

## Local Districts Register Protest On State Plan

### Back Mountain Spurns Shickshinny, Which Returns The Spurn

Northwest Jointure, Lake-Lehman Jointure, and Dallas Union School District were among the thirteen school districts protesting in Harrisburg Tuesday against proposed reorganization of Luzerne County's 70 school districts into seven.

The Back Mountain went on record as not wishing to unite with the Shickshinny area, and Shickshinny directors were equally against being bulldozed into uniting with the Back Mountain.

Shickshinny wants to go toward Berwick, in Columbia County, if forced to consolidate. There is precedent. Noxen, an integral part of the Lake-Lehman Jointure, is in Wyoming County. Monroe Township, for a brief and stormy time part of a five way jointure consisting of Dallas Borough, Dallas, Kingston, Franklin and Monroe Townships, is also in Wyoming County.

Lester Squier, supervising principal at Lake-Lehman, and Lewis Chrisman, solicitor, pointed out that Lake-Lehman has an investment of over two and a half million in buildings since 1951, that it has a good program and good teachers, that it is solvent, and that it meets all requirements outlined by the State except that of student population. It is a going concern.

Dr. Robert A. Mellman, superintendent of Dallas Schools, with Atty. Jonathan Valentine and Dr. Robert Bodycomb, went on record as opposed to consolidation with Northwest District. But it did point out that if Lake-Lehman and Dallas should combine, it would bring the population safely over the 4,000 mark set by the State as a goal.

Mr. Valentine stated that Dallas was the best and most progressive district in Northeast Pennsylvania, with Lake-Lehman a close runner-up.

Lake-Lehman, with no chance for rebuttal, suggested that this was a moot point.

Actually, such a combination was proposed over ten years ago, but got nowhere.

Atty. Mitchell Jenkins represented Luzerne County School Board in Harrisburg.

## Sutton, Frantz, Reelected At Lake-Lehman

### Hope To Have Gym Finished For First Home-Game Jan. 5

Lake-Lehman directors reelected Willard Sutton, Lake Township, as president Tuesday evening, and Charles Frantz, Jackson, vice president. Other officers are elected in July.

The Christmas calendar was revised to give students one more day of vacation, December 26. Late opening of the schools September 24, mandated cancellation of all possible holidays during the year 1962-1963.

An extra day at Christmas means closing June 17. All we don't need now, agreed directors, is a three day snowstorm.

Lester Squier, supervising principal, reported that the special flooring was being laid in the gymnasium, that lights were installed, bleachers and baskets on the way, and that the first home game of basketball could probably be played on the home floor January 5.

Attendance at Samuel Davenport at a National English Convention in Florida over the Thanksgiving weekend at his own expense, was okayed. The only expense the school district assumed was that of hiring a substitute. Attendance at schools the day after Thanksgiving was very good, Mr. Squier reported.

Mildred Scrutsky, Home Economics instructor was granted leave of absence until July 1.

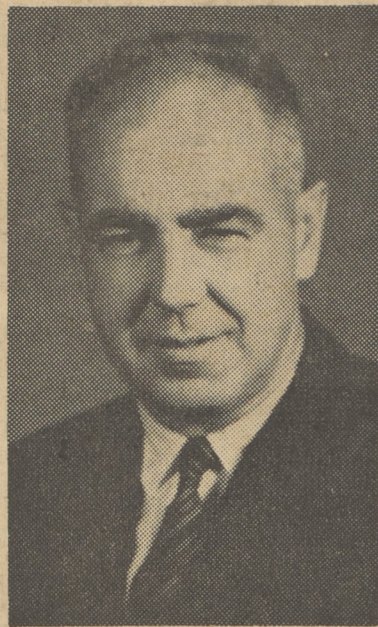
## Coslett Discovers Stolen Parked Car

A 1954 black, hard top Buick sedan which had been parked near the water spillway on Hillside Road since November 24 was found by Assistant Chief of Police Jesse Coslett King Township, on Monday to be a stolen vehicle. It had been reported missing by Sgt. DeMuro of Wilkes-Barre Police Department since November 23.

The license, J-M 354 was issued to James Moran, Wilkes-Barre who is employed at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. Mr. Moran claimed the vehicle.

Neighbors had not paid much attention to the parked auto, thinking it had broken down and been left there by its owner.

## Rotary Speaker



JIM O'HORA  
Penn State Line Coach

Jim O'Hora, defensive line coach at Penn State, will be the speaker and show motion pictures of some of this year's outstanding Penn State football games at the dinner tonight at Irem Temple Country Club when Dallas Rotary Club presents the Old Shoe Football Trophy to Dallas High School Football Team, champions of the West Side Conference.

A native of Dunmore, and a graduate of Dunmore High School where he starred in football and baseball, Mr. O'hora attended Penn State from 1932 until 1936, playing varsity center under Coach Bob Higgins.

His coaching experience began in 1936 when he returned to the State to earn his Master's Degree in Physical Education and serve as assistant coach of the Freshman Football Team.

During 1937 and '38 he was head coach of football and baseball at Roaring Springs High School making an 8-1 record in 1938.

In 1939 he became head athletic coach at Mahanoy Township High School. From 1941 to 1945 he was with the Navy and served as a lieutenant in command of a landing force ship in the Luzon campaign, Pacific Theatre.

During 1945 he returned to coach at Mahanoy Township and in 1936 joined the Penn State staff where he has produced a number of outstanding interior linemen many of whom are now stars in pro football ranks.

Others on the program will include representatives of Dallas High School faculty and athletic department.

Joseph Sekera, Past President of Dallas Rotary Club will be toastmaster. Sheldon Mosier is meeting chairman and John Kinsavage is Rotary Program chairman.

## Fire, Ambulance Coin Card Drive Yields \$6,402

### Kunkle Also Gives \$299 For Service Of Dallas Ambulance

With returns from the annual coin card drive for benefit of Dallas Community Ambulance and Fire Company practically all in, it looks like \$6,401.96 to be split equally between the two groups for maintenance and sinking fund for new equipment, reports chairman Mrs. Harriet Thompson.

In addition to this amount, Mrs. Clyde Hoyt reports a collection in Kunkle of \$298.51 for support of the ambulance. While Kunkle has its own fire company, it depends upon the Dallas Ambulance Association for service.

Mrs. James Wertman will take the Coin-Card Drive next year, with Mrs. Thompson as co-chairman. Mrs. Thompson has steered the drive to a successful conclusion for a number of years.

Volunteers in both ambulance and fire associations give their time unflinchingly, asking no recompense, seeking no glory, doing a job that is a life-line for a rural community.

Most house-holders are glad to contribute a quarter a week during the coin card drive, assurance of help at any hour of the day or night. Very few refuse to do their share. Many give far larger donations.

Mrs. Thompson's list of 78 workers will be published in a later issue.

## Ambulance Group Elects R. Titus

### Annual Meeting At Borough Building

Ray Titus was elected president of Dallas Community Ambulance Association Sunday afternoon at the annual meeting held in Dallas Borough Building. Other officers elected were: Ralph Downend Jr., first vice president; John Sheehan, second; Les Tinsley, third; Ed Roth treasurer; Robert Block, secretary.

Elected to the Board of Directors for one year were William Wright, Russell Honeywell, Don Bulford and Dan Richards.

For two years: Tony Zachary, Mrs. Nelson Thompson, William Berti, and Mrs. James Wertman.

For three years: Charles Flack, Mrs. Edward Cavan, James Wertman, and Marion Harvey.

Fourteen members attended.

## Adult Mixed Chorus To Present Program December 17



Photo by Kozemchak  
Dallas Evening School mixed chorus will present a program Monday evening at 8 in the Senior High School auditorium under direction of Florence A. Sherwood, who has been working with the group since late September.

Appearing as an added attraction will be Rose Marie Wright, Ballet Theatre; four cheer-leaders from the High School band; and a small girl who will sing "All that I want for Christmas." Denise Sherwood is equipped for this part by having recently shed two front teeth.

Selections will not be exclusively Christmas in character, but will demonstrate what the chorus has

learned during the autumn months, including a Thanksgiving Hymn during the first half. The second half will embrace both secular and religious Christmas music. Soloists will be Roger Opdahl, Carl Coates, Betty Jean Davis, Marie Troxell. There will be a number of surprises.

Reading, left to right, seated, are these participants: James Hanna, Bettie Hanna, Marie Troxell, Dolores Savage, Betty Jean Davis, Elouise Holmgren, Ruth Ann Scott, Sharon McDaniels, Denise Sherwood.

Second row: Rose Marie Wright, Linda Woolbert, Judy Wright, Jennie Peters, Elnora Opdahl, Florence Sherwood, Carl Coates, Betty Wil-

liams, Georgia McCutcheon and Sarah Bopo. Absent, Richard Bennie.

Stage crew includes Richard Ratcliffe, Samuel Berkey, Gary Hozempa, Bruce Hopkins, and Ross Walker; ushers, Mary Louise Daley, Nancy Gensel, Iandra Sherwood, and Deborah Sliker.

Carol Luton will give an organ recital before the program and during intermission. Accompanist for the program will be Elnora P. Opdahl.

The public is invited. There will be no admission charge. Anybody wishing to join the group at the beginning of the next semester January 7, will be made welcome.

## 452 New Books For Juveniles At Our Library

### Purchased With Money Granted By State In June

Back Mountain Memorial Library is the richer by 452 books, selected on the first day of deer season by a group which made a day of it in Scranton at Gardner's Wholesale Book Store, taking advantage of a school holiday and the usual day off for librarians.

Up to their elbows in children's books were acting Librarian Mrs. Albert Jones, children's librarian Mrs. Robert Bachman, assistant Mrs. Dana Crump, volunteer Mrs. Martin Davern, and Mrs. H. W. Smith, Story Lady for summer library hours, now teaching regularly at Dallas Schools.

Ten cartons of books came back with the librarians. Most of them were destined for the Annex, and with delight of children. A few of them were selected with an eye to teen-agers, and even juniors and seniors who are thinking about going to college.

Each sturdy volume for children is especially bound for long life, books to be nibbled at by pre-school children as well as kindergartners and first-graders. The most fascinating illustrations are being used in the new books. Some of them are reproduced from photographs, such as the illustrations in a book about the zoo, where a small boy is being licked by a seal (or is it kissed?)

And there is that odd square blue animal which has children guessing until the last page. Don't miss that one.

Books were purchased from a fund given by the State last June, at least forty percent of which had to be spent for juvenile books. Half of the remainder of the original \$2,488.25 must be used for non-fiction, and the remainder for reference books.

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## DALLAS DIRECTORS VOTE NO ON IDEA OF RISE IN BASIC RATE

Dallas School Directors, mindful of their obligations to taxpayers, regretfully voted Tuesday night against elimination of toll charges to Wilkes-Barre and raising the basic rate for Dallas subscribers as proposed by Commonwealth Telephone Company.

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## Community Service Award Will Be Presented To Father Kane

Atty. James L. Brown, president of Back Mountain Protective Association, has announced that its Community Service Award will go this year to Rev. Francis Kane, pastor of Gate of Heaven Parish.

The award is made annually to that person who without distinction of race, color or creed has performed outstanding community service.

The presentation will be made at a Community Dinner on Tuesday evening, February 19, at Irem Temple Country Club.

Father Kane has been the guiding spirit behind the development and growth of Gate of Heaven Parish and Gate of Heaven School.

He has proved himself not only an able administrator but an outstanding citizen, admired and respected by all elements of the community.

Before coming to the Back Mountain area, he was Assistant Superintendent of Schools of the Scranton Diocese.

Serving on the dinner committee are Rev. Robert D. Yost, arrangements; Robert Laux, dinner chairman; Charles Glawe, ticket chairman; Dr. F. Budd Schooley, reception chairman; Frank Wallis, program; Mrs. Elizabeth Wallis, entertainment.

Among those who have previously received the award are: Atty James Lenahan Brown, Rev. Robert D. Yost, Senator Andrew J. Sordani, College Misericordia and Howard W.



Rev. Francis Kane

Devoted to his church and his beloved school, Father Kane has guided both the parish and school through a remarkable expansion program culminated only recently by the purchase of the former Elmer Williams property on Machell Avenue for a rectory.

But with all his church and school responsibilities, he is not too busy now and then to drive a school bus if necessary or to remove an article of youngster's clothing or a balloon for that matter, from the school roof.

## Borough Fathers Ponder How To Get \$4,500 Already Paid Township

How will Dallas Borough obtain \$4,500 in Real Estate Transfer taxes erroneously paid to Dallas Township?

That was the big question that faced Dallas Borough Council at its December meeting Tuesday night in the Borough Building.

The money was paid to the Recorder of Deeds earlier this year when Natona Mills sold several of its houses on Birddale Road.

Following the usual procedure in such matters, the Recorder issued a check to the municipality shown in the deed.

In this case the check was issued in error since the Natona property was declared to be within the confines of Dallas Borough by a Court ruling a few years ago.

Secretary of Council Robert Brown said he visited the Recorder of Deeds office some time ago and was shown a deed which revealed that the Natona property was in Dallas Township and therefore the Township was entitled to collect the transfer tax.

Atty. Fleming said he is bringing with the Township Solicitor to bring about a solution. Somewhere along the line someone erred, Atty. Fleming said, and the Recorder should have a later deed showing the property to be in Dallas Borough.

There is no argument that the rightful recipient of the money is Dallas Borough. The problem is to get it back from the Township to the Borough through the proper channels. This may offer complications.

It is believed that the Township will have to refund the tax to Natona Mills which in turn will have to pay it again to the Recorder who can issue a check to the Borough. Council had hoped to have the money by now so that it could re-

## No Toll Vote Running Ahead

Up until 2 yesterday afternoon, 2,557 out of 3,885 customers served by Dallas exchanges of Commonwealth Telephone Company had voted in the poll to determine whether tolls to Wilkes-Barre and Kingston are to be eliminated.

This represents 68.3 per cent of all customers. Voting for elimination of the tolls were 1,743 while 814 voted to retain them. Thus 68.1 of those voting favored toll elimination.

Still to vote are 1,328 customers who have not sent in their ballots to the Public Utility Commission. All ballots not cast by December 31 will be considered as against toll elimination.

Two hundred votes are needed to achieve 50 per cent by those favoring toll elimination while 1,129 are needed by those opposed.

## Bake Sale For Shaver Benefit

Patricia Smith has been appointed chairman of the bake sale for the benefit of the Shaver family on December 15 sponsored by Senior Girl Scout Troop 9.

Misses Joan Darby and Janice Niezgod are co-chairmen. The sale will be held at Gosart's, Memorial Highway, beginning at 10.00 a. m.

Any troop in the Dallas-Noxen, Shavertown-Trucksville area wishing to donate, please contact either Barb Evans, NE 9-5417, or Pat Smith, 674-3398.

## See Her On TV

See Lindy Colovos tap-dance on TV Sunday afternoon at 2 over Channel 16. Lindy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Colovos, Trucksville, has been studying for two years with David Blight, sponsor of the Sunday show.

## Besecker Progresses

James Besecker is making progress at Nesbitt Hospital where he was admitted two weeks ago Sunday following a coronary attack. If he continues to progress he may be home in two or three weeks.

## Freddy Needs Air Mattress

### Lake-Lehman PTA Asks For Blood

At the Lake-Lehman PTA meeting Monday evening, Richard Williams announced that a large air mattress is needed to bring Fred Hannebual home from Johnstown Rehabilitation Center for Christmas, and called attention to the need for 21 pints of blood as replacement for blood used in his treatment.

Lester Squier, supervising principal, reported that he, Robert Belles, Walter Chamberlin and Atty Lewis Crisman would represent Lake-Lehman in Harrisburg to oppose Act 561 as it now stands.

Mrs. Jonathan Valentine, program chairman, presented sixth grade students who sang under direction of Mrs. Agnes Wartella, elementary music supervisor.

Four girls, Marsha Thomas, Melanie Graham, Ellen Thomas, and Cheryl Thomas, sang Christmas selections, directed by Bernard Gertry, supervisor of vocal music in the High School.

John Miliauskas directed the Brass Choir in an accompaniment for the Christmas Story narrated by Richard Williams, Jr. The choir will appear on television December 23 on "Sunday Serenade."

Mr. Williams presided at the business meeting; Jonathan Valentine led in the PTA prayer; Mrs. Preston Mingus read the minutes; Earl Crispell the treasurer's report; Mrs. Carrie Rood reported on by-laws.

## Fire Does \$800 Damage At Noxen

Fire, originating around an oil heater, yesterday noon at Hackling's Nursery, Market Street, Noxen, gutted a small frame office building and destroyed a quantity of Christmas wreaths, holiday decorations and a quantity of tools.

The fire was discovered by Roy Newell, who notified Noxen Fire Company. Damage was estimated at \$800 to \$1,000 by the owner, Lewis Hackling, Jr.

## Isaacs Commended For Chrysler Sales Idea

George Isaacs, salesman for his father, Howard Isaacs, Chrysler dealer, has received commendation from the Chrysler Corporation for his suggestion for an advertising display for Chrysler's 5-year, 50,000-mile warranty material.

A letter from Chrysler's Detroit office this week informed Mr. Isaacs that he will receive a merchandise award for the suggestion.

## Dallas Directors Elect Bodycomb, Earl Phillips

### Mannear Steps Down After 2 1/2 Years As President Of Board

Dr. Robert Bodycomb took the presidential chair Tuesday evening, elected unanimously by Dallas School directors. Charles Mannear, president for the past two and a half years, stepped down with the remark that he has enjoyed occupying the chair, and wished Dr. Bodycomb well.

Earl Phillips was elected vice president. William Wright was appointed representative to Wyoming Valley Technical School, with Mrs. W. P. Steinhauer alternate.

An executive session preceded the regular meeting.

Dick Demmy and George Jacobs, representing Citizens Committee for Better Schools, offered the services of their organization in a study of needs of the school district in relation to budgetary requirements.

Four extra teachers, said Dr. Robert A. Mellman, superintendent, would be necessary for next year's program, just to keep abreast with present requirements: A Spanish teacher for Senior High School; an English teacher for Junior High School, to teach developmental and remedial reading; two elementary teachers, one for first grade, one for remedial reading.

Reading, it was pointed out, is the basis for any study. Many students with high potential are handicapped because they do not comprehend what they have read.

Dr. Mellman's goal is actually eleven teachers, but the remaining seven are optional, whereas the four teachers listed are a must, Spanish, offered this year at Junior High, must be continued at Senior High or it is time wasted.

Teachers whom Dr. Mellman would like to have, but realizes that he cannot because of limited budget include: a music teacher, instrumental; art; elementary; physical education; elementary; business education; advanced placement; home economics and industrial arts, junior high.

Directors voted to arrange for the four teachers, referred the remainder of the goal to study by a committee realizing that every time a teacher is added, the increases proportionately.

It was recommended that door receipts from the Lake-Lehman and Dallas wrestling meet February 14 at Dallas be given to the fund of Fred Hannebual the Lake-Lehman boy who was injured last January in a wrestling match with Tunkhannock, now at Johnstown Rehabilitation Center.

Personal Mrs. Marcy H. Kershner, a full time substitute teacher in home economics, submitted her resignation. To take her place, Mrs. Gloria B. Bronson was elected to teach home ec. at Dallas Senior High School for the remainder of the school year.

Mrs. Bronson, Harveys Lake RD, graduate of Pennsylvania State University, has taken graduate work at Wisconsin University and Penn State. She was extension home economist in Union County before moving to this area.

Mrs. Anna Griffiths, Forty Fort, was listed as an available substitute.

Alfred Camp made recording tapes for use in Civil Defense classes to be held in Dallas School District. He was given permission to be absent December 19, to appear on WREB in this connection.

Francis Ambrose, certified to teach social studies, and Mrs. Florence Hozempa, certified in elementary subjects, were added to the substitute list.

Miscellaneous The cafeteria has been in black instead of the red for two months.

Water pressure still fluctuates at Trucksville School, but parental pressure has eased off.

Answers to questionnaires sent home with pupils indicate that no child, unless living directly across the street, could get home from school in case of an atomic attack. Transported pupils take the longest time, walking pupils average 11 minutes.

Harry Sickler, reporting on possibilities of levying an amusement tax, said amusement taxes were hard to collect, that there were very few amusements in the Dallas Area, and that the proposition seemed not worth while, considered in the light of a money-raiser.

Kiwanis Club Plans Christmas Program

An interesting holiday program will be presented at the dinner meeting of Dallas Kiwanis Club Wednesday at 6.30. Jerome Gardner will preside.

Kiwanis dinner dance will be held Saturday with cocktails at 6.30, dancing from 9 until 1 to the music of Bobbie Baird. Reservations should be made with Merrill Faugenberg or William Guyette by tomorrow, Thursday, December 13.