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FIFTEEN CENTS



Lack of rain has lowered the water level of the Huntsville Reservoir, a situation readily apparent in this photo which was taken last week from the northern end of the reservoir.

pastor receives tributes

"Like his patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi, he has given up earthly possessions in order to strive for divine treasures." The words were those of Mrs. William Kennedy, and the man of whom she spoke was the Rev. Monsignor Francis A. Kane.

The occasion was a farewell dinner held Sunday in honor of the Monsignor, who has taken up new responsibilities as pastor of The Nativity of Our Lord Church following nearly 20 years of service as pastor of the Gate of Heaven church.

Present to honor Monsignor Kane were many old friends and fellow servants in God's work. Sr. M. Ignatius, one of the original faculty members when Gate of Heaven School first opened its doors, was present to greet Monsignor. Two principals of the school—Sr. M. Chrysostom and Sr. M. Melanie—were on hand to offer their good wishes. Fathers Rafferty, Bergamo, and Bannick, all assistant pastors during years gone by, were present, and still a fourth priest who had served under

Monsignor—Father Richard Frank—sent his wishes via a telegram.

Following dinner, representatives of the parish expressed in various ways their thanks to the man who had served them so faithfully and well. The Rev. Stephen McGough, assistant pastor, offered the invocation, and toastmaster Paul Monahan introduced key speakers.

In addition to the words of Mrs. Kennedy, who spoke on behalf of the women of the Church, Robert Laux characterized Monsignor Kane as "a builder: A builder of men, a builder of edifices, a builder of the soul." He outlined the work Monsignor Kane has undertaken as the first pastor of the Gate of Heaven Church, noting that the church, school, and even the convent now nearing completion were the accomplishments of Monsignor Kane, the "perfectionist."

Perhaps it was the children's tribute which most touched the Monsignor's heart. A musical program depicting his 20-year career at Gate of Heaven, the tribute included a moving rendition of "The Impossible Dream," a recitation of "He" to a piano accompaniment, and another aptly titled song, "As Long As He Needs Me."

An engraved plaque which read in part: "in living tribute . . . from your children at the Gate of Heaven School," was presented by the children to the Monsignor, and gifts were presented to the Monsignor from other representatives of the parish too. One parishioner noted later that if love could be crystallized and handed out like sugar, the Monsignor would have had to rent a truck to cart away all the "love" he received that day!

Still another tribute from a friend of long-standing was received from the Rev. Robert DeWitt Yost, pastor of Shavertown Methodist Church. The Rev. Yost observed that both he and Monsignor Kane had come to the Back Mountain Community at approximately the same time, and that they had seen the area develop and change greatly in 20 years. The spirit of ecumenism had grown, too, the Rev. Yost suggested, largely because of Monsignor's active interest in fostering such growth.

In closing, the Rev. Yost spoke what must have been in the minds of the assembled guests when he said simply, "We will miss you."

new policeman in Dallas Twp.

Dallas Township Board of Supervisors announced Tuesday the hiring of a fifth fulltime police officer for their police department.

Elliott Ide of Lehman will join the force immediately. He is the son of Joseph Ide, a former police chief of Lehman Township, and Mrs. Ide.

Dallas Township police chief is Frank Lange. Serving under him, in addition to Ide, are Carl Miers, Douglas Lamoreaux, and Les Tinsley.



Friends for 20 years, the Rev. Robert Yost of Shavertown Methodist Church, left, and the Rev. Monsignor Francis A. Kane chat following a testimonial dinner held last Sunday to honor the former Gate of Heaven pastor.

education assoc. raps dress code

Some 25 members of Back Mountain Association for Better Education voted unanimously that they are "publicly" against the dress code of the Dallas School system. The vote was cast at a Sept. 29 meeting at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown.

President Owen Faut will draft a letter, stating the organization's stand, to the school administration and school board.

The vote came after a discussion that lasted well over an hour. Individual members stated how they felt on the matter.

The Rev. William Bispels said he felt a dress code was morally and politically wrong.

A New Goss Manor resident, Harold Saffian, declared that what a student wears is unimportant. "There are two things against a dress code: (1) civil rights are being taken away; (2) it is making school an uninteresting and boring place."

Mr. Saffian explained that his son, a sophomore, was one of nine boys called in on the first day of school and told by the school administration that they would have to get a haircut. Mr. Saffian told of contacting the American Civil Liberties Union, and that for sometime, he and his son thought of making a test case out of the haircut order. However, he said he decided against such a course when he learned that a school administration can "put things on a student's record which can keep him out of the college of his choice." He said he understood permanent records are not available to a parent.

After Mr. Saffian's latter statement, Walter Glogowski, president of the teachers' association, asserted he never knew records were not available. "I will check this out," he said.

State Representative Frank O'Connell was present at the request of Mrs. Pat Gregory, chair man of the transportation committee. He answered a great many questions on bussing of school children, and what could be done about the transportation problem.

He said that eight or nine years ago some legislators had tried to get a bill through which would drop the one and one-half mile limit, but were unsuccessful. "The Department of Education fought and will continue to fight against reducing the limit."

Mr. O'Connell outlined a number of steps that local citizens can make in an effort to improve bussing situations, particularly concerning overloaded buses and children having to stand in them.

Several of the organization's committees are in need of a chairman and-or workers. Mr. Faut asked for volunteers to fill these vacancies.

The date for the next meeting was set for Oct. 27 at 8 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Chase inmate held for jury

District Magistrate Fred Anderson ruled Tuesday afternoon that Robert Gordon Patterson be held for grand jury action on a charge of prison breach. Mr. Patterson was re-committed to the State Correctional Institute at Chase in default of \$5,000 bail.

According to testimony offered by State Trooper Stanley Jezewski, Mr. Patterson was reported missing from the institute on the afternoon of Sept. 23, was taken into custody at approximately 8:11 p.m. Sept. 28, and appeared before District Magistrate Robert Marshall in a preliminary arraignment Sept. 29.

Charles T. Sieber, major of the guard at the institute, noted that Mr. Patterson had been received at the prison on March 17, 1970. The defendant had been sentenced by Judge J. Cherry,

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gleaming white truck is Kunkle's trademark

by Dottie Beckham

Community spirit and cooperation is evident among volunteer members of Kunkle Fire Company. They insist they get the same willingness and assistance from residents of their area.

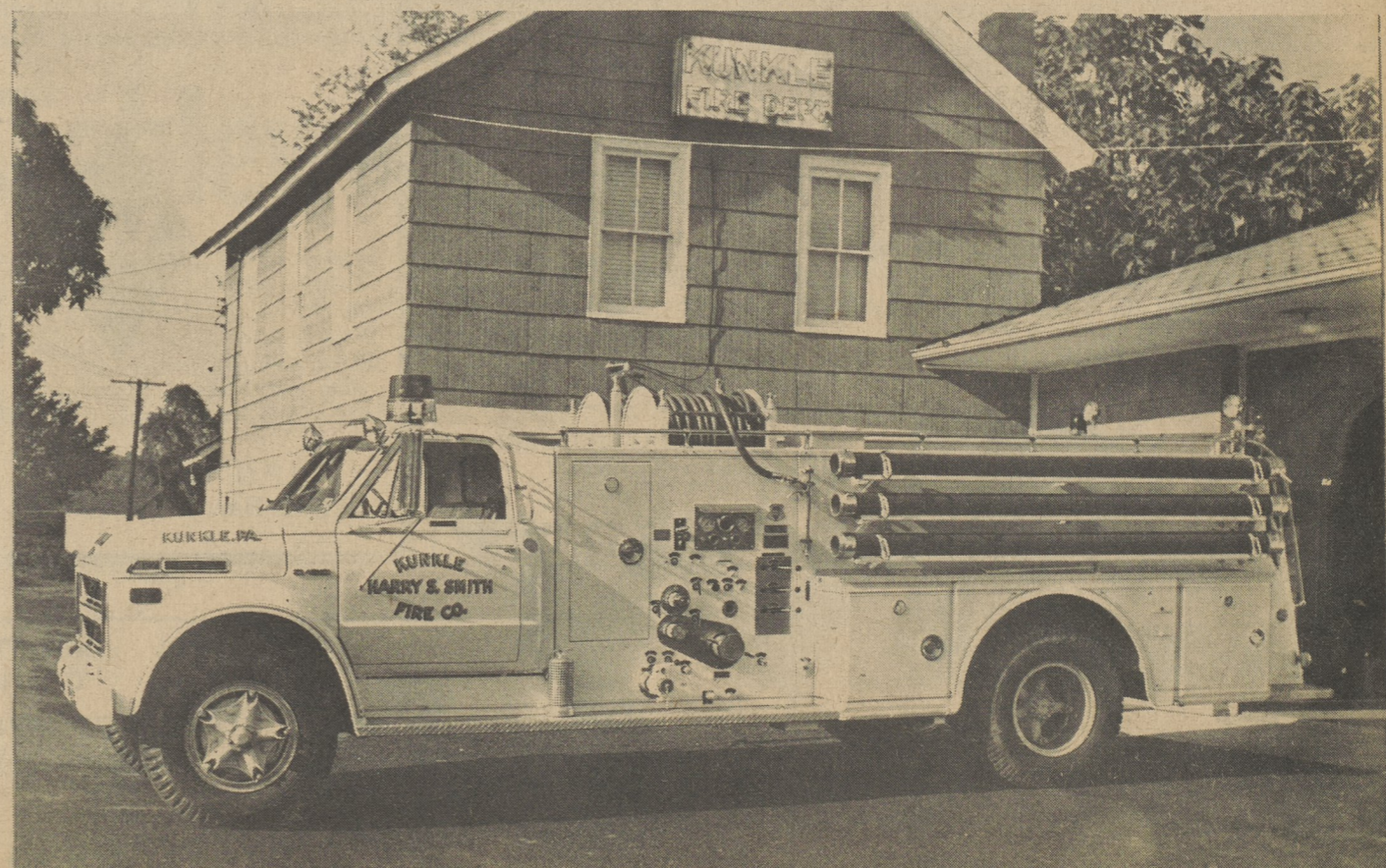
It certainly works both ways for the benefit of the community. The company has a large, well-kept fire hall, with two pumps and other necessary equipment. All this property and equipment is completely paid for. In turn, the citizens of the fire district get good protection.

Another asset the company shares with the

public—and this is really different—is water. On their property there is an artesian well, which can be used by anyone. "We've seen people standing in line to get water," they say. This is particularly true at times when more shallow wells are running low. "It's there for people to use day or night, summer or winter."

Chartered in 1949, the department is known officially as Kunkle Volunteer Fire Company, but they like to add something to their name—"In memory of Harry S. Smith," who was the first young man from Kunkle killed in World War II.

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The Kunkle Volunteer Fire Company is proud of its shiny white fire truck. It is kept gleaming by massive doses of t.l.c. (tender loving care!) it receives each week from the firefighters.