

Twenty Directors Organize Lehman Merged District

Name Of Lake To Be Dropped From Jointure July 1

Lake Township school directors sat on the sidelines Tuesday at Ross Township elementary school while the newly merged Lehman District held a brief meeting in advance of the Lake-Lehman board session.

Conducting the preliminary session was Richard Hogoboom, elected as interim president at a special meeting Friday night, when the four school districts which had voted to merge at primary elections drew up plans for the merged district.

Elected at this time, to serve until July 1, were these officers: president, Mr. Hogoboom; vice president, Dean Shaver; secretary, Eleanor Humphrey; solicitor, Louis Crisman.

Decided upon also was the name of the district: Lehman Merged School District. The name of Lake was omitted, in compliance with the wishes of the tax-payers who had repudiated the idea of merger at the polls.

Present on Friday were E. S. Teter and Wesley Davies, superintendent of Luzerne County Schools.

The present school board, Lake-Lehman Jointure, will continue to operate until July 1, and its president, Willard Sutton, will present diplomas to 134 graduates on June 9.

The diplomas will be headed Lake-Lehman. Next year the heading will be Lehman Merged District. Lake Township will be associated with the merged district as a jointure. Bonus for merger offered by the State will not be received by Lake Township.

Tuesday evening, upon completion of business of the interim board, Mr. Hogoboom relinquished the chair to Willard Sutton, presiding for Lake-Lehman.

Lester Squier, supervising principal, posed a question: Should the Baccalaureate Sunday observances be cancelled in line with the popular hoarsh on forcing religion upon the youth? Dallas schools, he had been told, were considering abandonment of the program. Kingston Borough was planning Baccalaureate ceremonies as in former years.

Directors voted to go along with tradition, authorizing the usual Sunday before graduation observance, as part of commencement week to which students are entitled. Seniors wear caps and gowns to Baccalaureate services as well as at Commencement. Many of the seniors will never have another opportunity to wear academic costume.

Baccalaureate services are scheduled for Sunday, June 7 in the auditorium; graduation Tuesday, June 9, in the gymnasium.

A school calendar was adopted, allowing a day off for Bloomsburg Fair and for the first day of deer season. Washington's Birthday was listed with a proviso that it might be cancelled out if heavy snow should close the schools. Easter vacation could also be shortened for the same emergency.

Schools will open September 9, close June 16.

Mr. Squier made special note of a mandated emergency budget increase for professional employees, amounting to \$11,887.00. Revised increases include increments of \$250 for the supervising principal; \$120 for assistant supervisor; \$380 for the principals; \$10,205 for teachers; \$500 for librarian; \$135 for guidance; \$50 for nurse; \$247 for Social Security.

Pay for cafeteria workers and bus drivers for the day of the state funeral for assassinated President John F. Kennedy, when schools were closed November 25, 1963, was voted. The Board expected a directive from Harrisburg, received none, and decided that as teachers were paid, bus drivers and cafeteria workers should not be penalized.

Bills amounting to \$11,920.76 were ordered paid.

Fire Victim Noxen Native

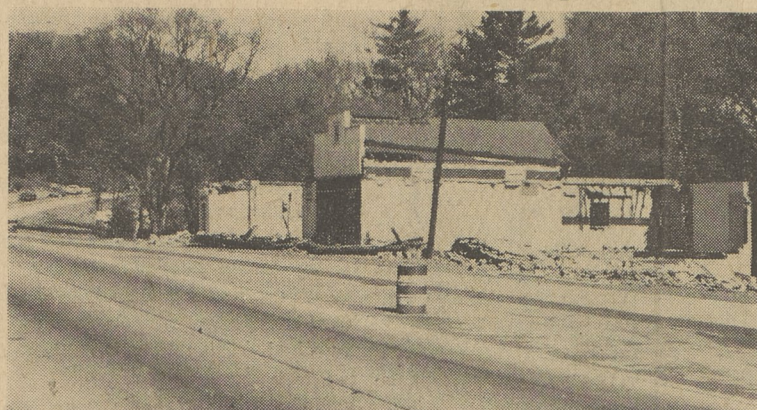
Burned beyond recognition, and positively identified only by his teeth, Lester L. Steele, Noxen native, will be buried today from the Bronson Funeral Home, where services for his sister-in-law Mrs. Carl Steele, were conducted only last week.

Struggling with two firemen who attempted to save him Monday night at 10, the 49 year old man burned to death on the fire escape porch of his apartment at 44 N. Main Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Noxen, son of the late Earl V. and Della Goss Steele, Mr. Steele spent most of his life in Wilkes-Barre where he was employed by the Herzold Photographic Studio until retiring in 1961.

He leaves four sons: James, California; Robert, Beach Haven; Douglas, Hunlock Creek; and Donald, at home; four grandchildren, and a brother Carl, Kingston. His mother died last year.

Trucksville Post Office Gives Up Ghost



Trucksville Postoffice, as seen here, was the last of three occupants to yield to the wrecker's hammer when the landmark building which also housed Gavy's Market and Trucksville Pharmacy fell in the wake of the new highway.

But not without a surprise! One old ghost was shaken out of the walls in the process. See story below.

Mystery Check Found Here

Was Mailed At Local Post Office In 1952

With the demolition of Trucksville Post Office recently and the consequent clearing of old files and lock boxes, a twelve-year mystery has been solved for postal authorities and R.H. Kline, 84 Loveland Street, Kingston.

On December 13, 1952, Mr. Kline, an agent for Rawleigh Company, mailed an order at Trucksville Post Office with a check for \$105.

The order and check were never received and loss was reported to Postal authorities, who were unable to trace it.

On April 28 of this year, Mr. Kline received the following forwarded letter from Postmaster William W. Davis, Wilkes-Barre: "Dear Sir: The enclosed letter is forwarded to you with an explanation for long delay. It was located today, April 28, 1964, wedged between the lock boxes and the letter drop at our Trucksville Branch.

A wrecking crew is dismantling the Trucksville Branch Post Office Building to build a new highway through that area. Evidently this letter was mailed years ago with a three cent stamp and somehow slipped behind the furniture at Trucksville, Pa., at time of mailing.

The long delay is regretted by this office.

Very truly yours, W.W. Davis, Postmaster"

Mr. Kline received the following note from the Rawleigh Company. "Dear Mr. Kline: You can keep this letter as a souvenir. You have heard the old saying, "better late than never". This is really one for the books. With all good wishes, C. E. Hendershot, Manager."

Back Mountain Area Ambulance Logbook

Dallas Community Mrs. Hannah Kauffman, lower Demunds Road, was taken to General Hospital Friday, L.R. Scott, Bob Beseker, and Hayden Richards attending.

On Saturday, Leonard Glassberg, Kingston, was taken to Nesbitt Hospital, Leighton Scott, Richards, and Beseker attending.

Kingston Township Adam Young, Trucksville, was taken to Nesbitt Hospital Thursday, Vought Long, R. Shoemaker, and W. Davis attending.

Frank Karwetta, Overbrook Avenue, was taken to Mercy Hospital (Continued on Page 4 A)

two weeks after the birth of Mrs. Daniel's first child, Eden Elizabeth. Her comment upon reaching the stage to accept the award was a tearful, "This has been my year!"

Mr. Andrew, father of the recipient, is the Art Supervisor of the Plymouth Borough Schools. Mrs. Daniels is a graduate of Westmoreland High School and is a senior at Moore Institute of Art.

Dig Out Spillway And Dam Base At Carverton State Park Site



Work on the Carverton dam project, Frances Slocum State Park, is in full swing, the two major stages shown above.

A concrete spillway will go in the enormous groove cut in the hillside just below the two office houses (far left).

At far right, two clam-shov-

Township Takes Over Lake Beach; Lehman Bond Cost Amazingly Low

Lehman Township formally acquired a strip of shoreline at Harvey's Lake for use as a Township Beach, at Supervisors' meeting Saturday.

The land, varying in depth from 21 to 35 feet, and running about 190 feet from Sunset bridge to the notion stand across from the Casino, was leased by two owners at a nominal consideration yearly to Lehman Township.

Improvement of the shore area, owned by Joseph Pagliante and the James Mack Estate, is to begin shortly. Some fill will be necessary. Owners have reportedly begun arrangements to canvass local property-holders for help, and have agreed to pay bills on the venture.

Supervisors are now investigating possibilities of getting life guard protection and insurance.

Adjoining land owned by Francis "Red" Ambrose is not presently a part of the Township recreation tract, but may be added later. Mr. Ambrose has sold some of his lake-front land recently.

Confidence in the future of Lehman Township was demonstrated by a low bid of only three per cent by Miners National Bank, Wilkes-

Council To Convene Specially To Weigh County Bid For Tax Clamp

Dallas Borough Council considered a proposal by County Commissioners that it restrict its taxing power the first year after reassessment by the county, so that budget does not exceed that of the previous year by more than five per cent.

The Council then decided to meet as a committee of the whole to evaluate the proposal in the light of Borough's present financial situation.

Factors to be considered, as pointed out by solicitor Robert Fleming and Mayor Thomas Morgan: Borough has not raised its millage since 1947, which may rank Council as one of the most economy-minded in the state. But the Borough may not want to continue to scribble and save much longer, considering the growing need for more drains, roads, and police.

In that case, the Borough might see the day shortly when it would need to raise taxes, and could not, because it had resolved not to, when asked by County Commissioners.

Taxes could conceivably go up if, as expected, Back Mountain valuation would be raised after reassessment.

As illustration

As illustration of possible need for higher taxes in Dallas, drainage problems in the Sterling-Susquehanna-Lackawanna avenue section were again brought to light, and Council decided it simply did not have the \$4000-and-some needed to install proper drainage there.

Along with drainage problems went sewage problems, and councilman George Thomas complained of sewage odor back of the Dallas Acme building, caused, apparently, by an overflowing septic tank under the pavement. Health inspectors will be consulted on this problem.

Perranto Deputized Andrew Perranto, street superintendent, was deputized a special officer to handle daytime accidents, as Chief Honeywell expected he might have an overload of court appearances next month.

Police report had six arrests: five red lights and one reckless driving. Councilman Thomas complained of a driver doing 70 miles an hour on Sterling Avenue, witnessed by several people, and said his license number had been taken.

Solicitor Fleming said trial on the issue of possession of \$4500 real estate transfer tax from sale of Natona Mills, between the Borough and Dallas Township, was set for

Smashes Pole On Demunds Road

This Triumph Spitfire sports car left the road, while negotiating the sharp curve below Miller's gas station at the intersection of upper Demunds and Campground Roads, injuring its driver, Saturday night.

Admitted to Nesbitt Hospital by Dallas ambulance: Leonard Melvin Glassberg, 160 N. Daves Avenue Kingston, who was driving without license or owner's card when his

car skidded out of control and clipped off a telephone pole, leaving it hanging from its wires.

The curve in the road is very severe at that point.

Glassberg had a badly cut scalp. A passenger, Richard Goodall, was not hurt, but supposedly returned to a picnic where the boys had been.

plant. Actually, new knitting machines have been introduced to the plant as part of the program since April. So far, four have been received. Eight of the projected 13 machines are high-speed knitting, and five are "novelty tricott".

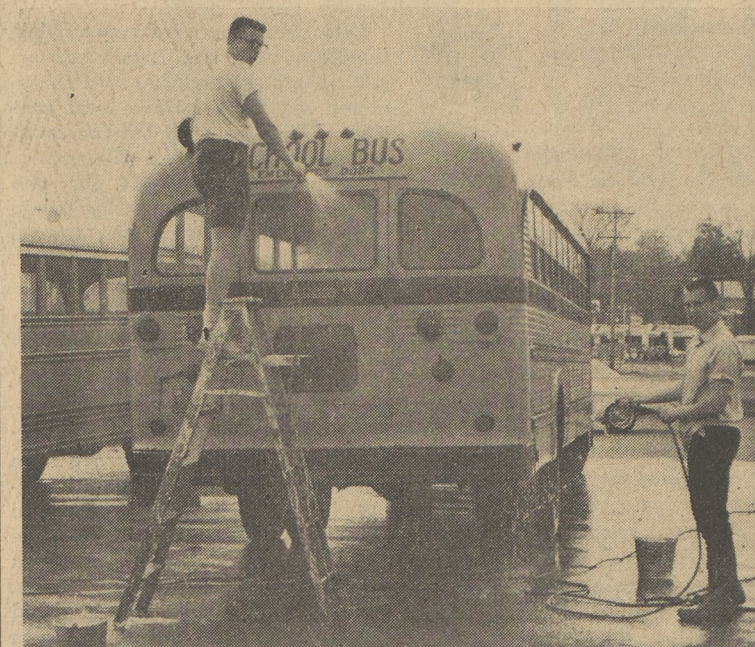
At the same time, a Native Laces plant in Glens Falls, N.Y., will be expanded at a cost of \$1,000,000.

Sutliff's Open House Is Huge Success

Sutliff's Open House held at Bloomingdale last Saturday was a terrific success, with over 400 persons visiting the store.

The 100 decenter to be awarded customers were completely given out by 10:30 a.m.

Slave Labor For Freddie Hennebault



Jumping the gun on Slave Labor Day are Jeff Townsend, high on a ladder washing an Emmanuel bus, and Ernie Gay, handling the hose.

Getting to Orchard Farms Dairy parking lot early Saturday morning in advance of John Butler, Reese Finn, George Mahler and Steve Farnum, Gay and Townsend started in on the first of their ten bus assignment, plus the Dallas District food-handling truck, to raise money for the Freddie Hennebault Fund.

Students from both Dallas and Lake-Lehman high schools collaborated last Saturday in the first of two Slave Labor Days sponsored by Dallas Kiwanis Club.

The goal, \$1,000, will be exceeded by the end of the second Slave Day this coming Saturday. George McCutcheon says that already the combined effort, counting in donations, has reached the \$700 mark.

Freddie Hennebault, the Lake-Lehman wrestler who was injured more than two years ago, will leave on Sunday for Magee Hospital in Philadelphia, where he will be taught the use of the artificial muscle designed for him last fall. As soon as he masters it, he can be taught

to type. Over 100 students are taking part in the drive to rehabilitate Freddie. Steve Macielko, wrestling official from Wyoming Valley, is taking a personal interest in the plan.

Dallas Students who want to sign up for next Saturday's Slave Labor, are asked to phone George McCutcheon, Will Wright, Ernest Gay, or Arch Austin.

Those from Lake-Lehman, get in touch with James Zaleskas, Edward Edwards, or Sam Davenport.

Mrs. A. L. Jones Leaves Library

Mrs. Albert Jones, acting librarian for the past year, and at various times during the three years since Miss Miriam Lathrop resigned, will no longer be at her desk at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Announcement of her resignation for reasons of health was made by Library president Richard Demmy Thursday night at the Library Auction Kick-Off Dinner, together with a sincere appreciation of her services.

Mrs. Jones, with the Library as assistant since 1953, took the reins when Miss Lathrop's successor, Mrs. Prosper Wirt, was obliged to relinquish the position because of illness a scant six months later.

She managed library affairs for a year, until Miss Elizabeth Ryder was employed as librarian. Miss Ryder served from April until August of last year, resigning because of inability to handle the multiplicity of detail.

Mrs. Jones once more took over, and until the present, has been acting librarian.

On duty at the Library at present are: Mrs. Martin Davern, acting librarian; Louise and Betty Herwig, assistants; Mrs. Robert Bachman, children's librarian; and her assistant Mrs. Dana Crump.

Appointment of a new librarian will be announced at the May meeting of the Library Board. Ratification of the contract is not yet certain, and nothing has been signed, sealed, and delivered.

If the arrangement goes through, the new librarian will assume her duties August 1.

Answer Two Fires

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company answered a call at the home of H. Elwood Meyers, Park Street, Saturday evening when a stove exploded, but occupants put out the fire.

Sunday afternoon, three companies answered a brushfire call in the "Browntown" area back of Roushey Plot. Kunkle and Shavertown companies had three pieces of equipment in the area followed by the Dallas truck which could not locate the secluded old road immediately. Contrary to report, no homes were in apparent danger at any time.

to replace the one blown up. Irvin T. Miller and Company, Burgettstown, contractor, reportedly lost a great deal of money when the machines were destroyed.

The state project is being supervised by the Department of Forests and Waters, Stanley Kebbe, O. L. Cummins, J. Griffith, engineers.

Back Mountain Little League will begin the sale of candy bars on May 18.

The boys will try to raise enough money to help pay for the heavy outlay of equipment purchased for the coming season.

Two new teams this year, and two additional ones last year put a heavy strain on finances of the organization.

Dallas School To Graduate 178 Seniors

Summer Sessions To Aid Reading Program Will Begin July 6

Dallas School Board adopted a resolution to notify Luzerne County Board of School Directors that Dallas District approved county organization plans affecting them, at a meeting Tuesday evening.

The unusually quiet session also approved its budget of \$1,287,500 for the 64-65 school year, Kozemchak voting "No".

Joseph E. Petrenchak, Kutztown, was approved as a new faculty member. Mr. Petrenchak has been teaching Spanish for three years in Kutztown, and is enrolled in the graduate school at Temple University.

Eighty-six girls and 92 boys were reported as satisfying graduation requirements.

W. B. Jeter was appointed treasurer of the school district at an annual salary of \$100. At. Jonathan Valentine was reappointed solicitor at \$400, and Joseph E. Salamone, Jr., named auditor of the 1963-64 school year accounts of the district.

Miners National Bank was named depository for all accounts of the school district, and Federal Reserve Securities Bond in the amount of \$200,000 was continued.

Mrs. Joyce Gordon, Mrs. Thelma Lamoreaux, Mrs. Anne Pfaultz, Mrs. Arline Road, and Miss Georgena Weidner were employed as elementary summer school instructors in the reading program.

Summer school will begin July 6 and close August 14, at Westmoreland building, classes from 9 to 12 daily.

Mrs. Florence Sherwood was appointed part time teacher of choral music in the Dallas High School.

Salaries Adjusted

The board also voted to adjust all classroom teachers salaries to schedule within a three year period. Salaries will be adjusted by payment of an annual increment equal to one third the difference between present salary and proper position on salary scale scheduled as of 66-67 school year.

Maximum salary will be paid to all teachers who will complete their 35th year of teaching service in the 1964-65 school year.

The positions of Mrs. Margaret Morgan, Mrs. Florence Wilson, Mrs. Lucy Morgan, and Mrs. Mary Kamor, retiring, will be taken on a full time basis by Mrs. Marilyn Morris, Mrs. Marian Katakinski, Mrs. Helen Rice, Mrs. Norma Sinirope, as cafeteria workers.

Mrs. JoAnn Phillips was approved as a part time cafeteria employee. Mrs. Edythe Kromelbein was granted the sum of \$381.50 for 109 days of service as principal of Shavertown Elementary School.

Mrs. Dorothy Peiffer, Mr. and Mrs. William Price and Mrs. Mary Emmanuel will conduct the school census this summer.

A resolution to permit John Paul, supervisor of maintenance, to attend the Custodians' Workshop at University Park June 22 to 24 was approved, with Mr. Kozemchak dissenting.

Sick leave of Miss Emily Goldsmith was continued for four days.

Back Mountain Lumber and Coal Company received the contract for coal supplies and Berti and Son, the contract for hauling ashes.

Bids for art supplies were awarded for a total of \$4,679.46; medical supplies will be purchased in the amount of \$514; bids for general supplies were approved at \$7,823.26, contract for lamps at \$268.71, and custodial supplies in the amount of \$1,930.79.

Dallas High Band and Junior High Drill Team will take part in Daddow Isaacs Post memorial services May 30. Dallas Senior High Rifle Team will perform at Benton Air Force Base on May 16.

A letter from H.R. Carson, division manager of Acme Markets, concerning the refuse dumped by customers in the Shavertown School playground read as follows: "If this unsightly condition is caused by the Shopping Center, I am sure every step will be taken by the owners of the Center, with full cooperation of tenants, to eliminate same."

Miss Lois Lombardo, recently hired as an instructor, has accepted a position with the National Security Agency.

A total of 4,842 absentees were noted for the month of April, 169 of these reported as measles cases, 37 chicken pox, 67 flu or virus infections.

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