

Crowd At Lake-Lehman Gym Gets Information About New School



Doors were opened to the outside and to the hall at Lake-Lehman gymnasium Monday night to

reduce the heat as tax-payers asked questions about the proposed new high school. Mrs. Eugene Farley sits

in the forefront. Rev. Norman Tiffany is plainly identifiable, also Dr. Daniel Detwiler, on the faculty at

Wilkes, and a resident of Huntsville. photo by Kozemchak

Dallas Gets Big Circus Because Of Date Change

Kelly-Miller Show Was Scheduled For Scranton Yesterday

The Al G. Kelly-Miller Brothers Circus came into town yesterday and put on two excellent performances under the 300-foot big top located in the open field near 42nd street on Memorial Highway.

The show, which employs more than 400 people and is reputed to be the second largest wild animal circus in America, almost "sneaked in town" violating every cherished rule in the pressagent's book.

The absence of advance publicity was due to a fluke. The show was never scheduled to play in Dallas but had been booked for the Scranton area on August 9. Difficulty in securing ample show grounds there, forced the show a week ago to decide on dropping down into Dallas before moving on to Hazelton.

That is how the Back Mountain region yesterday played host to the biggest circus ever to hit the area and in doing so, caught the entire region by surprise.

Traveling in seventy big trailer trucks, the show left Honesdale yesterday morning where it played to two capacity audiences expecting to reach Dallas by 7 a.m., Wednesday.

The cook tent had arrived on the grounds the night before. That was the only sign early morning risers saw of a circus when they reached the grounds Wednesday morning to watch the unloading. It was not until nine o'clock that the other units of the show began to arrive over Route 309. The delay was caused by red lights and traffic tie-ups in Scranton where the big trucks followed Route 11 through the built up sections of upper Wyoming Valley—instead of following Route 6 to Tumshock and then to Dallas.

Among the early arriving units were the elephant and wild animal carriers, refreshments concessions and canvas carriers, but piledriver equipment and the van carrying two of the show's biggest elephants essential to raising the canvas were slow in arriving, delaying the raising of the big top until after noon. But no one seemed worried. "We'll have her up by show time," the superintendent of Canvas said—and sure enough the big top was ready for the afternoon performance at 2.

Everyone appeared to know his assignments and just how to handle it without too much confusion—even though the last unit, a van carrying a load of elephants arrived shortly before 2.

Many of the old hands with the show were veterans of an earlier day with the Barnum and Bailey Circus and extended a welcoming hand to Charles Van Horn, who spent forty years of his life with Al Barnes, Hagenback-Wallace and Ringling Brothers - Barnum and Bailey before settling down in Dallas.

Another striking figure, handsome in mustache, was Howard Stratton of New Orleans who plays in the nine-piece circus band and doubles as a truck driver, bringing in some of the lighter equipment. Stratton, a professional musician for 46 years, and a circus man for the past 35 years was familiar with the Wilkes-Barre and Scranton region where in days gone by he played with the Ted Lewis, and Tommy Dorsey orchestras. He also played three years under Merle Evans of the Ringling Band.

The Kelly-Miller Brothers Band plays a seven hour shift for the two performances each day.

Lake-Lehman Gym Comfortably Full As Residents Seek Status Of School

The open meeting to discuss Lake-Lehman's proposed building program drew a crowd which comfortably filled the large gymnasium Monday evening. Members of the school board and of the authority board, administrators, architects, representatives of Luzerne County Board of Education and of the bonding company, occupied the rostrum.

Dr. Eugene Farley, president of Wilkes College, moderated. John Hewitt, chairman of the Lehigh Authority, and Edgar Lashford, president of the joint school board, presented the case from two opposing sides.

It was apparent from the beginning that residents of the five component school districts were under the impression that the new Junior Senior High School would cost well over two million.

The high school, as designed, will cost \$1,727,510, an amount which the State says is fantastically low for a building to house 840 students. The rest of the total of \$2,088,510 is for mandated structural changes at Lake and Lehigh.

Mr. Hewitt stated that he had repeatedly warned the school board to keep the cost of the school to less than \$2,000,000.

The proposed cost is well within that limit. Many of the tax-payers who signed the petition to halt plans for the school building, having now learned the facts, are anxious to get their names off the list.

Questions were written out and collected for the moderator. Dr. Farley ignored questions which had a personal slant, such as this one: "Would it be possible to determine how many signers of the petition have children attending public schools in this area?" or "Is it true that businessmen have been threatened with reprisals if they did not sign?"

The Little Red Schoolhouse of bygone days came inevitably into the question box. "Abraham Lincoln got his education at home in a log cabin, why do we need frills for our children?"

"For the same reason," was the dry answer, "that you now live in a house with plumbing, drive a car instead of hitching up the horse, and pay 27 cents for a loaf of bread that used to cost you 5 cents."

The Little Red Schoolhouse may become a Big Red Schoolhouse if facilities are not provided for future generations to study the scientific courses required in a highly competitive world where knowledge may spell the difference between National Security and National Catastrophe.

Mr. Hewitt said, "The Authority insisted upon a public meeting so that you tax-payers can know what you are buying, whether the money asked is proper."

Mr. Lashford said, "The School Board also insisted upon a public meeting, for exactly the same reasons." He went on to say, "Much incorrect information had been dis-

van Hurley in charge of publicity and other managerial duties, is a native of Fort Worth, Texas, where he started his newspaper work with the Scripps-Howard Fort Worth Press

Before coming to Dallas, the show played Matamoros and Honesdale. It will play Hazelton today, Tamaqua, Friday and Bloomsburg on Saturday where it will remain on Sunday. Monday it plays Danville, then in order, Williamsport, State College, Tyrone, Altoona and Bedford.

The show's headquarters are in Oklahoma. It owns a second unit, the Beers-Barnes Show which will appear here Tuesday, August 22 under the sponsorship of Jonathan R. Davis Fire Company of Idetown.

seminated. The place to find out about education in an area is the school board, elected by voters that that purpose."

The present program, now three years old, was accepted by the State Department of Education as one with all the requisites but with no needless flourishes, and with the cost kept as low as possible.

To a question, Why do we have to buy land at \$900 per acre when assessed valuation on it is only \$90? the answer was that assessed valuation is not market value. Many houses in the area costing \$15,000, are assessed at \$1,000.

Question: "Will our local tax money be used for building schools in other districts if we do not go ahead with construction?" The answer, "Yes."

Approval is sought for 250 building projects in the State. Only schools with building programs already in the works can be served. This district has had approval which many other districts are vainly seeking.

"Has the Economy League anything to say?" "No. We're here."

"Will districts suffer reduction of subsidies if the progress is cancelled?" "Yes. If you don't plan to spend it, you don't get it. Lake-Noxen lost its subsidy for two years before it entered jointure."

"Who owns the land selected for the school?" "Willard Garey and Warren Meekel. Eleven properties were considered. No land was offered free in spite of popular misconception."

"Is separation of high school and elementary pupils desirable?" "Yes. Any educator, or any parent will agree. Needs and facilities are widely divergent."

"Why not renovate the buildings and spend more money on better teachers?" Lester Squier, supervising principal, answered: "You can't offer a topnotch teacher employment which she will accept if your high school cannot be accredited. Present facilities are not up to standard."

He went on: "Cost of education is up. It is up everywhere, in step with progress. Education costs money. You pay more for a car than you once did, but you still drive a car, wear clothing and eat food. Educating the children is the hope of the future. On technology, mathematics, the sciences, may depend survival."

Answers to the majority of questions were printed in advance in a pamphlet distributed to the audience. It was an orderly meeting, in essence a seeking for information, with pro and con about evenly represented.

Nobody's mind was changed, but everybody had a chance to be heard, so far as time permitted. The meeting was closed by Dr. Farley promptly at 10 p.m.

Harveys Lake Dentist And Wife To Make Future Home In Israel

A Harveys Lake dentist and his wife will leave September 8 to make their future home in Israel. They are Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Tiley who came here ten years ago from Philadelphia.

Six years ago while touring the continent, Dr. and Mrs. Tiley visited Israel for a week and fell in love with it. Last year they returned there for four months and decided then that Haifa should be their future home.

Dr. Tiley, a graduate of Temple University, says that he looks forward to an entirely different type of life there with many educational and cultural opportunities not af-

Chief Irwin Coolbaugh Is A Hospital Patient

Chief of Police Irwin Coolbaugh is a patient at General Hospital where he was admitted last Wednesday morning following a series of weak spells; one of them while he was on patrol in Dallas Township with Asst. Chief Pete Lange. Dr. Malcolm Borthwick was called and ordered the Chief to the hospital for a rest.

Chief Coolbaugh suffered a severe heart attack some years ago and was a hospital patient for many weeks.

Electric Cord Comes To Life Copperhead Slithers Across Livingroom

A Shavertown woman saw what looked like an electric cord on her living room rug early Monday morning. She looked again.

The cord was alive and slithering. Mrs. Edward Carey, Sunset Avenue, alone in the house, was on her way upstairs about 8 a.m. when she noticed the 16 inch copperhead.

She cornered the snake with two card tables and tried to call Chief Herbert Updyke. When there was no answer she called the Shavertown Fire Company. Mrs. William Frederick answered the call and located assistant Chief Jesse Coslett.

When Mrs. Carey returned to the living room the snake had disappeared. She jumped on a chair in time to see it move behind the couch.

Mr. Coslett arrived twenty minutes later and killed the snake. Mrs. Carey sighed, "It was a frightening experience. I'm certainly glad its over."

She planned to take a ride and stay out until her husband and son came home. "All I can see is moving light cords," she said.

Mrs. Carey added they have not seen copperheads near the house for some time but her husband killed a large one several years ago.

Ann Dorrance Appears On Nation's Future

Ann Dorrance, junior at Pennsylvania State College and a 1959 graduate from Westmoreland High School, was among eight students who appeared over Television Saturday night on "The Nation's Future, in a discussion of the Peace Corps. One of the members of the panel was a colored student from Africa. Query by Ann, "If a Peace Corps member from this country should go to Africa, would there be a corresponding Peace Corps member on hand to help the United States member with the language and accepted customs of the country?" The answer was yes, in all probability.

Verdict Murder In 2nd Degree

Kenneth Schweiss Is Sentenced To Prison

Because of an error in announcement of the time for giving of the verdict and sentencing of a Dallas boy, Mrs. Kurt Schweiss was denied the painful privilege of being present when her son Kenneth was brought before President Judge Frank Pinola Thursday morning.

The verdict, announced in town papers for 11 a.m., was in fact given shortly after 10.

Mrs. Schweiss entered the courtroom after sentence of seven and one half to twenty years of imprisonment had been pronounced, following a verdict of murder in the second degree.

Attorneys Monroe Houtz, and Robert Fleming, court-appointed defense counsel, expressed themselves as much pleased at the verdict and the sentence.

The seventeen year old youth shot and killed his father, State Trooper Kurt Schweiss, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, as Trooper Schweiss was entering the kitchen of his home on Huntsville Road after an hour of target shooting with friends.

Kenneth, a former senior at Westmoreland High School, confined at Luzerne County Prison since the day of the self-confessed slaying, will be now assigned to a more suitable State Institution following study at the Diagnostic Center in Philadelphia.

Arrangements will be made so that he can complete his education in either academic or mechanical fields, whichever he desires. Parole will be possible after about the length of time it would have taken him to graduate from college, and serve a hitch in the armed services. Nine months of the sentence has already been served.

Ralph Dixon, 54 Dies In Prime

Prominent Dallas Man Has Fatal Heart Attack

The community was stunned by the untimely death early Monday morning of Ralph Dixon, prominent Dallas businessman and proprietor of Dixon's Restaurant.

Services are scheduled for this morning at 11 from the Discus Funeral Home. Officiating will be Rev. Russell Lawry. Burial will be in Forty Fort Cemetery.

Mr. Dixon, 54, has been an important part of the community ever since he moved here from Hudson twelve years ago, to open Dixon's Market on Main Street. Eight years ago, he opened a restaurant on Lake Street, which quickly became the Mecca for regional businessmen, who discussed community problems over a morning coffee-break.

Men who dropped by automatically for a cup of coffee Monday morning, found the doors locked.

Ralph Dixon, apparently in perfect health, had suffered a fatal heart attack. Active in community affairs, he attended Dallas Methodist Church. Masonic affiliations included Landmark Lodge 442 P&AM; Keystone Consistory and Irem Temple.

Prior to moving to Dallas with his family and settling at Elmcrest, he had owned and operated a grocery in Hudson. His childhood and youth were spent in Hudson, where he was born in 1907. His parents were the late Robert and Esther Carter Dixon.

He leaves his widow, the former Betty Courtwright; daughters Marion and Gail; three brothers: Fred, of Cleveland; Norman, Malvern; Rev. Wesley Dixon, Levittown.

Dallas Man Stung By Copperhead Snake

A Dallas man, cutting long grass with a scythe on the Hale Coughlin place at Apple Hill, was stung two weeks ago by a copperhead, and spent several agonizing hours before the anti-venom administered by Dr. Ben Groblewski counteracted the poison.

Charles Snyder, Claude Street, saw the tip of the snake's tail disappearing as he realized he had been bitten. He ran to the house for ammonia, then drove to Dr. Groblewski's office in Lehman. Four hours and four anti-venom shots later, he called his wife to say that he could now come home.

Mr. Snyder's leg, bitten between knee and ankle, developed an infection. Ten days later, after many shots and many treatments, he got his medical discharge.

Local doctors are stocking their usual summer supply of anti-venom. Speed in getting treatment, they warn, is essential. Many copperheads have been reported in the area. Copperhead venom is deadly. A victim can die in three hours unless prompt aid is obtained.

ATTENTION PLEASE

All those accustomed to purchasing their Dallas Post at Dixon's or Helen's may get them this week at Bert's Drugstore, Main Street, Dallas.

Log Cabin Takes Shape As Davies Family Realizes Fondest Dream



A log cabin was once the norm, when pioneers cleared the wilderness and used the resultant timber to throw up snug homes, notching the logs and filling the interstices with packed clay.

But nowadays, a real log cabin is a rarity. That makes the Carlton Davies cabin near Mehoopany newsworthy.

A man from the foothills of the Great Smokies is doing the actual building with the assistance of his sixteen year old son. With roof rafters going up fast, Wesley Tutherford and Dempsey make the chips fly, as they stand on a scaffold high above the cabin floor. With deft strokes they level the tops of the rafters, in readiness for the pine lumber which will form the foundation for a metal roof.

"It's an anachronism to have an aluminum roof," explains Mrs. Davies, "but it's a lot safer in the woods, and we'll paint it to harmonize. Too bad we couldn't use wooden shingles, but you see all those hemlock trees? If a spark from the fireplace started a blaze, there'd be a real forest fire."

Four summers ago, the Davies family from Macell Avenue, Dallas, came quite by chance upon the most beautiful spot they had ever seen, one which they were sure could not be bought. But it happened that the owner suddenly decided to sell, and Dr. Davies was on the spot.

Thirty-four acres of woodland, some steeply precipitous, climbing up the mountain side; some of it level woodland along Mehoopany Creek.

For three summers the Davies family spent the vacation days on their new property, sleeping at night in a tiny shack furnished with bunks, and revelling in the clear sun-dappled creek with its crowning backdrop of rocky ledge and steep mountainside.

In January, they laid plans for a log cabin.

Raymond Sands, of Mehoopany, felled the timber to specification. Reese Davis, Mrs. Carlton Davies' father, a lumberman and construction man of fifty years experience, plotted the cabin for the ultimate in rustic livability.

He worked out exactly how many logs he would need, what length, and of what diminishing diameter as the cabin progressed from foundation toward rafters.

With the logs seasoned by winter's snow and the drying winds of spring, the Davies cabin was ready to translate itself from blue-print to reality.

Readers of the Dallas Post were intrigued by a little "Wanted" ad in the Trading Post: "Wanted, services of a skid-horse and handler."

What was a skid-horse? Telephone calls multiplied. Did the folks want a saw-horse by any chance? Several subscribers had saw-horses in good condition, but hesitated to offer them.

Mrs. Davies explained A skid-horse, she said, was a good husky horse, not too big, sure-footed on lumber trails, able to snake down seasoned logs.

No skid-horses were offered. Dr. Davies hired a small tractor (with handler) to do the job. The tractor

worked its way up the hill backward, to avoid disaster.

Down came the logs, delivered to the site of the cabin, and everybody in the family learned how to use a spud-bar, peeling the logs for construction.

By this time, the actual builders were in residence in the shack. Mr. and Mrs. Tutherford arrived from Murphy, N. C. early in May, and the work started immediately.

How did the Tutherows get into the picture?

Mrs. Davies' father has a venerable mill in Marble, North Carolina. Mr. Tutherford was an employee who had had long experience in building tight log cabins, and had just completed a cabin of his own. (Not a log cabin. His wife prefers frame construction.)

The Tutherows, with all their nine children married except Dempsey, were in a mood to take off. The entire family lives within easy driving distance of home base. Sixteen grandchildren might have added up to a lot of baby sitting.

It's a charge, says Mrs. Tutherford. But anybody can see, as she rifles through the baby pictures, that she is looking forward to getting back home again, where she can happily prepare Sunday dinner for the entire clan, and be properly amazed at the growth of the youngest grandchild.

In the past two months, the cabin has taken shape.

Plans call for a mammoth field stone fireplace in the living area, with an outside fireplace at cooking level on the opposite side. A brick chimney, family focus for screened porch meals.

The inside fireplace will be built around a heater, and an old fashioned cooking stove will be installed, for comfort on chilly mornings.

This cabin, except for its appearance, bears little resemblance to the rude shelters of the pioneers.

Power lines have been run in from nearby route 87.

A statement which deserves a paragraph by itself.

The most critical piece of plumbing is already installed, unshaded from the public eye at present. Basin and bath will follow in due course, plus containing walls of knotty pine.

The Dallas MYF has always been entertained at the cabin site. They were present when the Mehoopany Baptists exercised their age-old privilege of conducting their baptismal ceremonies in the clear stream below the cabin.

There is a gradual shelving from the near bank to the eight-foot depth where torrents have carved a pool below a jutting ledge of rock, the perfect diving place. And beyond, the mountain goes up and up.

For people who believe in family solidarity, those who consider that it is of the utmost importance that children live and play under the wise direction of their parents during their formative years, this is the half-cyon spot where summer days are all too fleeting; where interesting work goes hand in hand with recreation; and where a family is building ties that can never be broken.

Mr. And Mrs. Clifford Space Leave Dallas After 37 Years

After thirty-seven years in Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Space have sold their home on Huntsville Road, and left Saturday for their new home at Fairmont Springs, eight miles from the home of their daughter, Madge, Mrs. Richard Johns of Benton.

Originally of Forty Fort, Mr. and Mrs. Space moved here to the 125-acre Ryman Farm in August 1924 after living for eight years on a farm at Carverton.

The charming home they now leave was formerly the Ryman store across the street from the original farm home now owned by Atty. and Mrs. John Phillips.

For many years Mr. Space had a herd of thirty cows on the farm and engaged in buying and selling livestock. He still retains about 35 acres of the original farm, the rest having been sold for home sites.

Mr. Space served several years on Dallas School Board. After completing the unexpired term of the late

Mrs. James Oliver he was elected for a full six-year term.

He was elected to the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Dallas thirty-five years ago during the Presidency of the late George R. Wright and will continue to serve on the Advisory Board of the Dallas Branch of Miners National Bank. With the exception of W. B. Jeter who became cashier at about the same time, Mr. Space is the only surviving member of the old Bank Board.

The Space Farm was a lively spot when their two daughters were growing up there. Both were expert horsewomen and both had an artistic talent for sketching horses and farm animals.

The Spaces say the latch string will always be out at Fairmont Springs for their Dallas friends—turn left at the store at Red Rock, then left at the next store along the way, Dallas School Board. After completing the unexpired term of the late

Tight Schedule Results From Work Stoppage

Architects Assure Board High School Will Open On Time

According to a report given to Dallas school directors Tuesday evening by Joseph Hoban, speaking for Lacy, Atherton and Davis, the new school will definitely be ready for occupancy in spite of a strike which stopped workmen for three days last week.

Tile-layers, pulled off the job and assigned elsewhere, are expected back immediately. Their absence held up floor laying in the administrative offices, causing cancellation of plans to occupy offices in the new building the first week in August. A three day work stoppage adds up to much more than three days, disrupting the time schedule controlling delivery of equipment and moving of supplies.

The sewage system is complete except for laying on of water.

Work stoppage cancelled out a complete dry run of cafeteria service scheduled for mid-August, reducing it to a workshop on use of equipment only. Plans are to use the cafeteria for the first time September 5, when luncheon will be served to the faculty, school board members and their wives, following a teachers' meeting.

Blackboards will be delivered by August 15, installed before the end of the month. Classrooms, except for blackboards, are ready to go.

Cleaning has started. Auditorium chair backs are installed, seats will be added after the floors are finished, within the next few days.

Kitchen equipment is complete. Touch-up of paint is necessary in a number of places.

The football field, now in need of mowing, will not be usable until turf has been established.

School directors, faced with possibility of postponement of opening of the new school when the strike was called last week, were greatly relieved at Mr. Hoban's report.

Open House at the new high school is tentatively scheduled for Friday and Saturday before Labor Day. It was suggested that seniors, and members of the Key Club act as guides through the new school, familiarizing themselves with arrangements for the benefit of high school students who will enter September 6.

The proposed Open House will not take the place of dedication, for which no time has yet been set. Dedication will take place after the school is in operation, at a date to be announced.

Nation-Wide Insurance was given the contract for student and football insurance. Parents will pay \$2.50 per year for protection against accident for each of their children, from the time the child leaves the house in the morning until he arrives home again after school. Coverage includes playgrounds operated under school supervision.

Football insurance is carried by the school.

Jack Stanley, speaking for Building and Grounds, invited the school board to hold its next meeting, September 12, at the new school.

Personnel

In the superintendent's report, Dr. Robert Mellman called attention to the excellent work done by custodians in readying Westmoreland Elementary Building for grade school children and the kindergarten. He said that the schools now have top-notch men for maintenance and operation.

Mrs. Ruth Ambrose will teach first grade at Dallas Elementary. The new kindergarten teacher at Westmoreland will be Mrs. Leila Anskis, graduate of Bloomsburg, temporary professional employee.

Theresa Rakus, also a graduate of Bloomsburg, employed on a temporary basis, will teach English at the senior high school.

Mrs. Grace Lord was granted a leave of absence.

Mrs. Paul LaBar will serve meals three hours daily at Dallas Elementary.

Census Enumeration

Recent census figures compiled by Thomas H. Jenkins show that Dallas Borough has a population of 2,186; Dallas Township, 4,287; Franklin, 949; Kingston Township, 5,549, a total of 12,971 for the Dallas School District.

Uncovered for the first time and added to the per capita taxables were 144 in Dallas Borough; 336 in Dallas Township; 95 in Franklin; 423 in Kingston Township, a potential \$9,980 in income.

Named Commissioner

Margaret Ann Stroud, Meadowcrest, was authorized to take testimony and depositions in court cases, by order of Judge Jacob Shiffman, who appointed her a standing commissioner on motion of Atty. Mitchell Jenkins. Miss Stroud is secretary for General Jenkins law firm of Rosenn, Jenkins, and Greenwald.