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### Lake-Lehman To Dedicate School September 14

#### Superintendent Of State Education To Give Address

Lake-Lehman will dedicate its new high school September 14, at impressive evening exercises in the recently accepted building.

On the platform will be members of the Luzerne County Office, engineers and architects, members of the Building Authority Board, the four main contractors, solicitors, Road Supervisors, PTA president, Band Sponsors president, school directors, administrative staff.

Presiding will be Lester B. Squier, supervising principal. The prize-winning Lake-Lehman Band will play a selection as guests assemble, followed by the National Anthem in which the audience will participate.

Greetings will be by Eugene S. Teter, following pledge of allegiance led by John Sidler, president of Educators Association; invocation by Rev. Norman Tiffany; and presentation of platform guests by Robert Z. Belles, assisting supervising principal.

Raymon R. Hedden, general contractor, will present the key, and Donald D. Smith, representing Roushey, Smith and Walker, the building.

Accepting for the Building Authority will be John M. Hewitt, chairman of Lehman Township Authority.

For the School Board and citizens, Willard F. Sutton, president of the joint school board.

For the school, Anthony Marchakitus, high school principal.

For the students, Kenneth Ellsworth, president of Students Council.

Mr. Squier will introduce Dr. Charles H. Boehm, superintendent of Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction, who will give the main address.

The prayer of dedication will be by Rev. S. F. Banas, Lake Silkworth, and the benediction by Rev. B. Kirby Jones.

An Open House will follow the exercises, with visitors guided through the new building which has been in operation since September 24, 1962, but never officially accepted until the present.

### Complications Halt Boy's Recovery

A high temperature developing Sunday when progress was being made had parents and attending physician concerned over Charles Harris, 6, Dallas, patient at Nesbitt Hospital.

Possible cause may be abscess formation. Two nurses are still required and his parents take turns filling in the third shift.

The youngster was injured two weeks ago when struck by a car driven by a Shavertown woman.

### Breaks Same Leg Fractured Before

Thomas Parker, 14, James Street, Shavertown, fractured his right leg Monday afternoon playing football near his home.

Seven years ago on the same date, the boy broke the same leg, which required a plate insertion at that time.

He was taken to Nesbitt Hospital in the Kingston Township Ambulance by William Pugh and Arnold Yeast.

### Otto A. Biery, 59, Native Of Stull

Otto A. Biery, 59, died early Wednesday morning at his home at Harveys Lake, after a year of increasing ill health. Services await decision of the family. They will be held from the Bronson Funeral Home.

Until ill health cancelled his activities, he had been a force in the community, secretary of Lake Township Board of Supervisors, charter member of the Lutheran Church, member of Daniel Roberts Fire Company and of Fraternal Order of Police. For twenty years he had been affiliated with Nicholson Machine Shop in Wilkes-Barre.

A native of Stull, his parents were Allan and Mary Dienstel Biery. He leaves his widow, the former Mary Hearity, Wilkes-Barre; two daughters: Mrs. Barbara Lodge, Meadville, and Mrs. Angela Komnath, Wilkes-Barre; five grandchildren, a sister Mrs. Mabel B. Symon, Princeton, N. J.

### Firemen May Share Building

#### Four Roads To Be Resurfaced Shortly

A combined township building and fire company quarters on site of the present fire hall on Carverton Road is now a strong possibility, following the visit to Philadelphia recently of Board Chairman LaRoy Ziegler and representatives of Truckville Fire Company.

The group checked specifications of the Public Accelerated Works Project grant, recently approved for the community.

Fire company would deed over its present property to the township, where adjoining stalls for equipment to be added to the proposed structure.

Immediate paving of several roads was approved at the adjourned meeting of Kingston Township supervisors Wednesday evening, the east end of Terrace Street, the north end of James, Lehigh Street and Church Road scheduled for prime attention.

Perrin Avenue, first on the list as being in deplorable condition, was dropped from repair list this year due to construction of gas company installations, as was Lohman Avenue.

Power steering will be installed on the road truck. Hydraulic lifts for the snow plows was also discussed and price lists requested.

The digging up of newly paved roads in Midway Manor by Pennsylvania Gas Company without permits aggravated officials who ordered a letter written to Whitesell Brothers informing them that, if such procedure was continued, township would refuse to take over roads in the new housing project.

Ziegler and Smith were in attendance.

### Dallas Boys Receive Camping Awards

James and Daniel Marascio, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Marascio, Dallas recently returned home from Camp St. Andrew after a stay of three weeks.

The boys received the Best Camper Award for their respective cabins. This is the second year the brothers have captured the award.

Daniel attends Gate of Heaven School and James, West Side Central.

Sister Karen Marie attended Camp Little Flower in the Poconos.

### Truckville Free Methodist Gets Green Light



Ground breaking ceremonies showing part of the congregation of Truckville Free Methodist Church, performed several weeks ago, are brought up to date by award of the construction contract last Wednesday night.

Rev. Grove Armstrong announces awarding of the contract for building its new church and Sunday school to Angelo A. Ferrara, Pittston. The contract, signed August 28, by Mr. Ferrara and Wesley W.

Cooper Jr., Chairman and Frank G. Mathers Sr., Vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees, calls for the completion of the church and Sunday school building in 120 working days for the sum of \$51,096. This contract does not include the contracts for plumbing, heating, and electrical wiring.

The new church will seat 220 persons in the sanctuary. There is an overflow area which will seat

### Baby Strangles In Upper Bunk

#### Catches Head In Safety-Rail

Stark tragedy struck at a Dallas family Tuesday afternoon when a fifteen months old child died of strangulation.

Danny was taking his nap in an upper bunk of the house trailer owned by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood J. Thompson, at White Birch Trailer Park. His mother checked on him at 2 p.m., found him still asleep, slipped next door for a moment.

Returning a few minutes later, she found Danny hanging from the bunk, his head wedged between safety-rail and mattress.

Bearing the limp body in her arms, she ran for the home of Mrs. Mary Louhead, Mrs. Louhead attempted mouth-to-mouth resuscitation while her husband Roy called the ambulance and Dr. A. A. Mascall.

Dallas ambulance, staffed by Ray Titus and Jim Perkins, arrived within minutes, and resuscitation was again attempted.

Deputy coroner Richard Disque investigated.

The Thompson family has lived in Dallas for about a year, coming here from Fort Polk, Louisiana, where Mr. Thompson, now a gas lineman, was in the service, and where Danny was born.

There is another little boy, Elwood, two and a half.

Surviving also are maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Robinson, Tunkhannock; maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Vera Dymond, Tunkhannock; paternal grandmother Mrs. Verna Thompson, Harveys Lake; paternal great-grandmother Mrs. Minnie Sites, Harveys Lake.

Services are scheduled for Friday afternoon at 2 from the Disque Funeral Home, with burial in Lehman Cemetery. Rev. Russell Lawry will officiate.

Friends may call this afternoon or evening, 2 to 4, and 7 to 10.

### Waverly Antiques Show Annually Draws Many Back Mountain Fans

Annually, the Waverly Antiques Show draws many Back Mountain residents. It is one of the outstanding events of the fall season, where lovers of antiques find delightfully different bits of glass and china, and members of the Memorial Library Auction Antiques Committee replenish their stocks, guaranteeing something special to give for the next July auction.

Dealers from four states will attend the Twentieth Annual Waverly Antiques Show and Sale, September 9 and 10 at the Waverly Community House, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. both days.

On both afternoons from 2 to 3:30, Mrs. Frederick A. Waechter, Clarks Summit, will demonstrate and display Crewel needlecraft. Mrs. Waechter, one of the five authorities in the country on this increasingly popular needle skill, is a member of the American Branch

### Fernbrook Champions Of Back Mountain League



This is Fernbrook's powerful Little League team, champions of the 1963 season, recently ended.

Undefeated in the first half of the season, they let only one go by for the year, ending with a total of thirteen wins.

Behind their strength lay strong

fielding by Rome, Meyer, Williams and Morgan, good pitching by Martin and Fehlinger, a fraternal brace of catchers, the Belles brothers, and a top outfield in Morris, Bautman, Grundowski, and Stolarick.

Left to right: first row, G. Belles,

K. Morris, D. Burkhart, Morgan, R. Belles, E. Meyer, H. Fehlinger, and G. Stolarick.

Second row: Mr. Belles, coach; Grundowski, T. Bauman, B. Martin, E. Rome, Williams, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Kuakle, coaches.

### Library Hours

Winter Library hours, beginning September 10, will be the same as last year, except that children's wing will not be open Tuesday evenings, and will close at 8 instead of 8:30 on Thursdays.

Regular library hours will be: Main Building, Wednesday and Friday, 1:30 to 5:30; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30 to 8:30; Saturdays 10:00 to 5:30. Children's wing the same, except for closing on Tuesday evening at 5:30.

### Ambulance Crew

Ray Titus's crew remains on duty until midnight Sunday.

Next week: Bob Besecker, captain; Ralph Fitch, Donald Bulford, Gilbert Morris, and William Bert.

### Award Scheduled For Americanism Night

Americanism Night will be presented Friday, September 13, by Daddow-Isaacs Post 672, 8 p.m. at the home.

Ed Buckley has been appointed chairman by Commander Dick Staub. Buckley will be assisted by Curt Bynon, Dick Fuller, Joe Oravice, Leonard Dougherty, and George Cave, Commander-elect.

An award will be presented to the person in the Back Mountain whom the members feel has contributed the most to the advancement of the area.

Books on Americanism will be presented to the Back Mountain Memorial Library, College Misericordia, Gate of Heaven, and Dallas schools.

Auxiliary, Elsie Boehme president, will assist with the program. Anyone interested is invited.

### New Milford Festival Is Well Received

New Milford Folk Festival, opening for the first time this year, drew large numbers of spectators over the Labor Day weekend.

Booths displaying crafts, including spinning, pottery, leather stitching, violin making, wood carving and furniture decorating were featured.

Honey-making with an enthusiastic merchant in charge drew prospective bee keepers, while an old treadmill, operated by a patient dog and his sidekick, a quacking duck, furnished one of the lighter touches.

The old candy store with varieties long forgotten did a good business and the shingle cutter kept busy demonstrating his ability to onlookers.

The latest endeavor of the Endless Mountains Association was far superior to that of the Indian Council effort, although far less people attended.

### Weather Hurts Festival Profits; Donna Gosart Is Queen For 1963

Bad weather, which has dogged the tracks of Idetown Firemen's Festival for several years, knocked profits for a twenty-five per cent loss this year, according to co-chairman Paul Doris.

Enthusiasm and community support, however, stayed with the annual event, with six fire companies, two American Legion posts, clubs with floats and cars, and any number of pretty girls, all taking part in the festivities.

One feature missing this year, hopefully to be replaced in the next, was the ferris wheel, apparently no longer available from Hobbie Fire Company.

Festival Queen was Donna Gosart, Shawanese, Harveys Lake, and runners-up were July Ann Moore, Oak Hill, and Diana Ide, Idetown.

Color television set was won by Breeze Inn, Sunset, Harveys Lake.

Game and refreshment counters did the usual good business. Pennsylvania Game Commission tent, a popular attraction last year, was not included this year.

Rain interrupted the concert of Lake-Lehman band Friday night, driving everyone under cover or to

their cars, and Sunday night was very cold.

Friday's parade included fire companies from: Dallas, Idetown, Shavertown, Luzerne, Hunlock Creek, Lehman, and Harveys Lake, and Kingston Township sent their ambulance.

There were antique cars; Harveys Lake Legion had a float, and Dallas Legion sent officials and cars. Harveys Lake Lions were represented by the Lady of the Lake, Marianne Grohowski. Caddie LaBar sent a motorboat on trailer.

Congressman Dan Flood also attended.

### Drawn For Jury Duty

Among 240 jurors selected for Common Pleas court are six residents of the Back Mountain.

Slated for service the week of September 30 is Mrs. Clarence Leidler, Pioneer Avenue.

Week of October 7, Laura Banks, Huntsville Road; Jean Updyke, Kingston Township, and Mrs. Della Case, Briar Creek Road, Idetown.

October 14, Burt Bryant, and Mrs. Margaret Yankoski, Dallas, RD 2.

### Lake-Lehman Band Entertains At Idetown Festival



Lake-Lehman High School Band, a featured attraction of Jonathan R. Davis Fire Company Festival Friday night, entertains under di-

rection of John Miliauskas. An unfortunate interlude, rain aplenty, drove many spectators inside the big tent and to their cars.

Other events of the Festival, held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, included a parade, selection of Queen, drawing for prizes, and kiddie rides.

### Jackson Presses Road Care Issue

#### Issue Must End In Meeting Or Court

Four Jackson township residents of Steele's Farm road, Route 599, were shown, Tuesday night, a registered letter receipt for a request by Jackson Supervisors to meet with Larksville Council to discuss future ownership and maintenance of the road.

The meeting, to which Larksville has yet to agree, will be an attempt by Jackson to get Larksville to turn over their state allotment money for one mile of road running into the township, on which Larksville refuses further maintenance.

For twenty years the two municipalities have jointly maintained, at least had responsibility to jointly maintain the road.

If Larksville does not agree to give over their state aid for their mile, then Jackson Township is authorized by the Township Code to petition the Court of Quarter Sessions to enforce the law which requires continued sharing of costs.

Principal discussion at the September meeting centered around

### Horseshoe 4-H Club To See U.S.A. Team

Back Mountain Horseshoe 4-H Club held its meeting last Saturday, and plans were completed for a trip to Gladstone, New Jersey, to see the United States Equestrian Team.

A bus will leave the Shavertown Acme Store at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 7th. The bus will make a stop for breakfast.

Next meeting will be held September 28th.

this problem, which first arose in April after a resolution by Larksville Council to drop maintenance of their segment of the thoroughfare.

Since a court decision in 1939, each municipality has had control of one mile of the road, inhabited principally by Jackson residents.

Access to the Jackson part of the road, however, is possible only by passing through Larksville's mile, which Supervisors maintain has never been kept up, and which they, consequently, plow in the winter to get to their own part.

Attending the meeting on behalf of residents of Steele's Farm road were: Mr. and Mrs. George Devens, Bert Balliet, and Arthur Hunter.

### School Enrollment

Dallas School District reported a total of 2822 pupils registered yesterday, 605 in Junior High, 626 Senior High and 1591 Elementary.

Lake-Lehman had a total of 1760 students, 918 in the Elementary grades and kindergarten, 824 in the Junior and Senior High School, with ten more expected to register today.

Gate of Heaven reported 840 pupils.

### Postoffice Site Query Thursday

#### Railroad Property Too Small By Half

Representatives of the General Services Administration, an agency of the United States Government, will be in the postoffice Thursday, September 12, to conduct site investigations for the proposed new Dallas postoffice and office building.

A government real estate expert was in town recently, looking over prospective sight locations, with the assistance of a local realtor.

Among those plots he looked at and photographed, reportedly, were L. L. Richardson's used car lot below Caddie LaBar's, the railroad station, the Borough Building, Joe's Men's Shop, a lot on Lake Street, and the Lundy Building.

RR Property Too Small

Lehigh Valley Railroad, presently petitioning the Interstate Commerce Commission, for permission to abandon its line to Luzerne from here, offered its Dallas property for sale, pending government approval, for use for the postoffice.

Railroad owns only about 17,500 square feet of land in the center of Dallas, however, which does not meet the 34,500 square foot requirement of government specifications.

To bring the amount of land up to size would require added purchase of surrounding land owned by Millie Devens LaBar, now fervently opposing abandonment of the line, which services her mill.

Back Mountain Lumber Company, owner of the Ben Franklin Store property, is the only other possible adjacent property. Granville Sowden told the Dallas Post that it would require a most attractive offer from the buyer to induce him to sell the building.

In any case, the Ben Franklin Store lot is only about 10,000 square feet, he noted, which would still not add up to government specifications.

### T. M. B. Hicks Jr. Released After Long Illness

#### Prominent For Decade In Valley Business Field

Thomas Mason Bacon Hicks Jr., 69, died without regaining consciousness early Wednesday morning at Maple Hill Nursing Home, where he had been a patient since leaving Geisinger Medical Center July 3, after four months of illness. He had submitted to brain surgery March 20. Cause of death was a malignant brain tumor.

He had plunged headlong down a flight of steps in a Baltimore hotel early in July of last year, while on assignment for George S. May Company, internationally known business analysts, with whom he had been associated for ten years. Retirement was mandated because of increasing incapacity, the direct result of his head injury.

Coming to the Wyoming Valley in 1935, he managed Pomeroy's for two years; belonged to Rotary and Westmoreland Clubs; headed the disaster committee during the flood of 1936; was first executive secretary of the new Industrial Fund; served on the committee which settled the newspaper strike in 1939, was active in handling labor negotiations for various industries; was president of Little Theater.

Prior to settling in Kingston, he had been head of Sears Roebuck Northwest Division of retail stores, based in Seattle. His retail experience started with a post at Fiene's in Boston, extended to Miller and Paine in Lincoln, Nebraska and McMoran and Washburn, Eugene, Oregon.

As a young man he was president of the Retail Trade Board association of Northeastern States while serving as executive secretary in Boston after a similar assignment in Cambridge. A free-lance writer for Christian Science Monitor, Boston and Chicago dailies, he edited the Cambridge Daily Standard while at Harvard. Educated at Dickinson Seminary, Dickinson College, and Harvard University, he graduated with the class of 1917.

Active politically, he managed the campaign for Mayor of Cambridge of Godfrey Cabot. For a time he taught at Boston University, and was offered the chair of Economics at the newly founded Duke University. During his years in Boston, he was much in demand as a speaker.

In 1945 he left the Wyoming Valley area for New York, maintaining a home in Dallas.

Mr. Hicks and his wife, the former Mildred Todd of Galloways, Md. observed their forty-eighth wedding anniversary September 2.

His parents were the late Atty. Thomas M. B. and Alice Cheston Hicks, Williamsport, both of whom were pillars of Pine Street Methodist Church. As a twelve-year old boy he was the first contributor to the building fund for a new church edifice, persuading his Great-Uncle Owen Hicks, a Civil War veteran, to put on a benefit program of Civil War songs and slides. Dimes and nickels were converted into a twenty-dollar gold piece which is buried in the cornerstone, together with his letter to the board of trustees.

His grandfather, the late William W. Hicks, founder of the first Methodist Missionary circuit in India, was an orator who could sway thousands at open-air political rallies, during the days immediately following the Civil War when feeling ran high in the South, and any speaker for an unpopular cause took his life in his hands when he mounted a platform.

He leaves his widow, associate editor of the Dallas Post, four children: Thomas M. B. Hicks III, retired Colonel of the U.S. Army; Chicago, Ill.; Warren F. Hicks, pilot flying over Burma in World War II; Mrs. R. M. Harding, Herndon, Virginia; Mrs. Charles R. Scoggins, Chelmsford, Mass.; twenty-one grandchildren including Thomas M. B. IV, Cadet at The Citadel, Charleston, S. C.; a brother William, Villa Nova.

Private funeral services are scheduled for Saturday at 11 a.m. from the Bronson Funeral Home, with burial at Chapel Lawn. There will be no viewing.

### Booster Club To Meet

Dallas area Lettermen-Booster club will hold a general meeting Tuesday, September 10 at 8 p.m. at Dallas American Legion.

An excellent program is planned and all interested are cordially invited to attend.

Plans will be made to launch the 1963 football season.

### Loses Tip Of Finger In Work Accident

Harry Owens, Carverton Road, Truckville, had the tip of his right middle finger badly mangled last week while at work at Leslie Fay, Inc., Plains.

Caught in a machine, the tip had to be amputated at General Hospital.