

Back Mountain Boys In Service In Vietnam

Thomas G. Appel
Larry G. Belles
Michael T. Brown
Donald Bulford Jr.
Kyle Cundiff
Richard Michael Cummings
William DeRemer
Thomas Detsick
Anthony Digiosa
Charles Dodson
Edward Dubil
Lee Eck
Warren Edmondson
Stanley Farr
Charles L. Finn
Thomas J. Field
Conrad J. Gonzales
George Gromniak
George R. Hackling
Gary Harris
Gomer Herbert
Thomas M. B. Hicks IV
Charles Higgs
David T. Higgins
Todd S. Hilbert
Kenneth Hoover
Albert Kern
Thomas J. Kipiel
Paul Klug
Anthony Konopka
Robert Lahr
Charles W. Mahon
Ralph McCormack
Breck L. Miller
Robert O. Nicely
Kenneth F. Novis
Wm. L. Oncay
Joseph Orzechoski
Arthur W. Parks
Albert Phillips
Ralph D. Parsons
Osbert J. Patton
Michael Preslowski
Tom Purvis
Keith Reeves
John Rogers
Herbert Saxe
Frank A. Schoonover
Loren Schoonover
Leonard Scavone
Joseph C. Smith
William A. Smith Jr.
Leonard S. Stoner
Harry Sweppenheiser, Jr.
Charles R. Tighman
Donald Traver
Robert Traver
Charles Treinnick
William Verbyla
Gerald Wagner
Clarence Wilk
Ralph K. Wall
Edgar Wilcox
William B. Williams
George B. Wood
Thomas M. Zaboraski
Stanley T. Zarnoch
*Killed in action

Third Local Boy Lost In Vietnam

Navy Lt. M. J. Purcell Downed In Gulf of Siam

Back Mountain has lost another young man, its third, to the war in Vietnam.

Presumed dead since his plane was shot down off the coast of Vietnam, April 1, Navy Lieutenant Michael A. Purcell's body was one of six recovered, half of the twelve-man crew of the P 3 Orion, anti-submarine patrol craft.

Lt. Purcell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Purcell, Harris Hill Road, Trucksville, was a graduate of King's College, class of 1964. He had majored in Sociology.

Before he joined the Navy in 1965, he had been employed on the professional staff of the Jackson Township Institution at Chase.

Pre-flight training was completed at Pensacola, Florida. Prior to leaving for Vietnam last November, he had served with Naval air stations in this country and Iceland.

On the Orion, he was a tactical air controller. None of the crew of twelve survived.

On April 1, the Navy reported that a Cambodian boat on patrol had shot down a Navy plane off the west coast of Vietnam. A massive search was begun immediately by the Seventh Fleet in the Gulf of Siam.

Complete secrecy cloaked salvage operations, and because of international situations, it was not made known whether Lt. Purcell was a member of the crew or not. The parents and Lt. Purcell's wife, the former Luanne Lisnak of Swoyersville, were informed by the government of positive identification Monday night.

Funeral services will be private when the body is received in this country from Clark AFB, Philippines.

Survivors in addition to parents and widow are two small children, Michael and Lea; maternal grandmother Mrs. Peter Purcell, Portland, Oregon; a brother Patrick, Green Belt, Md.; sisters: Maureen, Suzanne, Kathleen, and Anne, all of Trucksville.

Jax Township To Mend Its Roads

Grant Cooper Heads Civilian Defense

Jackson Supervisors opened bids on calcium chloride April 2, awarding the contract to Lenox Corporation of Avoca.

Road foreman Bertram stated that roads are in rough shape, and that he is now patching paved roads, will start on the dirt roads as soon as they are dry.

A complaint was registered about a bad dust situation near Habbett's gravel pit, which is operating in violation of the zoning code. Officer Cooper was instructed to see the offender at once.

Grant Cooper accepted the post of Civilian Defense director for the township.

Solicitor Jonathan Valentine was present to assist with zoning code amendments, and a disorderly conduct ordinance.

A rumor had started that a trailer park was advertised by a sign on Sutton Road.

It was reported by Atty. Valentine that the sign was an April Fool trick on Bob Maturi, whose phone number appeared on the sign.

A complaint was registered to the effect that people who wish to build are being shunted back and forth between zoning and sewage officers. A meeting will be held to consider the problem.

Police officers requested new uniforms to replace the worn and unmatching outfits now in use. Chief Cooper was instructed to get prices on needed items. If the amount budgeted for such items is not exceeded, they will be purchased.

Chemical maces will be purchased for use of police officers on any person resisting arrest.

Squire Grant Cooper submitted a check for \$245 for fines imposed during the month of March.

Permits were issued for construction of two new homes and a storage shed.

Half the receipts of the earned income tax will be used to pave a portion of Township Route 712, the Rome schoolhouse road.

American Asphalt will fence the face of its excavation in compliance with the zoning Code, by June 1.

Residents of two streets in Chase Manor requested paving. The money is not available for this project at present, but the streets will be properly graded and ditched, holes filled, and calcium chloride applied to relieve the situation.

A map of the Township is being made. It can be updated any time

The Eternal Mystery



James Kozemchak has done it again, fashioning for the people of this area a beautiful Easter message, with the Cross of Ages towering over the scene, and the small child with folded hands rendering homage to the King of Kings. The little girl who posed for the picture is seven-year-old Mari Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rogers of Midway Manor.

Back Mountain Area Ambulance Logbook

Kingston Township
April 5—William Hewitt, Trucksville to Nesbitt Hospital. Voight Long, Tom Evans, Marvin Yeust.
April 7—Sterling Arner, Midway Manor to General. Walt Davis and Bill Frederick.

Dallas
April 4—Petrosky, Davenport Street, Dallas, to Nesbitt. Jim Faerber, Lee Zimmerman.

April 5—Albert Klem and Barbara Aston to Nesbitt. Bob Bessecker, Don Shaffer, Wes Cave, Jim Davies, and Harold Smith.

April 6—Elwood Myers, Park Street, to Nesbitt. Dick Disque, Jr., Bob Richardson, and Harold Smith.

April 7—Dr. Carlton Davies, Macell Avenue, to Nesbitt. Bob Bessecker, Don Bulford, and Harold Smith.

April 7—Mrs. C. S. Hemenway home from Nesbitt to White Birch Trailer Court. Wes Cave, Willard Newberry, Rus Banta, and Bob Bessecker.

April 9—Harry A. Roth. Dead on arrival. Harold Smith, and Bob Bessecker.

Noxen
April 4: Lulu Gilmore from General Hospital to Morgus Convalescent Home, Idetown. Crew: Earl Crispell, Joseph Nalbone.

Dog Is Poisoned At Brown Manor

A watch dog, securely chained, was poisoned Saturday evening in Brown Manor.

Dr. Robert Post discovered when he did the autopsy, that a heavy chlorine bleach compound had been employed, presumably in a piece of meat tossed to the dog from the edge of the property.

The dog was put out of its misery on Tuesday.

The dog, two years old, barked only when intruders entered the yard. She was a friend of the neighborhood, and the pet of the five year old daughter of the Alfred E. Donnelly family.

Kingston Township and State Police are investigating. Complaint was lodged with assistant chief Cisco.

MORE GRASS FIRES AT LAKE

Harveys Lake volunteers reported more grass fires than noted last year at this time.

In the future, it will be kept under glass in the Jackson Township fire hall. Copies will be available.

Lake-Lehman Board Has Lengthy Session, Bids, Crowded Agenda

The Lake-Lehman school board room was jammed with visitors Tuesday night, readily sorted into groups with varying interests.

There was the group which wanted to ask more support for the Back Mountain Memorial Library, and the group which was interested in contracts, plus the group which had school buses in mind.

Jack Conyngham voiced the appeal for more funds from the school board for the Library, saying that each municipality and school board would be approached. The Annual Auction, he said, was not bringing in enough income to form the main support for the Library, now that expenses had risen. He and Mrs. Thomas Heffernan reminded the board that the Library is a unique institution, and that it provides unique service.

Edgar Lashford said the board would take the matter under consideration.

Many requests for appearance of the Band had been received. The board felt that the band should appear locally as often as convenient, but that requests for out of town engagements should be carefully scrutinized.

The schedule for the spring shapes up like this: May 19, Harveys Lake Lions State Convention in Scranton; May 30, Sweet Valley Memorial Day Parade; June 1, Jackson Firemen Parade; June 8, the annual invitation trip to Sherbourne, N. Y.; July 18, Lake Silkworth.

Mr. Lashford pointed out that there was considerable responsibility involved, and that when an appeal was made for the Band's presence during the vacation time, it was not too simple to arrange.

Bids
Construction bids for the proposed utility building were opened by Don Smith, architect, read to the board, noted and referred to a committee for analysis.

Other bids for fuel, medical supplies, general supplies, were read and referred to committee.

The board deplored the fact that no Back Mountain doctor could be depended upon for regular service. It was suggested that the board refer its problem to Luzerne County Medical Society, which might know of some young doctor or retired physician who would be interested.

The condition of the playing field was discussed. Drainage is not what it should be, and at present the field is a soup. Use of a bulldozer was suggested.

The field is at the foot of a hill,

Lake-Lehman Band Finds Itself A Part Of The Nation's History

As soon as Lake-Lehman students arrived in Washington at 1:30 Friday afternoon and went to their rooms in the Continental Hotel, they realized that there was something wrong in the Nation's Capital.

But there was no official announcement, and Washington was overflowing with ninety bands from all over the country.

Rumors flew, and nobody knew what to believe. The Cherry Blossom Festival had not, at the time of arrival of the Lake-Lehman contingent, been called off.

There was the standing commitment to meet other bands at the Washington monument at 3:30. The band members changed into their uniforms and went down to the Capitol to have their pictures taken on the step.

They waited there for another band to finish with the photographer, posed for the picture, and went on to the Monument.

They found only a few bands in the appointed place at the appointed time, where the open air concert was supposed to take place.

The management of the hotel, upon their return, was dubious about the state of affairs. Rioting was already taking place, cars were being stoned, twelve year old children were energetically looting stores, and dense smoke was pouring down from the northern section of the city.

Then came the announcement. No Cherry Blossom Parade, no marching bands, go while the going was good.

John Zaleskas, faculty representative of Lake-Lehman High School, and John Miliuskas conferred. At the Continental Hotel, the area was quiet. It was safe for the students to eat their dinner before starting back for Lehman.

They finished, and Mr. Zaleskas gave the order to get packed, change their clothes, and be ready to board the buses at 7:30.

Two minutes later, he rescinded the order.

Pack, and get down to the lobby, and don't take time to change from their uniforms.

Five minutes more, and the band members were boarding the bus. It was 7 p.m. and Washington was ablaze. The gathering dusk pointed up the urgency of the situation, as the glow of burning buildings grew brighter and brighter.

The buses pulled out, pursuing a roundabout route which would skirt the troubled areas. The students heard explosions, and far-off shooting.

They were off, and on the highway for home.

Radio and television announcements over local stations told anxious parents that the students were safe, that they were on the road, and that they would be home some time after midnight.

They had not taken part in the famed Cherry Blossom Parade, but they had had an experience which they would remember as long as they lived.

For a few brief hours they had been a part of the Nation's History.

Bloodmobile At Noxen, Dallas

Bloodmobile will visit the Back Mountain this week and next. The date for Noxen and Beaumont residents, Wyoming County, is today, at Noxen Methodist Church, 1:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Date for Dallas is Friday, April 19th, at Dallas Junior High School, hours from 11:45 to 5:15.

Expected to meet their quotas for the Blood Assurance Program are all PTA units of the area, Commonwealth Telephone Company, Natona Mills, Center Moreland, and Gate of Heaven Parent Teachers Guild.

The community will require 200 or more pints of blood to see it safely through the summer season between the spring and fall collections.

Miscellaneous
Daylight Saving Time got a unanimous vote of confidence. It starts April 28.

Overhaul of boilers at the high school was reported finished, and overhaul of the boiler at the Lake building will be done during Easter vacation.

Director Vivian, supported by Director Kern, suggested changing the calendar to eliminate the day off for Bloomsburg Fair. This was voted down by the rest of the board.

Exonerations of per capita tax were voted for one resident of Ross Township, and four from Noxen.

Chaperones for the trip to Washington of the Senior Class were named: Marchikitus, Zaleskas, Maciak, Lamoreux, and Lukkasavage. With a reservation that the trip depended upon conditions, considering the recent abortive attempt to take part in the Cherry Blossom Festival.

Ignatius Hozempa and Roy Squier were approved as substitute bus drivers.

Lake-Lehman High School, reported Anthony Marchikitus, had been notified that it had been admitted to Wyoming Valley Basketball Conference.

The session, with all members present, held until nearly midnight.

Sesqui Souvenir Book Printed

Pictures of the Dallas Sesquicentennial celebration have been compiled and put together by a committee of workers, and the souvenir book has gone to press.

More than 300 photographs taken during the Sesquicentennial are to be found in this edition. You will find yourself, as well as pictures of your family and friends, from the opening of the celebration, through the Variety show - and on to the Fair Grounds and the closing exercises.

The book committee included: James Kozemchak; Doris Mallin, supervisor; Janet Post, Nancy Alderson, George McCutcheon, James Snyder and Ted Wright.

The number of books published will be limited.

Any profits received will be donated to the recreational fund of the Dallas Sesquicentennial.

Dallas District To Break Ground For Junior High

Summer Basketball Program To Be Held By Borough Council

Announcement was made at the Dallas School Board meeting Tuesday night that ground-breaking ceremonies for the new all-electric Dallas Junior High School will take place at 7 p.m. on May 2.

Construction of the new \$4.5 million school is to be completed by the opening of school, September, 1969, on the site which includes property purchased from Mrs. Jennie Newman for \$56,500. The land had been condemned, but settlement has been made and the case taken out of condemnation.

A letter from Dallas Township Supervisors, with regard to school crossing guards was read, stating that if the board wishes to request guards and pay half of the cost, the township will provide the guards. There is a question as to what financial responsibility belongs to the school board. Solicitor was asked to look into the matter and also the cost of paying part of the costs of all school crossing guards in the district. A new legislation was made recently that may have made it mandatory for the district to share these costs.

The meeting Tuesday night was routine and lasted only an hour. Bids on furniture for the new senior high addition, janitorial supplies and roofing for Dallas Elementary School were opened.

Permission was granted to Robert Morgan, senior at Dallas Senior High School and Mr. Lester R. Lewis, band director, to attend the Region II State Band rehearsal and concert at West Scranton High School on April 25, 26, and 27.

Mr. Alan Husband and Mr. James Bamrick, wrestling coaches, were granted permission to attend the National Wrestling Coaches Clinic in Wildcrest, N. J., on June 20-21-23.

Permission was also granted to Dallas Borough Council to use the Junior High gymnasium, locker room facilities and basketballs from June 17 to July 28. Council will sponsor a Summer Recreation Basketball League for boys from grade six through 12 residing in the Dallas School District. Mr. John Baur will administer the program.

Dr. Robert Mellman, superintendent, was given permission to attend the annual spring conference at Buck Hill Falls May 5-7, of Penna. Association of School Administrators.

Talk On Riot Control For Back Mt. Police

The Back Mountain Police Association will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, at the Dallas American Legion Post.

Guest speaker will be 2/Lt. Robert B. Barziloski, commanding officer of the 1069th MP-POW Co. of Plymouth Hazleton. Lieutenant Barziloski will be assisted by S/Sgt. Gerald Temerantz.

The subject of the meeting will be riot control and civil disorders. Last month's meeting featured a police training film on this same subject; and the civil-military relationship in riot control.

INCOME TAX DEADLINE
Have you mailed your income tax? Deadline is April 15.

**Change In Routes
From Dallas P. O.**
The following changes in routes out of the Dallas Post Office have been announced by Postmaster Edward Buckley.

Sections of R. D. 4 are transferred to R. D. 3, included College Manor, Irem Country Club, Shrineview Acres and Shrineview, effective April 6, 1968.

It would be appreciated if patrons who have been notified of this change would use R. D. 3 and box number on their mail.

BRUSH FIRE ON DEMUNDS ROAD

Dallas Fire Department was called out at 4:20 p.m. yesterday to a brush fire on the former Ken Rice property, Lower Demunds Road. Thick brush on the Pembroke end of the land (now owned by the Industrial Fund Committee, went out of control. There was no immediate danger to buildings at press time.

Remains Of A Crashed Car In Toby's Creek, One Dead, Another Injured



Wedging itself between bank and bridge and roadway in Central Dallas Friday night, a sports car dropped into Toby's Creek. Albert Klem of Kingston was instantly killed, and his companion, Barbara Aston, sitting in the water.

The car turned on its side as it negotiated a passage unbelievably narrow, only a few rods from the traffic light. Mr. Klem was found face down in the creek, Miss Aston sitting in the water.

Dallas Ambulance took the victims to Nesbitt Hospital.

Investigating officers were Patrolman William Tregaskis and Les Tinsley, assisted by Chief Lionel Bulford of Lehman.

Lake Legion's Man Of The Year

Dick Williams Is Honored As Tops

Dick Williams was honored Saturday night as Harveys Lake American Legion Man of the Year.

Brief ceremonies took place at Hilltop. Legion Commander presented the plaque, and Dick responded with the shortest speech on record, expressing his gratification.

His wife was given an orchid corsage. Several telegrams of good wishes were read by Carl Carey.

Dick was modest, but he has done a great deal for the community. A lifelong resident of the Lake, he has worked for the good of the people.

He is fire chief for Daniel Roberts Fire Company and fire inspector for the new Borough.

Chairmanship of the important planning and zoning commission is his.

He is a charter member of Lake Lions, helped form the Boy Scouts in the area, promoted the Little League. Also he was the first president of Lake-Lehman PTA after the jointure, and is a past president of the Lake PTA.

He is a veteran, having served in the European theatre of war, and a member of the American Legion.

LEHMAN BATTLES GRASS FIRE

Lehman had the usual rash of grassfires; April 5, Outlet Road, Sutton Riley property, when kids threw lighted cigarettes into the yard; April 6, Fox home on Ceaseway - Huntsville Road, near Orange hall.