

Dallas Schools Honor Students

Honor Roll For Six Weeks Period

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Seniors: Marjorie Baird, Thomas Borthwick, Gary Cobb, William Eckrodt, Susan Fleming, Paul Haradem, Mary Hoyt, Paul Jenkins, Susan Larish, John Molski, Richard Ratcliffe, Del Voight, John Wardell.

Juniors: Samuel Berkey, John Brominski, Robert Brown, Edith Chapple, Susan Cheney, Jacqueline Churry, Connie Condoras, Susan Cox, Teresa Cushner, Linda Douglas, Howard Dymond, Bradley Earl, Beverly Eck, Larry Edwards, John Farley, Peggy Fleming, Roger Hackling, Joanne Hadsall, Marguerite Harowitz, Barbara Hopkins, Michael Jones, Susan Karl, Carl Kaschenbach, William Kelley, Andrea Krimmel, Elmer Lamoreaux, Georgia McCutcheon, Kathleen Maury, Thomas Peirce, Sylvia Phillips, Lee Philo, Dianne Pope, Janice Priebe, Leonard Reggie, Gail Rumbaugh, Jack Ryan, Jack Simpson, Ronald Sincrope, Sheryl Stanley, Sharon Titus, Marsha Sowden, Joseph Ulinoski, Karen Walk.

Sophomores: Robert Anderson, Patsy Block, Susan Bogdan, Judy Bergstrasser, Linda Casterline, Kenneth Chapple, Carol Coburn, Linda Davis, Carolyn Dendler, Susan Dingle, Margaret Dixon, Charles Dodson, Ellen Evans, Sharon Lee Evans, Stephen Farrar, Reese Finn, Jean Fleming, Marjorie Glahn, Walter Gosart, Monica Haradem, Bruce Hopkins, Carol Hudak, Catherine Hudak, Laura Jenkins, Nadine Kuderka, Gail Lamoreaux, Neil Martin, Albert Matukitis, Charles Miller, Marilyn Moyer, Bettina Myers, Jo Ann Norrie, Judith Novitsky, David Palmer, Linda Parsons, Sharon Phillips, Sandra Schweiss, Jean Shales, Patricia Smith, Susan Smith, Nicholas Sosik, Jacqueline Stanley, Harry Sweppenheiser, Keith Swisher, Judy Taylor, Robert Templin, Jo Ann Tucker, Charlene Tyrell, David Wadas, Ann Woolbert, Judith Wright, Helen Yagloski, Shirley Zarychta, Rosemary Zekas.

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By d'Alessio



"I'm starving too, Suzy. What say we each grab a sandwich and I'll call you back in ten minutes!"

How Does Dallas School System Compare With Others In State?

Fewer and fewer taxpayers are interested in what their schools are doing, judging from the slim attendance at Wednesday night's panel, continued from a panel on school affairs held two weeks earlier at Dallas Senior High School and not completed. The panel discussion October 10 drew fifty people; last Wednesday the number was thirty.

The meeting was staged in the library at Dallas Senior High School, with Morris Slater, president of Citizens Committee for Better Schools replacing William Clewell as moderator. Robert Ziegler, Welton Farrar and Dr. Robert A. Mellman were panelists.

School board members, teachers, and a sprinkling of solid citizens comprised the audience.

Dr. Mellman displayed charts, showing in graphic form the number of pupils in ratio to teachers, the number expected next year, and the rising enrollment in each classroom if the number of teachers is not increased.

Addition of each teacher, he pointed out, means an additional \$4,000 in the budget. Beginning with the fourth grade, he continued, it is vital that teachers be able to deal with smaller classes. In the primary grades, one, two and three, absences caused by measles, chickenpox, and

other childhood diseases, hold down the daily average of attendance. A class of thirty-five shrinks to thirty.

In the High School, he saw the expansion of library service as of paramount importance.

He repeated his statement of October 10, "This is an austerity program. Not a nickel is spent that is not called for in the budget. A new building costs money. This one carries a yearly rental of almost \$100,000, paid to the Building Authority, and utilities cost \$35,000."

Later in the evening, he said, "Taxes out here are painfully low. Millage of 78 sounds like a lot, but it is estimated on an extremely low and unrealistic property valuation, having no real relation to actual market value."

Next year, 648 students are expected in Senior High School. When plans for the building were first drawn, Harrisburg went grudgingly along with the idea of a 600 pupil high school, with no expectation that this number of students would be reached for many years. No go-ahead for a more adequate auditorium could be procured. If the district built it, the State could not guarantee reimbursement on the over-size specifications. The school is now using every inch of space. It is possible that the patio outside the

Library may be enclosed and used for classes.

At Junior High School, smaller classes have taken the pressing load from teachers, and they concur that they are getting much better results. Imperceptibly, school enrollment is growing steadily. With the completion of the long delayed Luzerne-Dallas highway, it is reasonable to suppose that more families will find it desirable to move to the Back Mountain.

In the elementary picture, two more classrooms are to be readied at Westmoreland, remodeled from the former industrial arts room. This will require two more teachers.

Sample Questions:

Q. How about standardization of all school buildings, a master plan for the entire State?

A. What is suitable for one section might not be suitable for another. A wealthy district, able to sign the tab for anything it wants, would not be satisfied with the same building which might fill the bill for another area not blessed with so much income. Individual homes differ, individuals are not run into a mould. A school should have individuality, depending upon the locality.

Q. How does the amount we are spending on each pupil for educa-

tion, not including transportation, compare with other districts?

A. We spent \$319.62 this current year per pupil, not including transportation. The cost of transportation is over \$58,000. Some districts allow \$500 to \$600 per pupil. Very few spend less than we do. And this is an area which expects to attract a high class of people, with the schools a strong drawing point. The cost per pupil here is a little less than it was last year, when the cost was \$330.34. Not enough is allowed for books, though study materials are about right.

Q. How many pupils from Meadowcrest, and are the residents of the Housing Authority paying taxes? (This was a question asked by many people.)

A. There are 56 pupils from Meadowcrest. Residents pay per capita taxes. As they are all renters, they have no property tax.

Q. Why can't the teachers be relieved of collecting for various funds?

A. It is a valuable experience in living in a community, for children to contribute their own money. We need clerical help, but this is expensive.

Q. How does our school system

highly competitive world.

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Q. What gain would there be in merging in a larger unit according to the proposed Luzerne County plan?

A. In a larger unit, more specialization could lead to a better program, teachers not wasting their efforts in teaching subjects for which they are not so well qualified, but concentrating upon their own fields. Research would be possible, a curriculum center of information, perhaps a mobile language laboratory. Duplication could be avoided a superior teacher more widely used.

At the close of the session, Mr. Ziegler distributed pamphlets and maps, outlining the proposed merger as affecting Unit C, embracing the Dallas school system. The State strongly advocates 4,000 pupils as the absolute minimum for an acceptable district.

Final findings: Education is not for free. It is going to cost more whether the merger is formed or not, if the community wants to maintain its standards or go ahead with a program which would better prepare students for living in a

highly competitive world.

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Drawn For Jury Duty

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