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mayor again voted with Osko, Fisher and Price and the motion passed. Councilman Arthur Gosart was not present.

Chairman Fisher announced that from this date, Council meetings would be divided into two parts, first to be presentation of citizens right to speak, second, that in which the council would carry out and conduct business at hand with no interruption.

Ray Laux, chairman of auditors, reported no audit had been started as yet and, "It was high time we got started. We have done our part, now we have to wait on others."

When asked what the trouble was Mr. Laux replied, "You haven't released a thing and we need the records of the Borough. Secretary John Stenger informed Council, "I told them as soon as the books were ready they could start. Mr. Fisher then said, "You can start right after this meeting. Secretary Stenger read a letter from the Department of Forest and Waters in answer to one sent concerning ice fishing regulations. The department reported it would bring the matter to Mr. Goddard on Feb. 11.

Another communication from R. Spencer Martin informed Council that design of sewage system was nearing completion and that they would welcome Harveys Lake into the Back Mountain Sewage Authority

setup.

Mr. Martin said no cost estimates were yet available until bids were let. Calvin McHose, wage tax and regular tax collector, reported he had received no monies from Berkheimer for the 2nd and 3rd quarters since Wilkes-Barre employers had ceased deducting it from employees pay. He added that most self employed individuals were being quite fair in their returns.

Chairman Fisher urged that committee of council or council as a whole meet with Mr. McHose to determine if all citizens were paying their fair share. "It seems that the little guy is paying where those in more lucrative positions are sidestepping their responsibility."

Mr. Osko moved for naming two more members to the Planning and Zoning Board since he said, "It was difficult to function when several were absent." Alger Shafer read from the Borough Code that the number allowed by law was five. Fisher said it seemed inoperable with five members.

Councilwoman Kocher commented, "The trouble is you don't have the right men, or those who are interested, on the board."

Mr. Shafer wished to know when the backlog on the solicitor's job would be caught up. Mr. Stenger said there were questions on the ordinances and the attorney reported he had advertised several.

All members voted unanimously to have a resolution drawn up naming the Health Department as in charge of Lake Borough sanitation problems.

Attorney O'Connor reported that he had met with Lake Township Division Commission, that another session was set for Feb. 13, and he advised council to review figures earlier proposed.

mat defeat

The Mountaineers suffered another defeat on the mats Saturday when they met Wyalusing in an away contest.

The local team scored only 11 points to Wyalusing's 38. Three Dallas matmen won. Chuck Baker decisioned Ed Howard, 127, 1-0. Rich Sheldon, 133, decisioned Bob Dibble, 2-1. Fred Adams pinned Pat Bebe in 5:03 in the 138 pound bout.

Ray Yagloski's loss, 4-3, was his third for the season. He also lost at Williamsport and Meyers and has won 11 bouts.

It was also John Pickett's third defeat. He has 12 wins. John was leading and time was running out when Wayne Jordan reversed suddenly and nearly pinned him, winning 9-6. John also lost to a Wyalusing man at Williamsport and to Kempinski at Hanover.

Warren Boyes, Tex Wilson and Guy Shovlin were pinned. Boyes and Wilson had 4-7 records while Shovlin was 1-4. Others losing decisions for Dallas were Jack Schneider, Bruce Goeringer, Ron Dukinas. No one wrestled at 180 for the local school.

Scheider's record is now 0-2; Goeringer's 0-8 and Dukinas' is 2-10.

Baker's record is now 8-5-1; Sheldon's is 7-3 and Adams is 3-10.

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tion with the state health department by the end of this month.

An application to the federal government for financial assistance will also be made.

He said the purpose of the meeting Thursday night was to report on the progress of the authority to date and to present the system to the three municipalities for their "quick approval".

He asked that if possible the three communities start work immediately on adopting ordinances that would give the authority and the municipalities the legal right to proceed with the 1.2 billion gallon capacity system.

No pumps will be used in the system. It will operate entirely on a gravity flow principle.

Dallas Township solicitor Frank Townend asked why the Oak Hill section was not included in the design as he thought it would be favorable since there were enough homes there to warrant their inclusion.

The Weston engineer said it would not be economically feasible at this time. "The way for Oak Hill to come in," he said, "would be to pump and this would be very expensive for residents there." He said it may also depend on what Harveys Lake might do. "If the lake was in on the plan, Oak Hill wouldn't have to go so far."

Mr. Townend then asked about including Shrine Acres and the grounds around the school complex. The engineer said the school and the new junior high were included in the program, but that the unit cost would have to be increased considerably to include Shrine Acres.

"We would have to build a mile or two of sewer line just to service the dozen or so homes there," he said.

"We see approximately two miles planned out to the Carverton area," Attorney Townend said.

Mr. Townend then said there was a planned development of Upper Demunds Road for sometime in the next three to five years and asked if they would be included.

Chairman Martin said the engineers had been charged to take consideration of expansion in all areas.

Another problem area is the Heddon development, Mr. Martin reported. "It cannot be picked up by gravity. We tried everything conceivable but would have to make a 40 foot cut to do so. It is not feasible at this time."

Fernbrook on the easterly side of Terrace Drive was pointed out by Attorney Townend as being another area where the authority might expect complaint. He said some streets there are served coming down the hill but that nothing was being provided for the lower side towards the creek.

The answer was that claiming a right of way to the eight or nine houses in that location would be very expensive, but that the system has been designed to extend there when the area grows.

In reiterating once again the importance of acting immediately on achieving community

cooperation, Mr. Martin declared that "time is of the essence."

"Construction costs are going crazy," he said. "One reason is a shortage of labor. We are paying now for all the people who left the valley 20 years ago and have not come back yet."

Prior to April, he said, we need those ordinances. "Of course, until we get bids, they cannot be acted upon. But they should be ready to the point where all we need do is plug in the numbers."

In calling for an estimate of time from the three municipalities in which to act upon the required ordinances, the general consensus was that they would be prepared by the middle of the month.

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Husband, biology teacher will serve as a judge at the Wilkes-Barre Schools Science Fair in March. Mrs. Marsha Landis and Miss Roseann Bantell were named instructors in the elementary girls' basketball which began Jan. 25 with approximately 150 signing up.

The resignation of Miss Carol Dungey at the end of the school year was approved. Now kindergarten instructor, she is moving out of the area.

The N.D.E.A. special project for the wiring of the present junior high school for a master antenna system and the purchase of video tape recorders was approved.

Director Harry Lefko reported that the Wrestling team was doing a great job and was undefeated to date.

Andrew Kozemchak brought up the subject of prayer in the schools and advised returning to the old practice. He said he did not see any reason to honor one radical in the Supreme Court and made a motion to restore prayer and Bible reading.

Mr. LaBerge said during the early part of last year, the board had written to local congressmen asking that action be taken in this direction. "We cannot defy the laws of the land," he continued. "People must write to their congressmen and the courts." Director Bernard Novicki, stated he was certainly not against prayer in the schools but the law must be followed. "Prayers are taught in the home and Chairman Fritzes agreed.

Angered at their refusal to second his motion, Mr. Kozemchak called all other board members "gutless", whereupon Mr. Fritzes said he believed a retraction was forthcoming and he did not approve of Kozemchak's insult against board members.

Mr. Kozemchak said he would not retract his accusation and that present problems are resulting from the lack of Bible reading in the schools. "We're raising a generation of Kooks," he concluded.

Other board members, though in accord with the practice, reiterated their opinion that they could not defy the law. This, too, would not present a good example to students, they said. Absent were Jack Richardson, Gar Smith and Milton Evans.

SHAVERTOWN

With the sun making its appearance quite frequently these days, we must realize that Spring is not too far away and although the chill temperatures rein, they are bearable with the thought of nicer things to come.

We have been noting that bright star in the evening and were happy to read that Mrs. Irwin Kistler identified it as Venus.

With the sun set a little later those who must go to work can pretty much travel both ways in the daylight. We have been fortunate in having a fairly decent winter thus far and hope the worst is behind us, along with all the varied illnesses which have plagued so many of us during the past months.

There is some activity on the political front and of course the politicians are doing things especially when reelection beckons. It is rather amusing to watch how they get around to all the activities and the local aspirants are doing their utmost to attract voter approval.

Interested in the magistrates post are Earl Gregory and Mrs. Phyllis Peters. Charles Rebotiski may also file for some post. Of course the surprise comes in when announcement of those who have filed in reported.

The new police plan which would encompass three local districts has something to offer and perhaps a better understanding would work wonders

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president of Northeast District PMEAs spoke briefly.

Lester R. Lewis, host director, introduced Mr. Brown, and the concert was on the air. The first three numbers traditional offerings, were conducted sedately, with little pyrotechnical display.

With the Mississippi Suite, the podium came to life, and with the Czech Polka it vibrated, Mr. Brown throwing into it everything that he had, which was a considerable amount of bounce.

In the Catskill Legend and the traditional Tales from the Vienna Woods, the podium was once more sedate.

Mr. Brown was generous, sharing the applause with the orchestra, inviting members to rise at the conclusion of each selection.

Before the final number, the guest conductor expressed his appreciation for the hospitality shown by school and community, paid tribute to Mr. Lewis and to the hard working music students, and asked Mr. Lewis to take a bow.

Mr. Brown is professor of music at Temple University, and conducts both the university orchestra and the concert band.

In December, he directed the PMEAs All-State Orchestra at the forum in Harrisburg.

The auditorium was comfortably filled, but not overflowing. It was possible to find parking space without too great trouble. The parking facilities have recently been expanded to accommodate more cars than could be handled in the original lot in front of the building.

among the people. Right now with all the taxes, folks are concerned about the proposed costs for it seems that everything appears to be getting out of bounds and wages in many cases are stabilized working a hardship on many of us.

Here And There

Bob Hope, one of our outstanding performers has formed a Youth-of America Group, composed of 82 young men and women who will represent this country around the world, talented in many areas, the group put on a big show in Oakland, Cal., recently to raise money for an European Tour. Among the audience were Petty Officer and Mrs. Joseph Baganski, Shavertown natives, who said it was just great.

Mrs. Austin Line had as recent weekend guests, her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cole, Windsor Locks, Conn. Also accompanying them was her granddaughter, Lois Cole, who is a student at University of Connecticut.

Mrs. Walter Shaver, visiting in Florida, will include in her agenda a stay with Miss Helen Bowser, former Educational Director at Shavertown Methodist Church. Miss Bowser is now at Deland.

Mrs. Emaret Franklin is recuperating at her home following surgery at General Hospital.

Also confined to her home is Mrs. Roger Carey, Fern Street, whom we trust with note improvement soon.

Entertains Son

Albert Williams, III, who left for service with the Air Force on Jan. 23, was entertained by his father Albert Williams Jr., prior to his departure, Miss Sue Roberts accompanied them. Albert is now stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is a graduate of Dallas High School and was employed at Natona Mills before he enlisted.

We also extend greetings to Otto Rauscher, who is a patient in Nesbitt Hospital and wish him a speedy recovery.

Many activities are being planned before the beginning of Lent. Scheduled for Feb. 18 at St. Paul's is a Fastnacht Pancake Supper and Family Night and on the 24th WSCS of Shavertown Methodist Church will sponsor a Fashion Show and Birthday Tea. Both promise to be most interesting.

We are happy to hear that Howard Hontz is improving at General Hospital.

best defense against fire on farm

Best defense against a farm fire is a good fire extinguisher located in the right place. Larry S. Click, extension agricultural engineer at The Pennsylvania State University, suggests every farm and home be equipped with suitable hand extinguishers that are properly maintained and easily reached if needed.

DALLAS SCHOOL MENU

DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL MENU

- MONDAY: Wimpy on roll, cheese straws, potato chips, fruit cocktail, milk.
- TUESDAY: Spaghetti with meat sauce, head lettuce with dressing, vienna bread and butter, milk, peanut butter cake.
- WEDNESDAY: Hoagie and dressing, potato chips, Martha Washington squares, milk.
- THURSDAY: Hot Dog on roll with mustard or relish, old fashioned baked beans, pickle chips, Washington Birthday treat, milk.
- FRIDAY: No school.

PTA founders day L-L February 17

The Back Mountain PTA Council will present its annual Founder's Day Program on Feb. 17, at the Lake-Lehman High School. Founders Day is celebrated

every year in February to honor the PTA founders Mrs. Alice Birney and Mrs. Phoebe Hearst.

Another name associated with Founders Day is Mrs. Mary Mears. In 1910 Mrs. Mears formulated her plan for an annual celebration to be held on Feb. 17.

It was first known as Child Welfare Day and later changed to Founders Day.

The guest speaker will be County Commissioner Edmund Wademan who will speak on the problems of children and how parents can help.

In light of certain recent findings in the county his remarks will be timely.

The Lake-Lehman High School Band will also be on the program under direction of John Miliakus. The band is slated to appear in the Nation's Capital in April as part of the Cherry Blossom Parade.

Words of welcome will be given by Anthony Marchikitus, and Robert Vail, President of the PTA Council will greet the parents and teachers.

The Rev. William Bessels, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, will give the Invocation.

Mrs. James McCaffrey of Harveys Lake is the chairman of the program, assisted by Mrs. Ray Wheatly and Mrs. Thomas Jones, hospitality; Mrs. Robert Casselberry and Mrs. Joseph Katyl, publicity.

Miss Jessica Thomas will be in charge of the ushers.

An open invitation is issued to all interested people in the Back Mountain Area to attend.

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confused. He stated that he was frightened at the time he was picked up by State Police a few hours after the crime had been committed, that he thought he might have gone back to the station after leaving it, but later denied this. His car tank showed only one gallon of gas.

Shonk appeared much younger than his 26 years, a consideration which may have had impact on the jury. He also suffers from diabetes, requiring insulin injections, which accounts for his having been confined at Chase rather than in the customary detention place.

He talked with his parents, at such time as counsel was called to the bench to confer with Judge Hourigan. They sat directly behind him inside the rail in the courtroom, to give him moral support.

They had expected an acquittal on grounds of insufficient evidence to connect their son with the crime.

Discrepancies in statements of the accused made at preliminary hearings Dec. 19, 1968, and Dec. 26, 1968, with statements made at the February trial, were brought out by sworn statements of court stenographers.

Shonk said he could not remember.

His court-appointed Attorney Anthony B. Panaway offered a skillfully knitted defense in the face of an almost universal conviction that the youth had committed the crime and had panicked afterward.

The case had attracted considerable attention from other members of the bar. The consensus was that a verdict of manslaughter instead of murder was a gift, a compromise reached by a jury which had been shut up for two weeks at Hotel Sterling and was anxious to get back to familiar easy chair and favorite television program.

Attorney Lemmond, assistant district attorney, is a resident of Lehman Avenue, Dallas.

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