

Magnificent New Home For Aged Means Little If Residents Are Forgotten

By CHARLES GILBERT

Four million dollars is a lot of money! But when one walks about and through the new Valley Crest Home out on East End Boulevard one feels that here is money well invested in the care and rehabilitation of people who need it. On this 80 acre tract is now constructed what Dr. Maurice E. Linden M.D. of the Department of Public Health and Community Services of Philadelphia called Sunday "The leading institution of its kind in the nation".

Thousands of visitors thronged the grounds and building to attend the dedication ceremonies of Valley Crest Home. It was a perfect day with blue skies all around making it possible to hold the entire program out of doors. This reporter found himself in the midst of a jam of people waiting for the ribbon cutting in order to go on a guided tour through the corridors and facilities of this ultra modern work of architectural art and convenience.

There may have been many more from the Back Mountain communities but I saw Rev. Robert Yost of Shavertown Methodist Church in the crowd. And close by were Rev. and Mrs. Russell Lawry of Dallas. In my opinion these two brethren never saw such a crowd even on Easter Sunday. Russ Lawry remarked, "I'm going to pick me out a room here!" The rooms as we saw them would be luxury accommodations for anyone.

It is easy for me to pass over the magnificent appointments in every department. It looked as if everything conceivable has been thought of to care medically and physically for the 300 patients which the building will accommodate. It is all important and to the great credit of the county commissioners who with vision planned and brought to fruition the whole plan. All of this, however, is just a waste of money apart from the dedicated plans for the type of personnel who will be selected to implement the high ideals of the institutional

district and the Director Dr. Alfred C. Craft. The brochures and the valley newspapers have described the equipment and building in detail. It is well to quote here from the brochure the ideals of Dr. Kraft, for they constitute what to this writer are outstanding and so full of dreams that one can devoutly hope and pray that they may be carried out on behalf of those who will be the residents of this home.

He says: "Valley Crest is a medically oriented building, operated as an important part of the medical and social services of Luzerne County. Its role will be to provide a comprehensive array of services in the attack against long term illness. This requires care for the seriously ill, a dynamic convalescent and rehabilitation program for those who have a potential for recovery, and a variety of supporting services for those who are destined to remain for long periods."

Another paragraph in the brochure needs repeating:

"The prime challenge facing a building of this kind is to instill new life in the hearts of aging bodies, and to change the despair and apathy of old people who are sick and poor into a new desire to live healthy lives again, and to return to their homes. To meet this challenge a great deal of attention has been given to those things that nourish people's souls as well as their bodies."

A comment from this reporter who for six years has had contact with aged and ailing people may not be amiss. I would urge people of Luzerne County not to let the residents of institutions become forgotten people. There is forlorn loneliness so tragic that one comes away from an institution with a feeling of mental depression unless he definitely goes for the purpose of bringing to the patients a sense of being remembered and a feeling of friendship for them. This calls for a beautiful well-equipped building but it calls for far more, for the concern of people as friends of the friendless.

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Riot Of Color And Costumes For Big Halloween Parade In Dallas

Stamping and prancing, Dallas High School Majorettes went into their act before the reviewing stand Tuesday night, as officers halted traffic in Central Dallas, and the Big Halloween Parade got under way.

Junior high school drill team, in flaring scarlet skirts and white blouses, red pompons bouncing at white drill boots, played leaves the leader, as they reversed their march while leaders plowed steadily ahead in the wake of the senior band and majorettes.

A tidal wave of 600 would-be marchers in wild costumes awaited the signal on the far side of the highway until the High School Band had finished playing the National Anthem.

The parade, postponed from Monday night because of rain, had fair and warmer weather for the march a break for lightly clad ballet dancers and children in cotton costumes.

Mothers and fathers escorted the small fry.

One of the hits of the evening was a set of uppers and lowers, chomping busily as it marched down Main Street displaying the sign, Look Ma, No Cavities.

A large bunch of carrots was another eye-catcher, also a line of five little devils in stairstep sizes.

The space age was represented by nose cones and costumes obviously from Mars, and the Old Grey Mare, a usual, head and tail assemblies connected with something bearing a strange resemblance to the spare-room bedspread.

A pair of pygmies got a big hand. A lanky youth, apparently walking on his hands with his feet in the air, got a laugh.

The parade was more varied than usual. It rounded the corner to Mill Street, came back up the highway to the traffic light and the reviewing stand, where winners were siphoned off by judges and escorted to the Fire House.

In advance of the march of contestants, Dallas High School Band played the National Anthem, while the audience sang, led by Herman Kern.

Chairmen were John Williams and Robert Brown.

Winners were:
In the Specialty Class: Alberta and Renita Cross, Larry Spaciano, Barbara and Ruth Lawry, Debbie Welsh, Gale and Linda Doughton, Cheryl Welsh; extra prizes: Patty Kush, Dale, Bobby and Paul Elston, Sharon Frederick, Earl and Donny Evans, Billy Templin, Ronny Roberts, Doug Bulford, David and Bill Rowett.

Most original: Peggy Bayliss, Karen Lee Purvin, Raymond Cross, Richard Cross; extra prizes: Drew and Jan Bittenbender, Dean Johnson, Lois Rondinella, Charles Liebold, Susan Sipple, Ruth Lewis, Patricia Lewis, Christine Rubine, Jeffery Brown, Douglas Schooley.

Funnies: Ernest Ashbridge, Valerie Jones, Jean Beagle, Robert and Robin Sterling; extras: Patty Carey, Don Kitchen, Gail Morgan, Jack Bestwick, Sam Zachary, John McClelland, Debbie Dymond, Jennie Lee Bainbridge, Marie Groblewski, Jimmy Roth, Paul Castorline.

Best Dressed: Charlene Albosta, Lisette Liebold, Lisette Liebold, Richard Bennie, Valerie Edwards; extras: Clara Hines, Cindy Budd, Paula Maxwell, Sandy Hill, Megan Delaney, Janice Huston, Mimi Mairy, Marylee Mohr, Katherine Makravitz, Jocelyn Strunk, Tom Rowett.

Best Group: Matt, Jeff, Karen, Laurel, Ricky Gillis family; Mrs. Cliff Foss and daughter; Ms. Kocher and Leona Oberst; John, Christy, and Eric Steinhart; special prizes: Boyes Brothers, Debbie Bulford, Roger Brown, Chick Spencer, George Mahler, Allan and Joyce Kocher, Janice and Phyllis Hanna, Elaine Kuehn, Gloria and Megan Thomas, Bruce Davies, Susan Moore, Kathy and Lisa Schleich, Paulette Albosta, Gale Ann Boyer, Thomas and Ann McLaughlin.

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Interest High In Contest For Tax Collector

There is a battle royal on for Tax Collector in Kingston Township and the outcome is anybody's guess.

Two good men are running for the position—Henry Kann, Democrat, and Vern Pritchard, Republican. In the Primaries Pritchard beat out the veteran and well-liked Tax Collector Ted Poed in a three-cornered fight that saw many votes going to popular Ted Woolbert. Pritchard's victory against strong competition in the Primaries may have been an omen of his personal strength, but Kann is out to make him prove it.

No Democrat would ordinarily have much of a chance in rock-ribbed Republican Kingston Township, but Kann is extremely popular and as an auditor has all of the qualifications for Tax Collector. He has a hard row to hoe. No Democrat has carried the Township within the memory of most voters.

This about sums up the local situation except for the County Contest.

Arthur Smith, incumbent Supervisor won both the Republican and Democratic nominations in the Primaries. Mrs. Beatrice Williams and Frederick Anderson won the Republican nominations for Justice of the Peace and only two are to be elected.

All in all the excitement in Kingston Township hinges on the outcome of the contest between Pritchard and Kann.

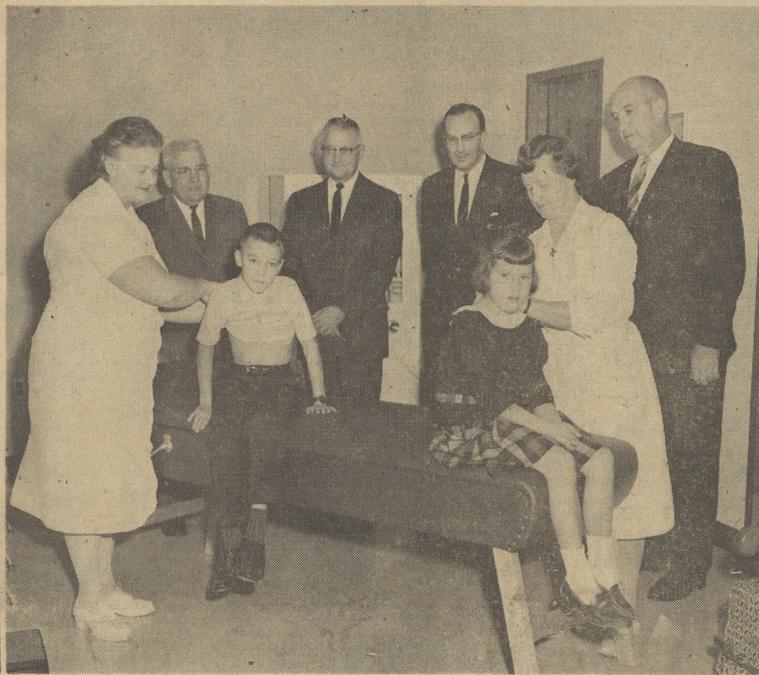
No Trace Of Thieves

State and local police are still without leads in their search for the robbers who entered Gorda's Sunoco Station on Memorial Highway sometime between Sunday night and Monday morning and took a quantity of money as well as accessories.

The thieves made their entry through side window which they smashed, but were deliberate about it taking their time to unbolt a heavy bar that locked the window from the rear.

Bill James, attendant, who locked the station Sunday night, also discovered the theft when he came to work Monday morning.

Elementary Children Receive Patch Test



Robert Huttman, sixth grade, and Megan Moore, second grade, pupils in the Dallas School District, are being prepared to receive the tuberculosis patch test from Mrs. Eudora Baird and Miss A. Jennie Hill, school nurses. Others in the picture, from left to right, are W. Frank Trimble, high school principal; Dr. Robert A. Mellman, superintendent; Rev. Robert DeWitt Yost, pastor of Shavertown Methodist Church; and William A. Austin, supervisor of elementary education. Dr. Mellman and Rev. Yost are members of the Wyoming Valley Tuberculosis and Health Society's board of directors and members of the

committee on patch testing. Charles Mannear and Dr. Irvin Jacobs, the other Back Mountain committee members, were out of town when the picture was taken. Wyoming Valley Tuberculosis and Health Society's annual Christmas Seal sale finances the program of patch-testing of all second and sixth grade pupils. All second and sixth grade pupils of the Dallas School District will receive the patch test during the week of December 11-13. Chest X-rays are made each year of tenth grade pupils. The x-ray mobile unit of the Wyoming Valley Tuberculosis and Health Society will be at Dallas Senior High School, November 20.

Children reacting positively to the patch test will be sent to Kirby Health Center for X-Ray. Family history will be studied, and tests may be made of the entire family, and of the school bus driver, according to authorities at the Kirby Health Center. If there is widespread prevalence of positive reactors, entire elementary school enrollment may be given the patch test.

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Ten Directors Seek Election To Joint Board

Contests Lack Fire In Spite Of Furor Over New Building

One Democratic and eight Republican School Directors are up for reelection to Lake-Lehman Joint School Board and all will have opposition.

Two each are seeking reelection in each of the five districts served by the big jointure except in Ross Township where long time Director Alfred Bronson will not seek reelection.

But there is almost complete apathy among the electorate and the contests lack sparkle and fire in spite of the recent furor over the construction of a new high school.

As one voter, who opposed the new school, put it this week: "I've changed my mind. I'd like to have them all reelected. After seeing what the State spent for the new Correctional Institution in Jackson Township for criminals, I think we ought to spend just as much for our kids for a good school!"

Maybe that sums up the change of thought in all of the districts comprising the Lake-Lehman Jointure. "If the State is going to force us to spend money for education, let's go for the best."

JACKSON TOWNSHIP
Here are the contests as they are shaping up.

In Jackson Township the terms of Directors John Fielding and George Bulford are expiring. They are opposed on the Democratic Ticket by Joseph Gibbons, a retired railroad worker, who has no children in school and Edward Schrama, a town merchant, who has children in school.

Fielding, a building contractor with children in school, has been a member of the Board for six years. He serves on the Buildings and Grounds, and Transportation Committees and is an alternate on the School Projects Committee. He has lived in the township for twenty years.

His running mate is George Bulford, a member of Jackson Board for the past twenty-four years and its present president. He serves on the Education and School Policies Committee and has lived in the area most of his life.

Lake Township
In Lake Township incumbents Willard Sutton and Howard Platt are opposed by Joseph Schappert and John Honeywell on the Democratic ticket.

Sutton is district manager of Rambler automobile sales and has been a member of the Board for four years. He is president of the Lake Board. He is a member of the School Policies, Transportation and School Projects Committees of the Jointure. He has lived in the area practically all of his life and has children in school.

Platt, a farmer with a number of children in school, is a member of the Building and Grounds Committee. He was appointed to the Board a little over a year ago to serve the unexpired term of David Jones. He has lived in the District more than twenty years.

Lehman Township
Incumbents William Naugle and Bruce Williams have a stiff battle on their hands in Lehman Township. Both are valuable members of the Board but that also makes them vulnerable.

They will be opposed by Joseph Niezgod, long-time resident of the area and superintendent of Holiday House of the Jewish Community Center. His running mate is John Chesnovitch who has opposed the new school from the beginning and whose children do not attend public schools.

Naugle, a retired farmer, has been a member of the Board for more than twenty years, and has played an important part in bringing Lehman Schools to their present high standing. Williams, whose occupation as representative of the Black-

Flames Badly Damage Unoccupied Bungalow

Fire of undetermined origin started in the bathroom and spread to other rooms of an unoccupied six room bungalow at Perrins Marsh Friday afternoon at 1:40.

A passing truck driver spotted flames and smoke rising from the Joseph Gronski home, Franklin, Dallas and Kunkle fire companies had the fire under control by 4 p.m. Damage amounts to several thousands according to Edward Dorrance, Franklin Fire Chief. He states that the house had been vacant for several months, and that electricity had been shut off.

Dedication Set At Institution Today At 2 P.M.

Governor Lawrence Will Officiate At Traditional Rite

Dedication of the State Correctional Institution at Jackson Township is scheduled for today at 2PM, with Governor David Lawrence officiating at laying of the cornerstone in the administration building.

Two years ago in December, the prison received its first consignment of inmates, a token number, increased gradually over the months until it now houses its capacity load of 972, with a staff of 274.

Superintendent Frank C. Johnson states that notables have been invited. They include Attorney-General David Stahl, former Attorney General Aln Alpen, Commissioner of Correction Arthur Prasse, members of the Supreme Court, elected officials of Luzerne County, and head of other State Institutions.

The general public is invited to exercises in the auditorium. It is asked that no children under sixteen be present.

Ground was broken in January of 1955. Governor John M. Fine turning the sod for the sewage disposal system.

Jobs In Health Field Plentiful

There are over 150 different jobs available in the health field, Dr. C. Hayden Phillips, State Health Department medical director for this region, said this week as Health Careers Month officially began.

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Building Picks Up

Building is picking up in the Back Mountain Region. Whitesell Brothers have four new homes under construction and have just completed four others along with an addition to accommodate 12 more patients at Carpenter Convalescent Home.

New York Firm Buys Big Dallas Plant For Cash

Firm Operates Other Plants In Virginia And New Jersey

James G. Groendyk, head of the rubber operations for Great American Industries of New York, announced yesterday that the corporation has acquired Linear, Incorporated, with manufacturing facilities in Dallas, and research and development laboratories in Philadelphia.

Linear Incorporated will be a wholly owned subsidiary of Great American Industries with sales of approximately \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 in specialized moulded shapes and packings catering particularly to the automotive, farm equipment, aircraft, electronic, missile, rocket and space industries as well as to other original equipment manufacturers.

Mr. Groendyk stated Linear was acquired by Great American Industries for cash.

Its operations will supplement the other rubber companies owned and operated by Great American. These are: Rubatex, with its main plant at Bedford, Va., specializing in closed cell rubber and other components for the automobile industry, shoe soles and other large industrial manufacturers; the Lorraine Rubber Company with its plant in Maywood, N. J. which specializes in processing moulded rubber for use in all industries; and Great American Electronics Company, a recent development, located in a new plant at Bedford, Virginia, specializing in the manufacture of rubber for all types of shock absorbing equipment.

Linear operates in a modern building situated on 17 acres of land allowing room for future expansion.

Mr. Groendyk said he will head the new management team.

Assisted by F. A. Lewis, A. W. Swartz, Jr., P. H. Moore, and B. Grupp.

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MRS. THOMAS VERNON
No candidate for public office could have worked harder and made more friends than Mrs. Thomas Vernon of Truckville, Republican candidate for School Director-At-Large.

Well educated, a devoted mother with large community interests, Mrs. Vernon has the distinction with Welton Farrar, Wilkes College Professor, of being the first candidate to seek election in the five townships of the Dallas Union District.

Could Be Swans Or Canadian Geese

It could have been whistling swans, or it could have been Canadian geese swimming on Huntsville Reservoir Tuesday morning. James Kozemchak reported that the birds were very large, swimming in the middle of the reservoir, paired off in six couples. Drivers stopped their cars to get a better look. Immature swans, agree Mrs. Arnott Jones and Edwin Johnson, have the greyish plumage which Jimmie described,