

Jointure Has State Approval Of Progress

Lake-Lehman Faces March Evaluation With Confidence

Lake-Lehman approaches its evaluation in March with heightened confidence, according to a report given by supervising principal Lester Squier to school directors Tuesday evening.

A recent communication from Harrisburg congratulated the school system upon having complied with recommendations, and granted supplemental appropriations of \$800 per teaching unit to the Lehman Merged Unit \$600 per unit to Lake Township, which by popular vote remained outside the merged system last April.

The remaining deficiency is that of no librarian, a situation which the board has attempted to remedy. Librarians are difficult to find, especially one who is willing to work outside city limits.

Quality of the teaching staff, he said, had been steadily rising. An example was the willingness of Mr. Davenport, instructor in Junior High School English department, to attend a session of in-service training at Euclid Junior High School in Cleveland, if necessary at his own expense.

The board granted him \$100 toward his week's expenses and travel cost.

REQUEST DENIED

The board regrettably turned down a request for use of the high school auditorium for an evangelistic meeting, received from Claude Butten.

According to legal advice, approved school board policy states plainly that no school buildings, or parts of school buildings, shall be open to groups for religious, political, or propaganda meetings.

THAT TRAFFIC SIGNAL

The board learned that installation of the proposed flashing signals at Lehman Center, operable during school dismissal and gathering hours, would cost in excess of \$300 apiece, plus installation, plus maintenance.

And further, that the signals, placed at the side of the highway, would not carry a speed limit.

The matter was discussed, and a motion made to consider bids.

After the meeting, board members reflected that large safety signs could be erected legally at a fraction of the cost of the flashers, with probably just as good results, as the highway department will not authorize a reduced speed sign.

A speed limit of fifteen miles could be authorized if the Lehman building were jacked up, given a quarter turn, and left facing the highway.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. Irvin Jacobs was retained as the school physician, Dr. J. F. Roberts the dentist.

Dr. Jacobs has given enthusiastically of his time and services at football games, entirely gratis. While no longer with the Lake-Lehman Clinic, he retains his interest in the Lake-Lehman jointure.

Bills totalling \$78,741.17 were ordered paid.

Inducts New Officers

Shavertown Fire Company held its annual dinner meeting at Brothers Four on Tuesday evening with 41 members present.

Installation of new officers took place with the following inducted by Martin Porter: Andrew Roan, president; Harold Darrow, vice president; Harold Heidel, secretary; Anthony Plata, treasurer; Ted Woolbert, trustee; William Fredrick, fire chief; Walter Davis, 1st ass't chief; Andrew Roan, 2nd ass't chief; Joseph Youngblood, 3rd ass't chief; William Roberts, sgt. at arms.

Truck And Car Sideswipe On Highway



Tractor-trailer and car which collided on Memorial Highway above Orchard Farm Restaurant are shown here at the side of the road, around 8 Friday morning, as police investigate.

The Mayflower transport truck, owned and operated by Omar E. Person, Indianapolis, pulled out of the restaurant into the northbound lane, colliding with the car, also northbound, driven by Sherman Sutton, Sutton Road, Shavertown RD 5.

An estimated \$600 damage was done to the Sutton car. Nobody was injured.

Never Stopped After Wreck, Police Said

Charges will not be brought against a driver who allegedly left the scene of a crash on Route 118 near Bryant's Pond Saturday night, unless his insurance company does not make good on the damages, according to Lehman police chief Joseph Ide.

The Lake Silkworth man, Ben Olszewski, was travelling west on the highway around 8 p.m., just missed hitting Lancelord Sutton, Lehman, driving east, but struck the eastbound car of Alpha Hilbert, 18, of Beaumont. Hilbert had one passenger, Jeanne Rogowski of Pikes Creek. No one was hurt, but the Hilbert vehicle had to be towed.

Olszewski notified police of the accident from his home, but failed to stop on the scene.

Idetown Fire Outfit Elects '65 Officers

Jonathan R. Davis Fire Company, Idetown, announces the selection of officers for 1965 at the annual meeting:

Andrew R. Lavix, president; William Motyka; John Chesnovitch, financial secretary.

William Meade is fire chief, Jim Casterline, assistant chief, and William Casterline, fire captain. On the Board of Directors are Lou Jennings, Charles Muchler, and Ron Snyder.

Over one hundred members and guests are expected to attend installation dinner January 30 at the fire hall. Contact any fireman for tickets.

Plow Hit In Snowbound Idetown Crash



This artistic photograph by James Kozemchak, Jr., shows the immediate aftermath of a snowy wreck above Idetown on Route 40060 (the cut-off over the hill from the light) late Friday afternoon, when a car collided with a snow plow.

Automobile driven by Ellis W. Carle, 18, of Carle Street, Kingstons, hit the state highway department truck, manned by Elmer Laskowski and Rowland Spencer, after bouncing off a bank during a skid.

Nobody was injured.

Death In Crash Touches Region

The death of Mrs. Diane Evans Saturday night, following a car crash in Dupont, touches this area closely.

Mrs. Evans, 20, of Wilkes-Barre, was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Daubert and sister of Walter and Robert Daubert, all of Lehman.

Death, due to a fractured skull and multiple injuries, occurred at Pittston Hospital several hours after admission.

The victim was pinned in the car, when it climbed the curbstone at 2 a.m., and hit a utility pole, after failing to negotiate a curve.

The driver, Joseph Potorski, 21, of Avoca, suffered a possible fracture of the skull. Two other passengers were less seriously injured.

Mrs. Evans, native of Wilkes-Barre, attended Larksville schools. She leaves her husband Robert; her parents and two brothers.

Council Lets T-V Question Hang As Cablemen Posit 30 Days Study

Seek To Start Store On Parrish Heights

In other business Tuesday night, Borough Council considered a letter from counsel representing Mr. and Mrs. John Fowler, 227 Huntsville Road, stating they wished to establish a small confectionery store, with some groceries, at that address which lies between Elizabeth and Jackson Streets.

Council referred this to the property committee, since the request calls for a variance with the zoning law.

Reenacted were the one per cent real estate transfer tax and the pay scale for road employees until the budget meeting, \$1.50 an hour and \$1.75 an hour for superintendent Andrew Perranto. Police rehired (special) were Raymond Titus, William Berti, Clifford Foss, Charles Lamoreaux, Andrew Perranto, Steve Hartman, and John Berti at 1.40 an hour.

Hanford Eckman was named to a five-year term on the planning commission. Miners Bank, Dallas, is repository.

Henry Peterson, president of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company, got permission of Council to have firemen install a fire detection system in the entire Borough Building at fire company expense.

Fines received: Squire Harvey \$10. Building permits, \$6.84 for \$2845 total building in December.

Franchise No "Must," But Still In View

President of Back Mountain Tele-cable and his lawyer told Borough Council this week that the cable TV company was "not necessarily seeking" an exclusive franchise on its proposed operation in Dallas, but it would like one.

Atty. Theodore Krohn then suggested that thirty days would be adequate time for the council to decide whether or not to grant a permit for operation, even if a franchise did not enter the picture.

Atty. Robert Fleming, Borough solicitor, said the fact that the cablemen were asking council's permission to do business in the borough implied that they wanted a franchise.

Krohn came up with the somewhat startling observation that Council's permission may not even be necessary, and the cable could do business without it, unless Borough had power of regulation by its domain over street matters. In any case, Krohn said, the cable preferred to operate with Council's sanction.

The agreeability of the cablemen to "reason together," as President Johnson would say, came as a mild surprise to Council and the handful of spectators attending. It had been assumed that the meeting would be a melee of charges, counter-charges, TV cameras, and angry citizens, as a result of the recent Nanticoke debacle.

Instead, the Council came away from the meeting with the feeling that the matter could be settled in an honorable fashion. To the Dallas Post, however, one source close to Council sentiment said: "they'll never get an exclusive franchise."

Mayor Thomas Morgan asked Krohn: "Do you think a municipality has the right to enter into a 25-year agreement with anybody?"

"No," Krohn said, the agreement probably couldn't go beyond the life of this council.

Battery Of Questions

The cablemen were greeted with, and prepared for, a battery of questions from Council and from the people. One questioner was Mrs. Al Turner, Carverton, who with her husband is conducting what is claimed to be an independent citizens' watch over the ingress of cable TV. Mr. Turner is an employee of WBRE, also.

Outlined by Matthew Gillis, president of the Telecable, was the structure of the company and officers. It is a family enterprise, Mr. Gillis explained, and named officers on request of Council. (See Lehman story, this page.)

The company will merely amplify and relay signals, from its receiver in Dallas Township, he said. System does none of its own initial broadcasting, and plans to sell no advertising, he said. Twelve available channels will include the three local channels, several from New York, and educational channel, and programs from Baltimore and Washington for sports. There could be a \$10 installation charge, with \$5 or \$6 dollars rental monthly.

Krohn added that Herman Baltimore, of Dallas, originally a stockholder, has since withdrawn his interest.

Could Change Hands

Mrs. Turner asked if the Back Mountain Telecable Company could change hands later. Atty. Krohn replied that it could be sold voluntarily, or in bankruptcy, or could be regulated by the FCC. Neither Mrs. Turner nor Krohn continued on the subject of sale.

Councilman Robert Moore asked if the company had made a survey of people in Dallas to find out if the service was wanted and needed?

Gillis replied that people in the low-lying areas in Dallas were interested.

George Thomas asked if the company planned to regulate service of the TV sets after installation, as they do in Bloomsburg after a rental fee of \$3.50 a month is imposed? No service after installation, Gillis said.

Discussion followed on the inroads which the cable company might make in present TV stations' advertising revenue. Gillis said he had seen a survey that estimated the TV stations' maximum possible loss at two per cent. Atty. Krohn said the Back Mountain Telecable operation was thrown into the limelight by the fight between the TV stations and Universal Telecable in Wyoming Valley. Actually, he observed, the companies have failed to invoke the one legal advantage they might have, which would be a common law property right over their own broadcasting, which the telecable plans to relay.

Review of the whole telecable matter was scheduled for January 26 by Council in committee.

IDETOWN FALSE ALARM

Idetown's fire siren blew like nobody's business last night at 5:05, but there was no fire, just somebody who hit the button too quick.

Dallas Kiwanis Club Holds Annual Installation



This was the speakers' table at a recent Kiwanis installation. Seated, left to right, Mrs. John Blase, Mrs. Robert Dolbear, Robert Dolbear, president, Mrs. William Guyette, William Guyette, immediate past president, Dr. Xavier Chiampi, former lieutenant governor, Mrs. Xavier Chiampi.

Standing, Mrs. Harry Lefko, Merrill Faegenburg, past president, Mrs. Merrill Faegenburg, Dr. John Blase, first vice president, Leo Corbett, secretary, Mrs. Leo Corbett, Mrs. William Baker, William Baker, treasurer. Missing when picture was taken, Harry Lefko, second vice president.

Lehman Cool To Cable Franchises; Trailer Arrest Bogs In Procedure

Cable Need Alleged For Silkworth Area

A proposed television cable subscription service for Lehman Township, the same service presently asking exclusive franchises all over the Back Mountain, was considered by the supervisors on Saturday, and the matter was tabled.

Back Mountain Telecable Incorporated, represented by Matthew Gillis, Shavertown, presented a "resolution" which the board could use to grant the company a permit.

Gillis also said his telecable company would ask for a twenty-five year exclusive franchise. Solicitor William Valentine said "I would oppose that." Supervisor William Samuel, Lake Silkworth, said "So would I."

The board's caution when confronted with a request for exclusive franchise was in line with that of other municipalities, even though companies claim that exclusive franchises are needed to protect investment.

Samuel termed the cable TV issue, now affecting the entire county, a "hot potato," and Valentine later observed that it was more than just a hot potato, it was almost a war, a fight for survival. Gillis acknowledged this, and said the telecable company naturally did not expect the supervisors to pass the resolution immediately, but submitted it for consideration.

Gillis briefly explained the nature of his cable TV company and what it sought to do. Basically, the explanation followed the lines of the Dallas Post interview with him last week. The company will merely relay and amplify existing broadcasts, including local stations, educational channels, and programs from New York and Philadelphia, by wire on present utility poles (probably Commonwealth Telephone), and will originate no programs. Gillis said that Back Mountain Telecable is not affiliated with any other telecable company.

Samuel asked Gillis just where in Lehman Township the reception on present TV broadcasts was not good? Color reception is not good, Gillis replied, in the Silkworth area and in some of the lowlands along the highway.

Other officers of the corporation are, Mrs. Matthew Gillis is secretary-treasurer and Frank Yuscavage of Harding is vice president. Luther Holt, of Mahanoy City, not an officer or stockholder, is installing the plant. Mr. Gillis himself is an engineer.

Regarding Advertising

Theoretically, Gillis told the supervisors, the Telecable could sell advertising emanates from the national network anyway, he noted, and thus the local television channels would not suffer any local competition to speak of, anyway.

Samuel recommended tabling the matter for study. Mike Godek concurred, stating that the delay would give the public time to study the issues and get in to oppose it if they wished.

West Wyoming Mashed By Dallas 72-48 Away

Tuesday evening, Dallas High School made its league record two wins and no losses, displaying some excellent teamwork and shooting, besting West Wyoming 72-48.

Dallas, utilizing a fast break attack, led through the contest. Don Martin sparking the attack with tricky ball handling and many key assists. Sophomore Roy Supulski, continuing to improve with each game, controlled the boards along with Gosart and Sosik, while Simpson played a good floor game and chipped in with some key baskets.

Zoning Case Halted, JP Can't Get Forms

Progress on the case of a trailer site at Harveys Lake was considered at Lehman Township Supervisors' meeting on Saturday, and the township was shown to be at least partially hamstrung by new legal procedure initiated by the courts for 1965.

Police Chief Joseph Ide reported that formal summons following arrest of the trailer-owner was awaiting the receipt by Justice of the Peace Harold Major of new forms.

Complaint by the township at the outset of the matter showed that John Gryskiewicz, a resident of New Jersey, with summer trailers at Sunset, Harveys Lake, has two dwellings occupying the minimum amount of land permitted one, 6000 feet by zoning law.

Police Chief Ide made an arrest recently after repeated warnings had been issued by the board of supervisors to Mr. Gryskiewicz, it was reported. Arrest came when the man returned here from New Jersey to visit his father, who lives at the Lake.

Hearing awaited the proper papers for Harold Major to fill out, but the papers, it was noted, would be invalid in a few days because of the time limit set on holding hearings after an arrest. If the arrest is nullified, the board of supervisors would have no recourse but to take a formal petition against the justice of the peace himself, to find out a reason for the delay. Solicitor William Valentine said that Squire Major will then say that the reason is, he does not have the proper papers, and thus the matter will be turned back into the lap of the courts.

Solicitor Valentine spoke at length on this new Pennsylvania criminal procedure, effective this month, and noted that the law enforcement officers are thwarted by not having the tools to work with. The "preliminary hearing," where initial questioning of a defendant was done in the past, has been eliminated also by the new procedure.

Police report for the month contained 24 calls, two fires, two accidents, one stolen car, and four days in court. Lake Silkworth reported one accident, one fire, and the same stolen car.

Three Cars Damaged Man Is Hospitalized

Two northbound cars sideswiped in the recent snow on Memorial Highway, Shavertown, last night around 6:15, knocking one into a parked car, while the other hurtled through a 6 by 8 foot plate glass window. Kingston Township ambulance took one injury, Morten Coolbaugh, 64 Shaver Avenue, to the hospital with leg injury.

Roy Shayer, 120 N. Main Street, Shavertown, was the driver of the car which started the whole thing, striking one driven by Leon Bartz, of Oak Hill. Shayer's car skidded on through Gorda's service station window, damaging a battery charger, while the Bartz car was knocked against the Coolbaugh car which was parked by Gorda's pumps. Willard Sorber, Shavertown RD 5, station attendant, was injured with Coolbaugh when the latter's car was driven backwards against them by impact. Police chief Herbert Updyke investigated.

Car Skids Off Road By Martz Farm



This car went out of control and skidded off the roadway in front of the Martz estate, East Dallas, around 8 Friday morning, slightly injuring Mrs. Eudora Baird, Dallas Junior High School Nurse, who was driving. Assistant Police Chief Stanley Gardner and wrecker operator Art Pimm look over the damage just before pulling out the car.

Right front of the car hit a tree and knocked over a steel fence, mangling that part of the vehicle. Mrs. Baird had just passed a moving school-bus, returned to her lane, and went out of control.

Her husband, Malcolm Baird, was driving not far behind and took her to the hospital. (Witness-account by a student in the school-bus is in East Dallas column, this issue.)

Dallas Senior High Remains Accredited

New Visual Aid Plan Introduced To Help Growing Enrollment

With enrollment figures skyrocketing at Dallas School District, plans were completed Tuesday evening at the School Board meeting for innovation of a new type program to furnish team teaching and larger class instruction.

The new trend in caring for more and more students expected to enter the district will get under way this summer with the employment of Donald J. Evans, Edgar W. Hughes and Gerald J. Stinson, social studies teachers, who will prepare audio visual aids and materials needed for the onset of the next school term. Dallas Senior High classes will participate.

The visual aids which will be used to bring proper instruction to larger groups at the same time will be combined with a correlation of lectures, panels and seminars. Consultation periods will also be included in the agenda. The new set-up is being introduced to aid in the shortage of faculty and classrooms.

All members voted in the affirmative except Andrew Kozemchak, who opposed the salaries paid the three instructors and called the project "a sugar-coated pork barrel." Summer employment is always more costly, replied Jack Stanley, president of the board. "Such employment is necessary in this view of the tremendous preparation which must be completed before school opening."

ACCREDITED

Mr. Frank Trimble, principal of the Senior High School has been notified by the Commission on Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools that the Senior High School has been approved for continuance on the list of Accredited Secondary Schools.

A film, "Public School, 1970," was shown by William Austin, superintendent of elementary education, giving viewers a preview of forthcoming trends to meet the population explosion.

The film will be available to civic groups and PTA's interested in the problem.

Mrs. June Johnson, a graduate of Marywood College, was appointed to serve as a full time substitute for the balance of the present school term. Susan Esrov, who will graduate this month from Wilkes College was appointed to the available substitute list.

Approval of a summer recreation program consisting of band and twirling instruction was also given by board members. Mr. Kozemchak urged that local people be given the jobs and Mrs. Steinhauer amended the resolution to read that Back Mountain residents be considered first where they meet qualifications. Dr. Mellman stated he has followed this procedure in the past.

SUMMER SCHOOL

A sixty hour summer school program was approved which will offer the following program: Elementary, Reading Improvement; Secondary, Driver Education, English, Foreign Languages, History, Library, Mathematics Science and Typing. Mr. Kozemchak asked, "if quality education was failing or do we really need these extra classes?"

Dr. Mellman answered "The summer courses are needed for many who are transferring and do not have the language basis to go on, for those who need to brush up in certain subjects, those who cannot get driver training during the year and students who can take extra subjects. The whole program is backed by state reimbursement."

The following students will attend the Northeast District Music Educators Festival in January and March: Kenneth Higgins and David Kopetchny, Jo Ann Norrie, Monica Hararem and Larry Heycock.

Mrs. Vernon stated this was a signal honor for the local school district, since all participants must undergo auditions. They will be accompanied by Lester Lewis, instructor.

A letter from Dallas Key Club was read thanking the board for their continued interest and loyalty.

Correspondence was also received from the firms of Lacy, Atherton and Davis; Allen, Rodda and Hauck; Eyerman, Casala and Associates; Giles Drilling Corporation and Buchart Association, asking consideration in the project building program.

Clarence Laidler asked that not be made available at Dallas Junior High School for Civil Defense materials. There followed some discussion as to lack of space at the school. Dr. Mellman said he and rector Richardson would agree to the request if available. Civil Defense materials stored at Dallas Building.