

## Lake-Lehman Sends Protest To Legislators

### Retiring Director Charles Frantz Reviews Progress

Lake-Lehman Board of School Directors approved a resolution to the legislators Tuesday evening asking that the constitution be amended to allow the Lord's Prayer and Bible Reading in the schools, saying that the removal of same was a violation of the First Constitution of the United States, and not honoring the rights of all groups.

Charles Frantz, retiring board member, evaluated the progress made by the district since 1958, reviewed the new Act No. 299 and the importance of Lake-Lehman becoming a merged district, since such would be quite a saving in State Aid.

The Board went over recommendations of insurance broker Gordon Yetter and decided upon accepting a school package policy with the American Casualty Company, Reading, which would enable agents of the district to write against the policy to make up insured value.

Extended coverage, covering all buildings in the district, amounted to \$2,468,000 with \$500,000 liability. Premium will cost \$6,492.50.

Harold Dillon Bellefonte, a graduate of Penna. State University this semester program, was approved as Industrial Arts instructor to begin his duties December 3. He will fill in during the sabbatical leave of Thomas Longmore.

Payment to 16 teachers, who attended summer school and some salary adjustments were made as provided in the old budget. Those attending Teachers Institute were also approved for reimbursement.

John Sidler was granted permission to attend the Live Stock Agricultural Convention in Atlantic City December 7 and 8. Approval was also granted to have the school nurse work with the school doctor on the screening test for sugar in the urine program.

A report that termites exist in the kindergarten floor at the Lake building will be checked. The Athletic field and lawn of the new high school will be limed and fertilizer applied later.

Building and Grounds Committee reported on various prior problems in the new building, disposal unit, plumbing, floors incinerator, sewage and table tops.

President Willard Sutton thanked retiring directors, C. Frantz, W. Ide W. Chamberlain, Loren Case and W. LaBar for their services. Newly elected directors, Mrs. Vivian and M. Slimak were present as were all present board members, except W. Bates, W. Naugle, B. Williams.

## Heads Christmas Seals



Charles H. Mannear, Overbrook Avenue, will head the Christmas sale of seals, according to announcement of Atty. S. Keene Mitchell, president of Wyoming Valley Tuberculosis and Health Society following a meeting of directors at Kirby Memorial Health Center.

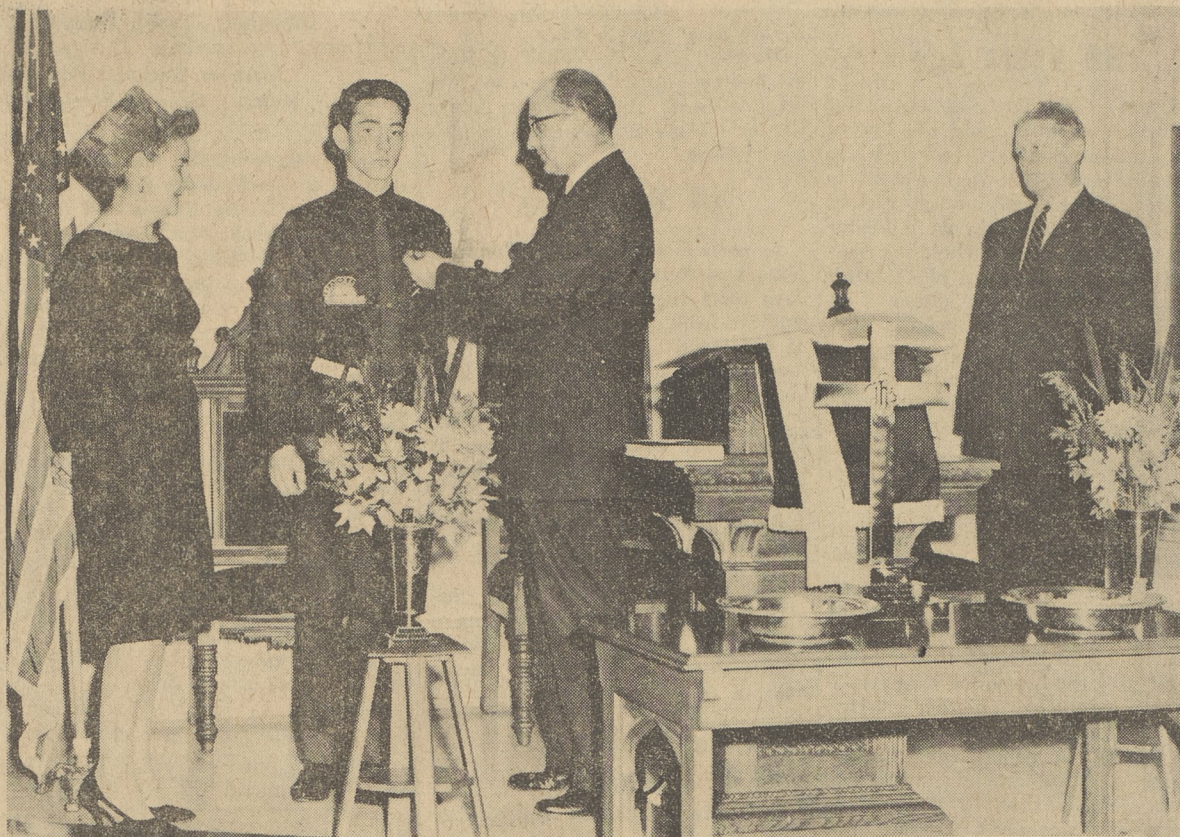
Beginning tomorrow, envelopes containing the familiar seals will be delivered through the mails. Deadline for returns is set for Christmas Eve.

Largely upon the sale of Christmas seals depends the constant drive against tuberculosis, including patch testing of students, chest X-Rays, mass surveys, educational and preventive measures.

Mr. Mannear, president of Luzerne County School Board, former president and long-time member of Dallas School Board, past president of Wyoming Valley Technical Institute, is active in the Back Mountain community and in larger business circles of Wyoming Valley and Scranton. He belongs to Back Mountain Library Association and Shavertown Methodist Church. He is secretary-treasurer of the Kanarr Corporation, Kingston.

Dallas Township Board of Supervisors accepted low bid of Motor Twins, Inc., Kingston, of \$4,966.83 for a new model F-750 Ford dump truck at a special meeting Thursday night.

## Life Scout Eister Wins God And Country Award



Pinning the God and Country Award to his son John's uniform, is Rev. Fred Eister, pastor of Alderson Methodist Church. His wife looks on with pride. At the far right is District Superintendent, Dr. Leon W. Bouton, who stressed the importance of the exacting requirements leading to the award. "Today when there is such an intense effort to remove God from the very life of our country, from schools and from the Pledge of Allegiance, dedication and courage are needed", he continued.

Requirements for the award were

satisfied in Puerto Rico, where John was a member of Robinson School Troop 1 in Santurce, under direction of Major Richard E. Robinson, Chief of Chaplains of the Antilles. Fellow members of Explorer Post and Boy Scouts of 331, Scoutmaster West, Explorer Advisor Johnson, and Commissioner Murphy, took part in the ceremony. John, after receiving his award, presented miniatures to his parents.

Troop Bugler Lee Murphy concluded Sunday's ceremony at Alderson Church by sounding Taps.

John, a junior at Lake-Lehman, transferred this term from Columbia High School, Maplewood, N. J. He plays on the football team, and expects to go out for basketball. In Puerto Rico, he was junior judo champion, winning the distinction in open competition.

Scouting began for John as a Cub in Troop 100, Plains. He is a Life Scout.

His father has been associated with Scouting for over 35 years. His brother, Fred Jr., is assistant Scoutmaster in Johnstown.

(Photo by Kozemchak)

## New School Director



MRS. BARBARA VIVIAN

Following in the political footsteps of her father, Mrs. Barbara Vivian, Huntsville, was recently elected to office — the first woman school director in Lehman Township.

Daughter of Judge George F. Jones, Judge of the Probate Court of Rutland, Vt., and Mrs. Jones, the young woman stems from a family of staunch Republicans and grew up in a political atmosphere. Educated in Rutland public schools, Mrs. Vivian graduated from Syracuse University, School of Fine Arts.

Eighteen years ago she became the wife of John Vivian, partner in the North Branch Lumber Company with his father and brother. The mother of four children: Leslie, John Jr., Bonnie and Joan, ranging in age from three to twelve years, Mrs. Vivian believes that a mother is needed on the board. She conducted a vigorous pre-primary campaign stressing the importance of a woman's viewpoint on educational and social problems. She will take office early in December.

A talented artist, Mrs. Vivian has taught charcoal sketching and painting at the YMCA on a volunteer basis, and taught at Kingston High School and Wilkes-Barre Day School.

Interested in her community, she has served on the Library Auctions, Brownie Troop work, Red Cross Grey Lady, Cancer Drives, United Fund, West Side Settlement, Back Mountain YMCA coordinator, Traveler's Aid, Wilkes-Barre Junior League, Wyoming Valley Art League, and taught occupational therapy at Veterans' Hospital.

She is a past president of Syracuse University, and has been active in the Eisenhower campaign, Scranton-Vanzandt, ticket, and served as co-chairman of Dollars For Dewey and Warren.

## Cars Crash After Youth Waves Flag

Two cars received minor damage at the intersection of Huntsville Road and Davenport Street early Monday evening when one driver reportedly pulled through the corner on signal from a young boy waving a red flag.

Both W. J. Gabel, Davenport Street, who was coming out of same, and Mrs. W. T. Keat, Wilkes-Barre, drove their cars to the Borough Building and reported the accident to Police Chief Russell Honeywell.

## 402nd Attends Dallas Services

### Vets Day Marchers In Uniform At Church

The 402nd Military Police Prisoner of War Camp, Wilkes-Barre, took advantage of services offered by two Dallas churches Sunday as the unit combined an all-day Sunday drill with the Veterans Day parade.

The unit assembled in Wilkes-Barre and traveled via Army vehicles to Gate of Heaven and Dallas Methodist Churches, with Catholic and Protestant personnel attending services. The men then proceeded to their alternate meeting area in Dallas to attend classes and prepare parade formations, and later traveled to Wilkes-Barre for lunch and the Veterans Day Parade. Prior to the Parade, the 402nd received an award for superior performance during the past year.

The unit is under command of Col. Abraham George with Lt. Col. Carl Bur Olson, Trucksville, Executive Officer, and during an active duty situation would provide command, security, housing, medical care and general care for some 20,000 prisoners.

The 402nd meets on Monday evenings at U. S. Army Reserve Training Center, East End, and still has some choice openings available for returning servicemen or young men interested in the 6 month plan.

The men in the 402nd from the Back Mountain are: Lt. Col. Carl B. Olson, 188 Terrace Dr., Trucksville; Maj. John Mulhern, 22 Joseph St., Dallas; Capt. Jack Palmer, Oak Dr., Dallas; 1st Lt. Robert Richardson, 61 Terrace St., Dallas; Sp5 James P. Kelly, Jr., RD 1 Dallas; Pfc. James Phillips, RD 5 Shavertown; WO William Hill, RD 5 Trucksville; Pvt. Donald Olsen, 188 Terrace Dr., Trucksville; Pvt. Roger Bellas, RD 1 Dallas; Pvt. Howard James RD 3 Dallas; Pvt. Nelson Dymond, RD 3, Dallas and Maj. Jack Magee, 53 Perrin Ave., Shavertown.

## Demolition On In Carverton

Demolition of Carverton homes in the proposed park site area in that vicinity is proceeding rapidly under direction of John Parrish and Son, who hold the contract for dismantling.

Twenty nine homes and thirty five barns and sheds are to be torn down within 30 days after properties are vacated.

To date Mr. Parrish, with a crew of twelve has dismantled the Saxe, Conklin, Thomas Gay, Walp and Turner homes; the Saxe, Wright, Corson and Conklin barns and out-buildings.

Work has begun on the Peopling home and Metz properties, although the Metz's are still occupying their quarters.

Two of the Futch homes purchased by individuals will be moved across the street on the Lemmon property to the right of the present homes and room is expected to be made for the third.

Mr. Lemmon has leased much of his choice land to the state on a three year lease for removal of top soil to be used in the park project.

## Councilman's Lawyer Poses Other Version

Attorney for George Thomas, Councilman-elect for Dallas Borough, says there are two sides to the dispute between Thomas and Bernard Food Industries, Inc., Chicago, the latter having instituted suit Tuesday for allegedly unearned commissions and expense money, and on grounds that Thomas aided a competitor.

Bernard Company failed to credit Thomas, employed for six years as a sales representative for them, for some expenses, commissions on sales made where deliveries had not yet been made, and on travel expense payment, according to Attorney Edward Morgan.

Complaint in assumpsit was filed by Attorney Theodore Krohn to the effect that Bernard hired Thomas in 1959 and agreed to pay him commission plus \$50 a week expenses, with the salesman allowed to draw against future commissions which might be owing to him.

Complaint further says that since October, 1962, Thomas did not devote all his time to their work, but engaged in selling an unnamed competitor's products; that he overdraw \$908.39 in unearned commissions and fraudulently obtained \$1,184.47 in expense money.

At press time no-one was available at the Thomas home for comment.

## Gavy's Butcher Dies Suddenly

### Collapses In Field After Bagging Game

A short hunting trip before the beginning of the day's work ended tragically for Frank Simonitis, Charles Street, Luzerne, butcher at Gavy's Market, Trucksville, when he died suddenly Monday morning from a coronary occlusion.

Accompanied by Donald Gavigan, Mr. Simonitis had entered the high fields behind the Robert Maturi home, Sutton Road, at 7 a.m., shooting a rabbit within minutes of arriving.

At 7:20, the men decided to leave the spot, Gavigan in the lead. Turning back to see if his companion was coming, Gavigan saw him slump to the ground.

He noted that Simonitis was breathing heavily and rushed to the home of Mrs. Maturi, who summoned the Kingston Township Ambulance, William Pugh and Andrew Roan attending.

Simonitis died before their arrival. Dr. Perkins was notified and advised a call be placed for the coroner.

The hunter lay on the ground for an hour with Pugh and Roan in attendance, before Karl Blight, deputy coroner, arrived and claimed the body, pronouncing him dead.

Simonitis had been employed at Gavy's three years, had had a physical check up last week and been pronounced healthy. He had spent Sunday fishing.

Services were held from a Luzerne Funeral Home Wednesday. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Most homeowners affected by the change have moved to other homes with a few families awaiting completion of new structures.

## No Money For Crossing Guard Pay, PTA Told; Boro Borrowing \$10,000

Dallas Borough PTA turned up in force at Borough Council meeting Tuesday night in a colorful sequel to last month's demand that Council do something to guard the school crossing at Lehman Avenue and Huntsville Road.

They received in answer a politely emphatic "Impossible," or in the words of police committee head Bob Moore: "It's a pure and simple question of economics. If you don't have the money, you don't spend it."

Council went on later in the meeting to illustrate their present economic situation by voting to empower officers to borrow another \$10,000 to assure payment of an expected \$7,800 debt.

Present debt of Dallas includes \$4,000 in current notes and \$3,000 in bond issue.

Council hopes to get some relief through payment from UGI for damage their powerline did to the traffic light this winter (\$850), and from taxes (over \$4,000). Disputed real estate transfer tax from Natona Mills, \$4500 now held by Dallas Township, would also help.

Spokesman for the PTA was L. J. Buckingham who asked: If this crossing is a perennial problem, why is nothing done about it? And why can a patrolman not be provided as was done last year?

Council replied: Crossing in question is no more dangerous than others in borough. Last year the Council stretched its means and provided a guard, and later a patrolman, but this year the \$540 needed to pay for such a guard is just not available. Council promised, however, to budget for another

regular policeman in 1964.

Buckingham said he was sure that quicker action would be taken if a child were hurt at the crossing. The Lehman Avenue intersection has problems with blind rises in the road, mothers waiting in parked cars for children, and fast commuters whizzing down Huntsville Road.

Mrs. Janet Post said protection of children at dangerous intersections should take precedence even over paving of streets if necessary.

The PTA was in accord with Council's plan to put on another full-time officer in 1964, and said they would try to work out a guard system employing PTA mothers until then.

**Police Report**  
Police report for the past month included: 6 arrests, 3 red lights, 2 parking violations, and 1 reckless driving.

**Snow Removal Law**  
Council approved on first two readings an ordinance providing a \$5 fine, costs, and towing costs for anyone who does not remove his car from public streets for three days after snow-fall of over one inch. Exceptions: Snowfall beginning at 10 p.m. until 9 a.m.; and parking is permitted as soon as Borough has plowed street.

Solicitor Bob Fleming said that Natona Mills was apparently not using the Wilkes-Barre law firm which formerly represented them in the transfer of the mill, and thus a copy of Borough's complaint against them for not paying \$4500 transfer tax to the right party could not be sent until he found out who their lawyer was.

## Shot Groundhog Is Responsible For Ross Twp. Farmers' Protest

Hunting season is full of many-colored leaves, many-colored hunters, and many colored stories about hunting. But the most colorful story this season is about a groundhog in the Broadway area west of Sweet Valley who started a protest group against the Game Commission.

The protesters, under leadership of Caleb Hoyt, Township Supervisor, have banded together to post 3000 to 5000 acres between Broadway and Harveyville.

The average wanderer has little to fear from these signs, which were aimed at the Pennsylvania Game Commission after deputy warden Dan Cragle wrote a ticket for a seventeen-year-old who shot a groundhog on Sunday. The groundhog was on Hoyt's property and making a mess of things, but he met his end on the Lord's Day, which is illegal.

Had young Dallas Sampson, son of carpenter Fred Sampson, and friend of Hoyt's, shot the groundhog on his own land, he would

have been within his rights. Permission from owner Hoyt made no legal differences to the Commission, and Sampson was fined \$25.

Hoyt and a group of local people, including Burton Gordon and Harold Post, doubted the justice of this fine and enlisted the help of property owners in the area to post the land in protest.

Game Warden Ed Gdosky says the organization's action is an empty gesture, since Game protectors are allowed to go on any land to fulfill their duties. Also, he says, most of the farmers in the area are now benefiting under the Commission's farm and game project, and are simply doing themselves out of the commission's stocking programs by their action. Most of the land has been posted before the incident anyway, he added.

The posting association, with signs already on some 3000 acres, met early this week. They have not yet taken a name for the club.

## Four More Performances Scheduled



"Beauty and the Beast," the Children's Theatre production of College Misericordia, played to capacity audiences in Walsh Auditorium last weekend. The same time schedule of performances will be repeated the coming weekend, November 15-17.

Friday evening performance, November 15, will be given at 7:00 on Saturday, two performances at 10 a.m. and at 2:30 p.m. A Sunday matinee will be presented at 2:30.

Two Misericordia Players are shown here in a scene from "Beauty and the Beast." Hildegarde Glas-

stetter, playing Beauty, reads the old tale of the handsome prince's enchantment. Standing is Jack Keating who plays the role of the beast-prince.

"Beauty and the Beast" is being presented by the Misericordia Players in cooperation with the Wilkes-Barre Junior League. The play, a colorful dramatization of the conflict of good and evil in a mood of fairy-tale fantasy under the direction of Gerald Godwin is a completely original interpretation. An original musical score accompanies all action

## MOTORCADE WILL ACCOMPANY TEAM FOR WYOMING GAME

Dallas Letterman's Booster Club are sponsoring a motorcade on Saturday, November 16 to the Dallas-Wyoming Football Game at Wyoming Stadium.

This game will decide the championship for the conference.

All cars are to meet at Dallas Senior High School at 12 noon. Everyone is asked to decorate his own automobile. The Band bus and players bus will lead off the procession.

Elton Brace, chairman, is assisted by Joseph Emory and John Bestwick in the project.

The motorcade was organized to give the local team a boost as they go into battle. It is hoped that a good turnout will be on hand.

## Death Comes To John M. Hewitt

### Last Appearance Was At Dedication

When John Hewitt stepped on the rostrum at dedication of the new Lake-Lehman High School building September 14, those in the know realized that he was making his last official public appearance. Ceremonies had been speeded up by almost two months, to the end that Mr. Hewitt should be able to take part, as head of the Authority Board, before increasing illness cancelled all appointments.

Tuesday night Mr. Hewitt 68, died at his home in Idetown.

He will be buried in Idetown cemetery on Friday, Rev. Norman Tiffany conducting services at 2 from the Bronson Funeral Home. Friends may call tonight.

Mr. Hewitt did not agree with everybody, nor did everybody agree with Mr. Hewitt, but nobody who knew that dynamic individual could doubt that he was a power in the community.

The determined opposition he showed several years ago to plans as drawn for the new school, were grounded, not on opposition to broadened education, but on a conviction that the State was piece by piece taking from the individual community the right to govern itself, solve its own problems, and make its own decisions.

The accomplished building and its grounds were a source of pride to him. He considered that the Authority had gotten its money's worth.

At the dedication he characterized it as the "best school building in Northeastern Pennsylvania," and he was hopeful that the athletic field bleachers would be created in time for him to view a football game. He knew that his days were numbered.

Mr. Hewitt was the first president of the Authority Board, which arranged for building of the gymnasium wing of the original building in 1950, and had been president ever since. His death leaves the Authority Board with only three members: Dr. Lewis Thomas, John Vivian, and Harold Major.

John Hewitt's activities covered a variety of concerns, from construction business to real estate operations, taking in school affairs, service clubs, farming, American Legion, Boy Scouting.

George Bulford succeeded him on Jackson school board in the mid-thirties when Mr. Hewitt resigned, before the original jointure with Lehman. Serving on the school board had made him school-conscious, and his choice as head of the Building Authority Board in 1950 was a natural, because of this and because of his astuteness in real estate deals and his wide connections.

He was born in Courtdale, son of the late George and Mary Seybold Hewitt. Veteran of World War I, he served with the Field Artillery in France and Belgium.

During World War II, he was in charge of food distribution.

Operating a dairy farm at Idetown, he was head of the Dairy-men's League. When the State Institution was first planned, Mr. Hewitt arranged for purchase of the farm properties needed, and located farms in other areas for many of those who had to leave Jackson Township.

Organization memberships included American Legion, Idetown firemen, Harveys Lake Rod and Gun Club, Elks, Kiwanis, and Masonic bodies in Wilkes-Barre.

He was a member of Huntsville Methodist Church. For 23 years he headed Boy Scouting in the Valley, where he was known as "Sampson," because of his unflagging energy and his ability to get things done.

He leaves his widow, the former Marie Prutzman; a son John, Idetown, in the excavating business with his father; a daughter Mrs. Babette Bernstein, Levittown, Pa.; a brother George, Luzerne.

Of the play, performed in a setting designed and made by Gerald Godwin and George Roberts. Masks and costumes were designed and made by students of College Misericordia.

## Bodycomb Ends 18 Year Service On School Board

### High School Roof, Gym Floor, Shows Early Wearing

Dr. Robert Bodycomb bade farewell to his associates on the Dallas School Board Tuesday evening when he announced his retirement from school affairs.

Dr. Bodycomb remarked that after eighteen years as a director, he had at last seen all districts in the Dallas area joined.

Also leaving: Charles Mannear, William Wright, William Davis, Harry Siskler, Alton Whittaker and James Mitchell.

Andrew Kozemchak and L. L. Richardson, incumbent, will be sworn into office on December 2, reducing the present number of directors to seven.

**High School Defects**  
The new senior high school building came under criticism when Dr. Robert Mellman, superintendent, disclosed more leaks had been noted in the roof.

Jack Stanley took issue after it was reported that leaks had been patched by John Paul, in charge of maintenance. Stanley insisted that a bonded Barrett roof should not be in such condition after two years and that same be reported to the School Authority who leases the building.

L. L. Richardson also disclosed that the gym floor was chipping and likewise not a satisfactory job. Dr. Mellman said he would go to the Authority this evening and report the trouble.

Charles Mannear voted against paying the tax collectors in Dallas and Kingston Townships as they have been paid in other years, stating he did not approve a 70% payment of the board.

Mrs. Vernon voted "No" on the new three-year bus lease, negotiated after two more buses were needed to take care of the overload. The new elementary bus will travel from Westmoreland to Orange and carry 60 pupils a distance of 18 miles; the secondary bus will begin at Trucksville Gardens and go to Dallas Junior High and return, a distance of 24.8 miles, and carry 56 pupils.

Appeal of Lake Louise mothers for better bus service was denied partly due to poor condition of Church Road and greater need in relieving overload in other areas.

Overdue taxes from Linear Corporation were also discussed. Atty. Valentine advised Dr. Mellman to get verification of promise to pay after this year in writing.

Resignation of Mrs. Nancy Sloan was accepted and leave granted Mrs. Mary Kleingina and Mrs. Barbara Erwin. Mrs. Ann Saunders, an elementary major was approved as a temporary substitute for Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Virginia Rubino to substitute for Mrs. Erwin.

Mrs. Helen Michael also resigned from the cafeteria staff. A dental hygienist was approved for part time work and custodians granted a holiday on November 28 and 29.

Mrs. Dorothy Davis was also added to the list of substitute teachers. The school nurse reported the following illnesses in October: Chicken Pox, 6; Colds, 4; Flu, 50; Hepatitis, 2; Impetigo, 4; Measles, 2; Pediculosis, 1; Poliomyelitis, 1; Ring Worm, 1; Strep Throat, 1.

All directors were present except Mitchell. A number of spectators were also present.

## Bullet Grazes Foot

Walter Prokopchak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Prokopchak, Orange, was grazed on the foot when his 22 accidentally discharged late Monday morning. The boy was target shooting behind his home at the time.

## List Honor Roll At Lake-Lehman

Lake-Lehman High School principal Anthony Marchakitus announces names of 153 pupils on the honor roll for this marking period. Seventh grade leads with 32 names, twelfth is a close runner-up with 30. Eighth grade and eleventh are neck and neck with 27 each, tenth grade has 19, ninth grade 18.

Seventh Grade: Marie Blizard, Douglas Brody, Clara Clark, Shirley Evans, Elizabeth Fielding, Suzanne Gutch, George Haines, Allyson Johns, Linda Jones, Diane Keris, Millicent Kocher, James Lamoreaux, Linda Fox, John Marchakitus, Kathleen Maye, Debra Morgan.

Brenda Naugle, Paul Niezgoda, Walter James Pall, Hugh Ruger, Marshal Schenck, Terry Smith, Kathryn Spencer, Sandra Splitt, Judy Steele, Allan Stroud, Nancy Thompson, Judy Valick, Margaret Winner, Christine Yanek, James Yench, James Zbick.

Eighth grade: Georganne Adams, Esther Arendt, Faye Brown, Thomas Brown, Margaret Clark, Melanie Frantz, Douglas Gentry, Pamela Grant, Diane Ide, Kathy Ide, Kent Jones, Michelle Klem, George Ma-

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