

Harveys Lake

Mrs. Benjamin S. Rood and Barbara Rood attended a tea at the White House, Washington, D.C. Friday March 29 at 4 p.m. in honor of Miss Margaret Paden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Connie B. Paden of Harveys Lake, Miss Paden is Personnel secretary at the White House.

Saturday March 30 at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Temple in Washington Miss Paden was installed as Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star Chapter 02. Luncheon followed the installation. The following local folks attended the ceremony: Benscoter, Mrs. B. Rood and Barbara Rood.

Barbara Rood recently spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lotz in Philadelphia. Mrs. Lotz is the former Alma Brown of Lehman. On Sunday they spent the day at Atlantic City.

Benjamin Rood has returned

home from Geisinger Hospital, Danville, where he had an ear operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Walbridge Leinthal and daughters spent Sunday in New York, visiting Mrs. Lena Leinthal.

Mrs. Fred Elster left by plane Wednesday for Puerto Rico to spend twelve days. She will visit friends, and attend the Grand Chapter Sessions of the Eastern Star.

The Commission on Education and the Official Board of Alderson Methodist Church met Monday evening. Fuller Ashton and Mrs. Helen Hartman presided. All official business was transacted. Present were: Messdames, Robert Williams, Amos Hunsinger, Garvin Smith, Albert Armitage, Theodore Heness, Helen Hattman, Miss Eleanor Humphrey, Raymond Garinger, William Kelley, Gilbert Carpenter, and Fuller Ashton.

Plans are underway for the Easter Sunrise Service for the Alderson-Nozen Charge, to be held at the Outdoor Theater at Sandy Beach. The MYF groups from the four churches will participate.

Gleaners Class of Alderson Church was entertained at the home of Mrs. Garvin Smith Thursday evening. Mrs. Lee Zimmerman assisted in serving President Mrs. Ted Heness had charge of the business meeting. Present — Messdames: Edith Whitman, Mary Montross, Helen Hartman, Harry Allen, Ida Rogers, Erma Brown, Robert Brown, Ted Heness,

Mt. Zion

While ago the president of the First Methodist W.S.C.S. of Pittston told me I was to order a communion set suitable for use at Valley Crest and the society would pay for it. So I did. There are times, such as Holy Thursday afternoon when I want to give communion to all the Protestants who can gather at the chapel, My little pocket set is hardly suitable. In fact at the Christmas Eve service I borrowed a tray of glasses from Mt. Zion for that purpose. Now with this beautiful new set, I will not need to borrow. This is a very nice thing for Pittston W.S.C.S. to do.

The other day when I was typing in some addresses for my Gilbert Story I came across the names of Paul and Myrtle Smith of Center Valley who used to be part and parcel of Mt. Zion life. It occurred to me, "It has been a little time since they have been up here to visit. Wonder if I'll see them at church this Sunday." Sure enough, they were there, well and happy with their new home. Both of these folks have deep-running roots in Mt. Zion.

ORATORIO LAST SUNDAY

A distinguished citizen of Dallas distinguished himself again last Sunday when he conducted "A program of Music by Ludwig van Beethoven. Clifford Balshaw does it. As I have often written, our Catherine brings us snatches of rehearsals week after week before concerts. She expected we would enjoy this concert, and we did, along with a full house at St. Stephens. Mr. Balshaw, the conductor brings increasingly more difficult and unusual presentations each year. This was outstanding.

I couldn't give a review if I tried, just a comment on what impressed me. If you haven't believed in damnation lately (in spite of front page horrors in the news) you

Albert Armitage, Amos Hunsinger, Miss Eleanor Humphrey and the hostesses.

Three Soldiers Cited By Army

Three area men have made recent news with the United States Army, two finishing important courses of study, and the other walking six miles.

Completing courses were private John J. Comer, Jr., whose wife lives at 105 Sutton Road, Shavertown, and 2nd Lieutenant James F. Walsh, whose wife lives in Dallas.

Pfc. Jerome J. Rozanski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Rozanski, Dallas RD 2, took part in a six-mile speed march mandatory for members of the 1st Airborne Battle Group of the 8th Division's 504th Infantry at Mainz, Germany.

Comer, 19, completed the five-week finance procedures course at the Finance School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Comer received basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

A 1961 graduate of West Side Central Catholic High School, Kingston, he attended Wilkes Business College, Wilkes-Barre. His father lives at 189 Page Street, Kingston.

Walsh, 22, finished an eight-week field artillery officer orientation course at the Artillery and Missile Center, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

The lieutenant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Walsh, 325 Clark Street, Clarks Green, is a 1958 graduate of Abington High School, Clarks Summit, and a 1962 graduate of University of Scranton.

Rozanski trekked the six miles over hills and through sand dunes wearing full combat equipment and carrying an M-14 rifle. Company C set a record by finishing the course in 50.4 minutes.

Rozanski, a rifleman in the group's Company C in Mainz, entered the Army in June 1962, completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and arrived overseas last December.

The 18-year-old soldier is a 1962 graduate of West Side Central Catholic High School in Kingston.

should have heard the gentle lady, Joanne Netter Herron sing, "The wrath of God awaits them. Damnation is their lot." Wow! A lot more could be said by way of appreciation, but ask anybody who was there.

Carverton

In talking with Mrs. William Lamouth I learned that the son W. David Lamouth is a sophomore in a pre-med course at Wilkes-College. That's a noble undertaking and I wish him well with it.

Mrs. Roland Schweitzer, I understand, is a patient in Nesbitt Hospital.

Also Mrs. Basko is expected to come home soon from surgery at Nesbitt. She lives near John and Hilda Coon on what is called the Bodle road.

At Valley Crest last Sunday David Werts, Carverton, had charge of the service.

Mrs. Werts went with him and also their little girl Debbie. Debbie didn't do any singing, or anything public like that, but she made herself friendly visiting the patients.

Solo was by Dougie Wasserott, and Mr. Alan Wilkinson was organist.

Those who attended were: Allegra Spare, Pauline Phillips, Ruthanne Shales, Donna and Christine Rishell, and Philip Reid.

Noxen Front-Loader Explodes And Burns

Noxen Township supervisors are still awaiting the insurance adjuster to ascertain damages to their front-loader last week when the engine somehow exploded during operation.

Ernest Teetsel was operating the loader at the dump at around 2:45 Monday afternoon when the incident occurred. He turned off the machine, and raced for the fire house.

He, Lewis Hackling, and Dick Traver brought out the truck and extinguished the fire. Teetsel, assistant fire chief, is in charge of the company during the day.

He burned his hand soon after the explosion.

Finds Lost Saw By Trading Post

Paul Stoner, Park Street, Dallas, lost a valuable hundred year old saw last week. He placed an ad in the Dallas Post.

Early Friday morning, Glenn Johnson, Harter's Dairy milkman, found the saw in the vicinity of Park Street and, having read the notice in the Post, returned it to its grateful owner.

Mr. Stoner called immediately to say that Dallas Post ads truly get quick results.

Committee For Better Schools Asks Board For Consideration Of Report

On Thursday evening the executive committee of the Citizens Committee for Better Schools reemphasized their concern for quality education in the Dallas School District. The following letter has been sent to the School Board with the report requested by the Board:

"On December 11, 1962, the Citizens Committee for Better Schools submitted a report to the board in support of portions of Dr. Mellman's requests for additional staff as part of his program for improving the quality of education in this district. At the following school board meeting there was no discussion and almost no mention of this report, and of its recommendations.

"The executive committee of the Citizens' Committee for Better Schools feels very strongly that these recommendations and Dr. Mellman's entire program are extremely important to the future of the school district and of the community. We therefore urge the board to re-examine in detail this report and to consider acting on these recommendations.

"As indicated in the report we have carefully taken into consideration the cost of implementing these recommendations and the consequent necessity of increasing taxes, and we are firmly convinced that the expenditures are a necessary investment.

"An additional copy of the report is attached for your convenience. We urge you to utilize it.

"Sincerely yours,
"Citizens Committee for Better Schools,
"George Jacobs, Chairman."

As a result, a meeting between representatives of the Citizens Committee, Professional Committee of the Board of Education, and Dr. Mellman was held on January 8, 1963. Members of the Faculty were on hand to give a detailed explanation of the need for these additional instructors. A general discussion and a question and answer period followed. After this meeting the Citizens Committee further discussed the recommendation and prepared a list of questions to be presented to Dr. Mellman and discussed on January 10, 1963. As a result of these meetings and discussions, we now recommend that the Board give serious consideration to the expansion of the Professional Staff with the addition of the following personnel:

- 1—Music Teacher
 - 1—Advanced Placement Junior High Teacher
 - 1—Advanced Placement Senior High Teacher
- In addition to the Professional Staff it is also recommended that one Non-Professional employee to assist the Business Education teacher and act as a duplicating machine operator and audio-visual aids assistant to be hired. It is this Committee's understanding that a bookkeeper-clerk for the Administration Office will receive approval of the board.
- It is the opinion of the Committee that Advanced Placement Teaching represents a substantial contribution to balanced programming for students of the above average range of ability, and should be instituted at the junior and senior high schools as soon as the professional help can be obtained.
- At the present time, elementary art is being taught under a handicap. It is suggested that additional teaching time be scheduled for the elementary art program, and that the hiring of an art teacher for the secondary level be delayed until adequate classroom space is available.
- The elementary music program should be expanded to include a stringed music instructor who can also be assigned to enrich the secondary music program.
- The elementary physical education program is to be desired but is not recommended at this time due to lack of facilities, and inability to find a teacher trained in this field.
- It is the understanding of this Committee that the need for Home Economics and Industrial Arts teachers can be delayed by scheduling an additional major subject for consideration.

- 1—Music teacher (instrumental, elementary and secondary)
 - 1—Art teacher (elementary)
 - 1—Physical Education teacher (elementary)
 - 1—Business Education teacher (office machines practice)
 - 1—Advanced Placement teacher (junior high school)
 - 1—Advanced Placement teacher (senior high school)
 - 1—Home Economics teacher (junior high school)
 - 1—Industrial Arts teacher (junior high school).
- Non-Professional**
- 1—Bookkeeper-clerk (assigned to office of administration)
 - 1—Clerk-Stenographer (assigned to elementary schools guidance office)
 - 1—Duplication machines operator (production of printed materials for the school district)
 - 1—Audio-visual specialist (districtwide responsibilities).
- No definite action was taken on this request by the School Board at that meeting. George Jacobs and Richard Demmy, representing the Citizens Committee, were in attendance and offered the services of their committee to the School Board if they should desire to make use of it.

New Farm Machines Brighten Up Tracks

Dealers' men from as far away as Honesdale and Snyder County loaded shiny new orange farm machinery on their trucks at Dallas freight station Friday, from a flat-car which caught many an eye as it displayed the merchandise for more than a day.

A sure harbinger of spring, the car-load was consigned in care of district distributor Harold James, Clarks Summit, who was on hand in Dallas Friday to help the buyers load up. Point of origin was the factory in Indiana.

Buyers were from Snyder County, Bloomsburg, Factoryville, New Milford, and Honesdale. Dallas was more or less central to all of them, according to James.

Local farmers were seen looking over the brilliant orange rakes, mowers, blowers and balers Thursday afternoon, probably wondering where they were going.

The arguments put forth in the professional reports cover these reasons more comprehensively and should be referred to for additional information.

It is recognized that financial and space limitations of the school district limit support of the superintendent's total request at this time, however, we are convinced that for the good of the future growth of our community we cannot afford to merely maintain our present quality of education, but must continually strive to improve it. Hiring these professional employees is only the first step in the overall ideal program suggested by Dr. Mellman in meetings last October with the Citizens Committee. (Copies of these programs are available.)

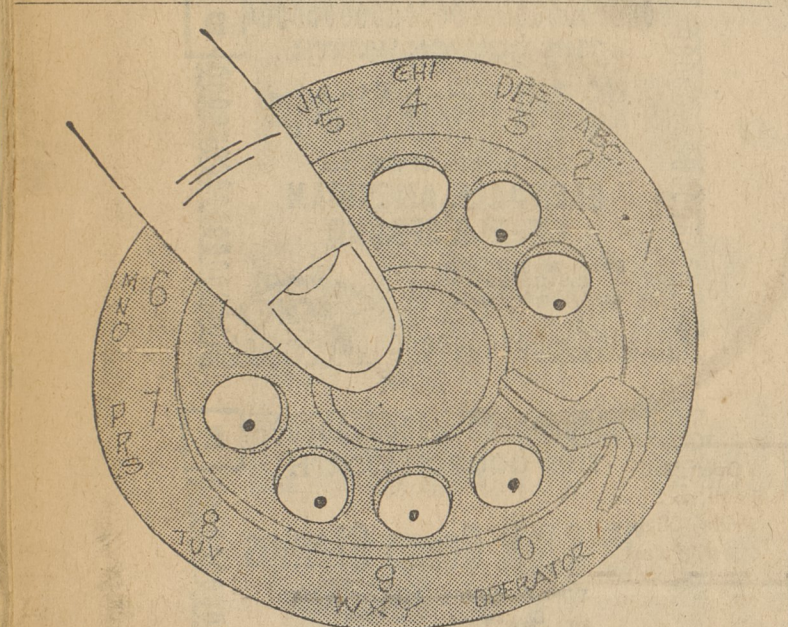
It is understood that increased enrollment and mandated salary increases will require additional expenditures to hold status quo—and that any increases in program quality such as recommended above will require increased tax money to support it. This fact has been carefully considered in arriving at the above recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,
Citizens Committee for Better Schools,
George M. Jacobs, Chairman.

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