

L-L Tax-Payers Query Board On Reassessments

Ask For Measures To Protect Pupils Crossing Highway

A number of Lake-Lehman District residents asked for information about the probable rise in taxes, following reassessment, Tuesday night at the Lake-Lehman board meeting.

Willard Sutton, president, was able to give them no definite leads, but reassured them. Much property, he states, had never been assessed at all, or at such a low figure that other tax-payers were carrying the ball.

He said that his own property had been assessed at too low a figure, and he expected it to rise. On the other hand, some property owners might find that their taxes were lowered, because with reassessment to a more nearly realistic level, millage would have to drop.

It was all in the realm of the imponderable, but the school system did not want more revenue than it could properly budget.

This is not the time, he said, to be penny-wise and pound foolish.

Mr. and Mrs. Garwin Tough brought up the question of a blinker light at the highway crossing in Lehman Center. It was considered at the last board meeting, but nothing could be done at present. Steps must be taken through the supervisors, and cleared through the State Highway Department.

Because the school fronts on a side street instead of on the highway, Highway Department to date has not posted a school speed limit, though children must cross in the teeth of oncoming speedsters.

The same condition prevails in Shavertown, where children must cross the newly widened highway, with no protection from lights.

In the case of a school fronting the highway, school zone speed limits of 15 miles per hour are posted and enforced.

Teaching Staff Laurels

An indication of the quality of teachers now obtainable by Lake-Lehman schools, is seen in the roster of teachers who have won salary increases recently, because of advanced study or travel.

These men and women include Charles H. James, with six credits; Marlan Huttenstine, with 12; Samuel Davenport, 18; Martha Smith travel; Ruth Patton, 6; John P. Zlotek, 12; Mildred Wilson, 18; Margaret Bittner, 6. Increases are at the rate of \$50 for each six credits earned. Travel is counted as six.

Eight students at Pennsylvania State are reported as doing well. They are Nancy Drapewski, John Landis, Thomas Rogers, Robert Ross, William Schlosser, Douglas Trumbower, Patricia Zbick, and Stanley Rusloski.

Lester B. Sduier, supervising principal, and Willard Sutton both looked forward with gratification to the forthcoming evaluation of the school district. A delegate will come in mid-November to lay plans for the spring evaluation.

Miscellaneous

Bus contracts were signed with Leon D. Emmanuel, Fred Uppyke, Clarence Payne, Wayne Rosencrans and Morgan Price.

Mrs. John Vivian was appointed delegate to the National PSBA convention in Pittsburgh November 4-7.

Insurance was placed on the new athletic field bleachers.

Requests for use of the building include: Harveys Lake American Legion, December 13, for the annual children's party; Girl Scouts, Lehman elementary cafeteria, on Mondays, 3:30 to 5.

Telephone service improvement in the administration building was authorized, with buzzer and intercom arrangements.

One-day field trips to historical and scientific sites were authorized: seventh grade to Corning Glass Center and Watkins Glen; eighth grade, Valley Forge and Philadelphia; ninth, Harrisburg and Gettysburg. Date, October 31.

The wrestling squad will take part in a tournament in Williamsport December 29 and 30, sharing transportation with the Dallas squad.

Anthony Marchakitis, high school principal, will represent Luzerne County October 15 and 16 at the PSEA meeting at Sunbury High School.

Building and grounds committee reported installation of a window in the high school library, repair of the roof at Lehman elementary, and construction of a baseball diamond.

Annual meeting of Luzerne County School Board at Coughlin High School cancels out the November 10 meeting at Lehman. Directors of Lake-Lehman will convene the following Tuesday, November 7.

Approved as home-bound instructors were Miss Hazel Baer and Samuel Davenport, teaching Robert Margellina.

No Prowler Sighted In Dallas This Week

There have been no officially reported sightings of the prowler since last Thursday at Fowlers'. Rumors of visits by prowlers have been rampant, but unproven.

State police cars have reportedly been visiting the Oak Hill section of Lehman Township with some frequency in the last two weeks, and at least one state trooper has expressed determination to get the person sought.

Efforts on the part of the Dallas Post to find out exactly who was sought have met with little success, however, Township police chief Joseph Ide said he did not know of any state police in the area, and the officer on duty yesterday at state police barracks said it would be a lot of trouble to check back through the records. Borough remains quiet.

Plea For Blood Brings Out 199 Willing Donors

Bloodmobile Sees Largest Response In Local History

Response to the Red Cross Bloodmobile last Friday was fantastic, the greatest in the history of the Back Mountain, with 199 donors presenting themselves, and 168 pints of blood taken.

Gate of Heaven Parent-Teacher Guild takes the banner for performance, with 40 donors. Mrs. Donald Fannon was chairman.

PTA groups from Dallas elementary, Shavertown, Westmoreland, and other area schools, contributed 110 pints.

Commonwealth Telephone had a banner contribution, 24 pints; Natona 21.

A mob scene developed almost with the opening of the doors of Shavertown YMCA at 11:45, but staff and volunteer helpers kept the lines moving and the cots filled.

Mrs. June Sheehammer, Red Cross headquarters, reports that the entire area is now covered for the coming six months. Last spring the donation was disappointing, leaving some areas without complete protection in case of illness or disaster.

The Blood Assurance program requires one tenth of the membership of each registered organization to donate blood. Not the same tenth, but an equal number.

Mrs. Edward Gilroy, Back Mountain coordinator, was highly pleased with the response. Even the Dr. Sherman Schooley donation day did not come up to Friday's results.

The spectacular upgrading in response from Commonwealth Telephone Company, Mrs. Gilroy attributes to the showing of a blood donation film to employees a few days in advance of the collection.

Gamelands Tour

Harveys Lake Rod and Gun Club will sponsor a tour of Gamelands at Ricketts, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, starting at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Meet at the Commission building at West Dallas. Warden Ed Gosky will lead. Public is invited.

Two Back Mountain Men Roommates At Hospital

Squire Fredric W. Anderson, Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown, and John Sheehan, Huntsville Road, Dallas, are patients and roommates at Geisinger Medical Center.

The two friends met unexpectedly in the doctor's waiting room as they awaited individual appointments with the same physician.

Sheehan underwent surgery on Monday morning. Anderson is under observation.

Designer Cuts Ribbon To Open New Highway

Businessmen, Club Heads And Officials Attend Dedication

The designer of the new section of Back Mountain Highway, the Hon. Naylor A. Staples cut the ribbon stretched across two lanes in dedication ceremonies at 11:20 a.m., Wednesday morning, near the Big Bend.

The brief ritual was witnessed by businessmen, service clubs, and residents. A motorcade of antique cars led dignitaries and participants up 4.61 miles of new road to Irem Temple Country Club, where a luncheon and program followed.

Aldo Franconi, President of Wyoming Valley Motor Club, welcomed guests and presented a brief history of transportation growth in the Back Mountain. He disclosed that a road through this region had been first laid out at the close of the Civil War, from Vaughn's Corners, west to Bennett Street to Main Street, Luzerne, and following Toby's Creek.

Building of the "turnpike" came later with funds raised by businessmen. A tollgate was established at the spot where Ross Williams' old service station stood and a fee of 20c charged, with half price for couples. Food and lodging was obtained at the Ice Cave Hotel, now Donachie's, or the Raub Hotel in Dallas, and a watering trough installed near Blaze's Hotel.

In 1912, A. H. Coon constructed a better road costing \$12,000 and Wilson Cease was brought in from Bethlehem to serve as foreman. Egg and chestnut size stone and dirt was watered down, then covered with a tar top to produce a road of much improvement.

The first spur line followed shortly, with Pioneer Avenue being opened. The bypass in Luzerne, and relocated turnpike road speeded up transportation to the Back Mountain.

The late Sen. Andrew Sordani was instrumental in bringing about the new road in 1941 with its attendant growth throughout this area, fulfilling a long time dream.

Herman Kerstein, master of ceremonies, lauded H. J. Williams Company who did the construction in record time, cutting the deadline by eight months, and expressed his thanks to Clifford Bigelow of Wyoming Valley Motor Club who made all arrangements for the dedication.

He also urged that the townships and borough make every effort to keep billboards from defacing the beauty of the new road side.

Robert Hirschman, president of H. J. Williams Company, thanked citizens for their inconvenience and introduced his officials. He said it was a difficult road to build.

Mr. Kerstein expressed his appreciation to service clubs and all groups who assisted, and again stated how difficult it was for the construction company to maintain the flow of traffic during building of the road while 10,000 to 20,000 cars passed over it daily.

F. Willard Harper, president of AAA Penna. Mo or Federation, extended greetings.

Mr. Staples, Deputy Secretary of Highways spoke briefly, thanking residents and construction company for cooperation and the Penna. Dept. of Highways office at Scranton. He said the highway will provide greater safety and faster transportation.

Payment for the new stretch of road was divided equally between state and federal government.

Granville Sowden, township dedication chairman, was applauded for his efforts.

Invocation was given by Rev. Robert D. Yost, benediction by Rev. Francis Kane.

Huntsville Dam Water Lower Than In Recent Memory



Huntsville Dam shows effects of a very dry season, being lower than at any time in recent memory. This shot was taken by photographer James Kozemchak from near

his home, looking over the Culp property.

Water at Harveys Lake is also low, as is Bowman's Creek, which has virtually disappeared near

Lute's Corners, Noxen Township.

Recent rains, which quelled Back Mountain brushfires for the most part, failed to do much for the overall water supply.

On School Board: Two New Slots? Tax Issue Put Off Until January

Dallas School Board meeting Tuesday evening recommended that the Department of Public Instruction issue Dallas School District a certificate of Advance Establishment to put the local educational system in line for proposed Act 299, which would allow nine school directors at large instead of the present seven member board.

The new reassessment figures also came in for some discussion, but Atty. Jonathan Valentine urged that until final figures were agreed upon, it was wise to wait.

Mrs. Vernon said she would favor 33 mills, but if the figures were later adjusted, this could mean serious trouble for the school district. Kozemchak stated he was in favor of 27 mills. When asked by Director Stanley how much revenue this would bring, he said he had not figured that low.

Valentine also related that the case of a deed for lots 338 and 339 condemned when the school was built and filed in 1964 by J. Henry Pool had been reviewed, but no decision made as yet.

Mrs. Vernon produced a booklet on the American Flag which she said was being used in Social Studies Classes and asked that Kozemchak read it. He replied that he didn't need any literature on it, that he had served under it for many years.

A raise in salary for the Senior and Junior High School music instructors was approved in the amounts of \$300 and \$150 respectively. Kozemchak voting in the negative.

Mrs. Ann Vernon and Mrs. John Stahl will attend the School Directors Convention in Pittsburgh early in November.

Approval of purchase of German textbooks was also authorized with Kozemchak voting "no." A new bus had been put on to ease the overload, and the Board authorized this decision.

Complaints were heard of a retarded child disturbing other bus pupils, and this brought the answer from Mrs. Vernon that the Board is obligated to educate everyone. However, the matter will be studied.

Driver training car again entered the conversation. Kozemchak urging it be placed in a garage between

4 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. Matter was turned over to the policy committee.

A letter from the Teachers Committee applauded procedures, and stated their pleasure with present educational system. Robert Hukill, Mrs. Margaret Borton, Miss Bettie Sullivan, Kenneth Kirk, Joseph Rakshys, Edward Potera, Robert Dolbear and Thomas Carr were approved as Evening Extension School instructors. One hundred and ten adults have enrolled thus far.

Permission was granted Dallas PTA to show Saturday movies as their project once a month at the school auditorium. Mrs. Doris Wolfe was approved as full time dental

Snow Flurries

Dallas had snow on Saturday. It didn't amount to much, but October 10 is still pretty early for snow. Lehman and Sweet Valley areas also had some flakes.

All sightings were accompanied by big black clouds and high winds temporarily, and in some cases hail. Barry Edwards of Idetown tells us the 20-degree temperatures were not matched until the first of December last year.

Two Fire Calls

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company responded to a call from Town House Restaurant Thursday afternoon, when smoke smell reportedly issued from behind a cooler. No fire was found.

Just before, the company put out a grassfire on Overbrook Road.

Kiwanis "Womanless Wedding" Principals Apply For License



Shown above are the principals in the Kiwanis Womanless Wedding, October 22-24th, as the Bride, Clyde W. Birth, and Groom, Walter Phil-

lips, filed for a wedding license at the office of Justice of the Peace Mrs. Beatrice Williams.

They were accompanied by Leo E. Nauroth, producer of the fund-raising show benefitting the underprivileged children and other public service activities of the Dallas Kiwanis Club.

Back Mountain Area Ambulance Logbook

Dallas Community ambulance took Richard Maher, upper Demunds Road, to General Hospital on Friday. Robert Besceker, Ralph Fitch, and Hayden Richards as crew.

Mrs. Dick Spencer, Sreedny Road, Kunkle, was taken to Nesbitt Hospital Tuesday, Ron Hrubowchak and Hayden Richards attending, and returned same day, John Carey and Leighton Scott attending.

Kingston Township October 7, Harry Owens, Trucks-ville, was brought home from Nesbitt Hospital following an accident. Carl Miers, Vought Long and Al Hawke attending.

October 8, Sterling Keiner, Demunds Road, was taken to General Hospital with Marvin Yeust and Elwood Swingle as crew.

Friday, Harry Owens was returned to Nesbitt Hospital, attended by Willard Bullock, James Gordon, Jr., and Carl Miers.

The same day, Mrs. Arlene Bessmer, Harris Hill Road, was taken to Nesbitt Hospital, James Smith, Harry Smith and Robert Shoemaker attending.

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Council Refuses Millage Change Until Winter; Need More Money

Honeywell Returning On Monday, As Chief

Russell Honeywell will return to duty as police chief of Dallas Borough this Monday, October 19, he told Borough Council this week. The chief has been out of service, from a heart attack, for about three months.

In that time, police duty was filled first by officer Raymond Titus, assisted by other special officers, and then by acting chief Alexander MacCoulloch, a new appointee.

Jackson Defers Taxation Issue

A large number of residents of Jackson Township attended the meeting of the township supervisors last Wednesday night, many bringing their new assessment letters with them.

The meeting, originally scheduled to be held on Tuesday night, October 6, had been postponed one day due to the holding of the Annual Evangelism Banquet at the Fire Hall.

Residents were greatly agitated over the large increases in property valuations, and questioned the supervisors what they intended to do about reducing millage. Atty. Jonathan Valentine, Solicitor for the Township, told residents that supervisors could not set the millage until their meeting in January, as by that time, the Township Valuation would be certified to them by the County.

Atty. Valentine advised anyone who thought he was assessed at too high a rate to file an appeal with the Board of Assessors before (Continued on Page 3 A)

Idetown Brushfire

Jonathan R. Davis Fire Company put out a brushfire adjacent to the highway in Idetown, about a quarter mile north of the traffic light, around 6 Monday night.

Fines for the month: Moen \$30, Harvey \$25. Some \$25,850 in building netted \$38 in permits.

Coal Bid Let

Controversial coal bid was voted to the lowest bidder, Back Mountain Coal and Lumber Company, decision held over from last month. Other bidder was Tom Reese's Glenview Coal Company, Dallas. Council was of the opinion that a low bid is a low bid, and obligation is owed morally to accept it, once bids are let. Parry and Brobst voted "no."

The old borough truck is "shot" according to street commission, and specifications will be drawn up for eventual purchase of a new one.

Complaint has again been received from a resident of Sterling Avenue that water from the road-way drains into his property, flooding the cellar. Borough engineer has checked and found alternative costs of repair would be either \$1623 or \$1709, and Council agreed this was too much for one dwelling, considering the house was built two feet below road grade, and is owner's responsibility.

Frank Dixon, a visitor, said he understood that the Planning Commission intended to rezone Columbia Avenue from residential to commercial. Engineer John Jeter said Planning Commission had taken no action, and was to meet soon. The Memorial Highway side of Columbia, the street which runs behind the Legion, is commercial. There are five or six empty lots on the other side.

A resident complained of speeding and dangerous conditions at the top of Huntsville Road, near intersection of Parrish Street, a blind corner. Communicated complaints included weeds at the corner of Davenport and Moffett Streets, and water washing off the top of Elizabeth Street.

Ambulance On View

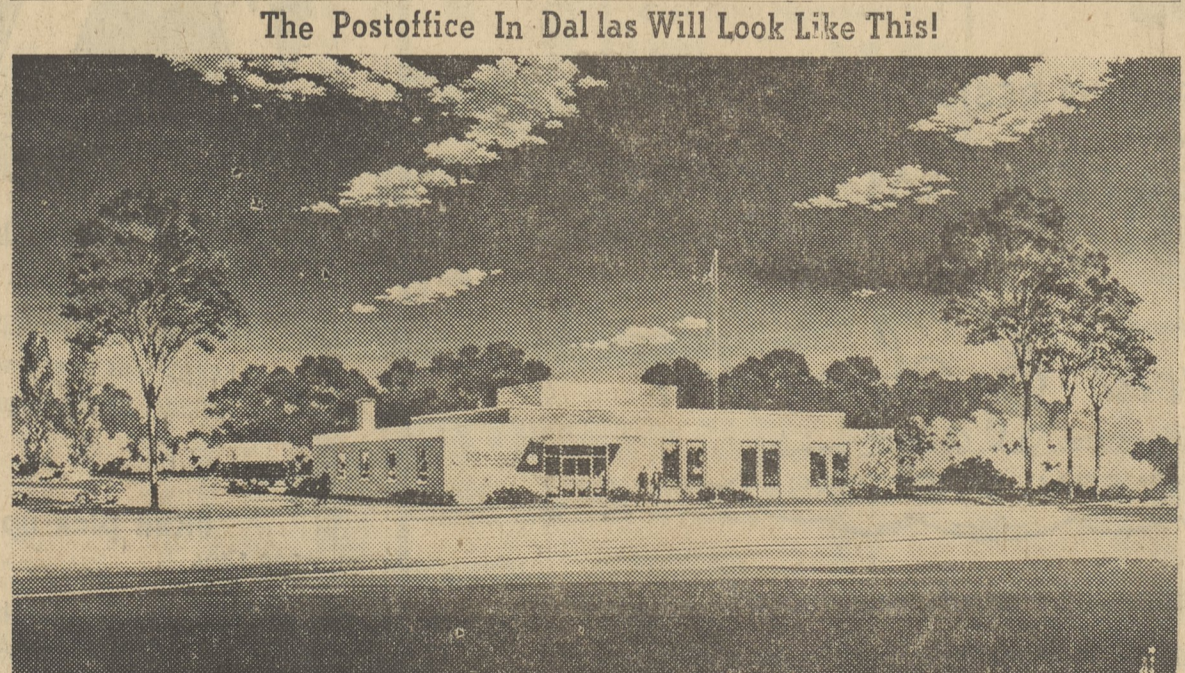
Newly purchased Franklin-Northmoreland Township ambulance will be on display at the Franklin Township Fire Company at 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

Crooks The Ones Who Terrified Watchdog?

Police remain confident they will nail down the robbers of Caddie LaBar's Store on Friday night, and investigation continues.

There has been no new announcement about the robbery of four rifles and a shotgun from Caddie's gun case, but the Post has learned that a group of boys from Dallas is suspected, specifically from the Center Hill Road area. They may be boys with whom Caddie has had trouble before.

Thieves got by Caddie's dog. A group of boys from nearby has bullied the dog in the past during daylight, to the point where he is terrified of them, says Caddie, and that would account for their easy entrance. Robbers ignored \$100 in change.



The proposed new Dallas postoffice will look like this, located where the Lehigh Valley Railroad Depot is now.

General Services Administration announced acceptance of the design for the postoffice and federal office building yesterday.

The one-story structure, designed by Roushey, Smith, and Miller, of Kingston, will cover 7,500 square feet. Some of the property is land adjacent to the depot, owned by Mrs. Millie Devens LaBar.

Parking area will be sufficient for postal patrons only.

Prior postoffice locations included the barber shop on Main Street, the Garinger building, Lake Street, and in several shops around central Dallas in the earlier days.

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