough, on Pioneer Avenue, Main Street, and Lake Streets.

## Westmoreland High School Students In Cap And Gown



Gathered here, in front of the most beautiful outside back-drop in the Back Mountain, are 103 Westmoreland High School seniors, who for the last time are posing against the leafy greenery of the hill rising sharply from the athletic field. Next year, the graduating class of 1962 will pose for commencement pictures at the new Dallas Senior High School.

Reading left to right are:

Row 1: Inez Ryman, Mildred Williams, Karen Samuels, Karen Culver, Cella Monka, Sandra Chere, Lynne Jordan, Nancy Wolfe, Sandra Coon, Janet Reed, Barbara Sholtis, Anne Remley, Martha Mancie.

Row 2: John Duris, Kenton Getty, David Glahn, Ralph Walp, Fred Dymond, Ross Steinhauer, Robert Eyet, Ernest Supulski, Wesley Evans, Thomas Oney, David Stout, Charles Malkemes, George Jacobs, Robert Letts, Ronald Trewaren.

Row 3: Vivian Cobb, Joseph Schneider, Francis Stocker, Raymond Rondinella, Carl Bednarski, Ernest Harris, James Seward, Robert Senchak, William Van Buskirk, Lynn McCarty, Richard

Powell, Leslie Dickson, Thomas Bozek, Carl Detsick.

Row 4: Marilyn Eck, Nancy Harris, Arline Misson, Dorothy Mathers, Harriet Sands, Joan Harger, Jeannine Hoover, Donna Meyers, Sandra Vivian, Marcia Lawry, Bonnie Gross, Linda Stevens, Margie Bynon, Patricia Sinicropo, Marjane Moss.

Row 5: Judith Newberry, Phyllis Pope, Kathleen Siket, Elizabeth May, Donna Bolen, Beverly King, Annabelle Ambrose, Doris Carey, Karen Bestedar, Betty Switzer, Susan Lawry, Carol Dymond, Sharon Gauntlett, Louise Herring, Patricia Rod.

Row 6: Carol Mashinski, Susan Kelley, Harold Smith, Harold Eustice, Russell Rarsons, Richard Bruce, Edward Campbell, Lawrence Polachek, Charles Woolbert, James Fry, Gerald Richards, David Stroud, William Whittaker, David Kimball.

Row 7: Edward Coolbaugh, James Kozemchak, Harley Misson, Joseph Houlette, Roy Hall, David Wohlhoer, Lynn Dietz, Edgar Inman, Charles Repotski, Joseph Hoeg, Carl German, David Williams, Robert Taylor, Kenneth Thomas, Dale Culver, David LaBar.

## Public Meeting On Schools

### Information On Dallas School Changes

A Public Information meeting about the changes forthcoming in the Dallas District Schools will be held Wednesday, June 21 at 8:30 p.m. at Dallas Borough School.

It is planned to describe and discuss the significant changes in the use of buildings and in bus transportation patterns in the district with the opening of the new Senior High School in the fall. The new school lunch program will also be explained.

Speaking on the changing uses of school buildings and physical effects of the school program will be Paul M. Rodda, chairman of the Citizens' Committee for Better Schools Study Committee on Physical Plant. William A. Austin Elementary Supervisor of the district will explain how the new pattern of building usage will affect the transportation scheduling.

This meeting is jointly sponsored by Citizens' Committee for Better Schools, Back Mountain Council of PTAs and the Administration of the Dallas School District. All interested parents as well as members of the various groups in the community are invited to attend.

## Sixth Grade Starts For Philadelphia By Bus

Dallas Borough sixth grade students left this morning at 7 for Philadelphia, where they expect to visit Franklin Institute, Independence Hall the Betsy Ross House, and the zoo, before starting home late in the afternoon with stop-over scheduled for dinner at Trainer's Restaurant.

## Dallas School Budget Adopted In Face Of Stubborn Minority Group

### PRISON AUTHORITIES ANXIOUS TO GET WORD TO PEOPLE SAYS MACK

Rumors of a third break turned out to be false on Tuesday. The siren heard was on an ambulance. A phone call to the institution established the facts.

"We do not want to keep prisoners in ignorance," said deputy warden Mack. "On the contrary, we get the news around as quickly as possible, through radio stations, police, and guards."

## Ribbon Cutting For New A&P Tuesday, 9 a.m.

### New Shopping Center A Stride In Progress For The Community

At 9 a.m. Tuesday morning ribbon-cutting ceremonies will take place officially opening A&P's newest and most modern Super Market, located at 125 Memorial Highway, Dallas.

The building provides a unique combination of two periods. Its exterior front is Early American, built of brick and designed in the architectural style of early Colonial homes of New England. Its interior is completely 1961 Modern. A large paved parking area provides free parking for a great number of cars.

A&P officials stated that every department of this new Market is designed to give the customers fast, efficient service. In the completely self-service Meat Department, each package of meat is wrapped, identified, marked with the correct weight, priced, and displayed in easy-to-select from refrigerated cases. Fresh Fruits and Vegetables will be displayed in a modern refrigerated Produce Department. The Grocery Department is stocked with thousands of items displayed on easy-to-reach shelves. Other departments include Fish and Seafood, Fresh Baked Goods, Custom Ground Coffees, Dairy Foods, Health and Beauty Aids, Candies, Ice Cream, and Frozen Foods.

There are seven regular and two express check-outs at the front of the store for fast check-out service. Magic Carpet Doors, which open automatically, will provide easy entrance and exit for customers. Parcel pick-up facilities are available—customers check purchase with the attendant, then drive their cars to the pick-up station where purchases will be placed in their cars.

Free gifts and samples will be distributed at this new A&P Tuesday, Grand Opening Day. Other special offers will be available the balance of Grand Opening Week.

Store hours at this new Market opening week are 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30 A.M. to 9 P.M. Friday and Saturday. Permanent store hours will be 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. Mondays, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and 8:30 A.M. to 9 P.M. Friday and Saturday.

## Hurricane Season Starts

United States Weather Bureau says the annual hurricane season starts today.

## Parents Warned

Dallas Borough Chief Russell Honeywell again warns parents that B.B. guns are illegal.

In the face of determined opposition, Dallas School directors passed a budget calling for \$1,075,250 Tuesday evening, along with an increase in millage, upping last year's millage from 65 to 78 to raise sufficient funds.

Leading the opposition were L. L. Richardson and Alton Whittaker, firmly supported by Walter Phillips, an "old guard" board member present from Franklin Township, Donald W. Hislop, James L. Mitchell, and Harry C. Sicker.

Mr. Richardson's main objection was to an increase in superintendent Robert Mellman's salary, from \$13,000 to \$13,500, offsetting various expedients designed to cut expenses.

Mr. Whittaker said, "We have been looking at the forest. Now is the time to count the trees." He went on to say that warning signals are beginning to flash, and that a building program has imperceptibly been converted into a spending program, with salaries above mandates increases. He called attention to a necessary 9% increase in the teaching staff and a 40% increase in the non-professional departments, as against a meager 5% increase in student population.

Progress Of Building  
Current report on progress of the new senior high school building indicates that the administration will be able to take possession of the classroom section by the middle of July, and that the sewage disposal plant should be in operation by the first week in August.

Seeding will start next week, but it is unlikely that any of the athletic area will be used for football practice until sod is firmly established.

Folding doors in the gym will be hung this week, and the ceiling will be installed next week.

Lockers have been delivered, and will be installed immediately.

Floors have not been laid in the classrooms, nor blackboards installed.

Grading of the athletic field is about complete.

The auditorium will be painted within the week.

Fears that the building might not be ready for occupancy by the opening of school, have been allayed by notable progress during the past two months.

L. L. Richardson, speaking for the building and grounds committee, drew attention to damage done to roofs at Dallas Township and Dallas Borough by a severe hailstorm last month.

Coaches  
On the coaching staff at the Senior High School will be these men: Edward Brominski, head football and baseball coach; George Dombek and Louis Palermo, assistants in football; Clinton Brobst, head basketball coach and track; George McCutcheon, basketball assistant; Alana D. Husband, wrestling, with Mr. Palermo assisting; Grace Lord, cheer leaders; William A. Austin, golf; no salary Mabel Jenkins, girls' basketball.

At Junior High School: John B. Cathrall, football coach, assistant Howard J. Shiner; Frederick J. Case, basketball; Mr. Cathrall, wrestling and track; Mr. Case, baseball.

John K. Thomas will join the elementary school staff, serving as guidance counselor in place of Patricia Fox, who is leaving in order to take her doctorate at Pennsylvania State University.

David E. Olivett, elected to teach English in the senior high school, declined the position.

Purchase of supplies was authorized for custodians, physical education, industrial arts, and athletics.

Installation of the hot noon meal program in all schools necessitates hiring of several extra part time

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