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FIFTEEN CENTS

## students question dress code

Approximately 200 interested parents and students attended the Dallas School Board meeting Tuesday night, and of this number perhaps 75 per cent were students. Neatly dressed, they were present to ask questions about the Dallas School District dress code.

Questions were asked of the school board during an open session, and President John LaBerge gave most of the answers for the board.

One student asked why the dress code was put into effect this year. Board member Earl Fritzges said it was put into effect 10 years ago when the schools were merged.

A round of applause by students was given after one question—"Why don't students get to put the dress code to a vote?"

The exchange of questions from students and answers from the board lasted well over an hour.

Mr. LaBerge made it clear from the start that the dress code problem would not be decided at this meeting. He said, "All members have a sense of responsibility. We are willing to discuss this among ourselves and try to decide. What we do about it will not be settled tonight."

Milton Evans, member, stated that all students would be heard, and for the most part they were, along with several parents, who gave both pro and con opinions.

It was noted by Mr. LaBerge that the dress code was developed by the Student Council, along with the administration. However, several students took exception to this and stated the Council could not function with any degree of authority.

Cathy Wilson, president of Student Council, wanted to know what would happen if Student Council voted to abolish dress code. She was told to take the Council's position, in such a case, through the proper channels—right up to Dr. Robert A. Mellman, Superintendent, and through him, on to the school board.

Dr. Mellman said that on the basis of this meeting and the opinions heard, he could assure the students the function of the Student Council would be studied.

"When we come up with a recommendation, we will turn it over to the board. We're going to talk about what can be done. We are going to do something about it," he said.

## jr. firemen serve in Trucksville

A unique fact concerning Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company is that it is the only company in this area with a contingent of junior firemen. About 30 boys, between the ages of 16 and 18 years, join with some 600 adult members (active and inactive) to make up the complete unit.

According to Fire Chief Henry Hill, junior members are used chiefly on brush fires. They also act as a color guard for the company in parades and other demonstrations.

The youngsters come from Trucksville and Shavertown and help their older members protect a large fire district; extending on the west to Jackson Township, north to Dallas Township, east to Franklin and Exeter, south to Courtdale, Luzerne, Swoyersville and West Wyoming.

Fire protection is not the only service rendered by the department. They gladly help to search for



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"Shine on, shine on harvest moon, for me and my gal..."

## motorcyclist injured in collision with car

A Back Mountain young man was seriously injured Saturday night when the motorcycle he was riding collided with a car.

Daniel Mathers, 24, of 112 Carverton Road, Trucksville, was taken to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital by Kingston Township Ambulance. He was placed in the intensive care unit, with injuries to the head, cuts of the chin and right knee and multiple abrasions.

Kingston Township Police reported that Mr. Mathers was traveling on Route 309 about 300 feet south of the Citgo Service Station, when the collision occurred. Driver of the car was Charles E. Siegel, 61 Carverton Road, Trucksville.

The motorcycle and car were damaged to the extent of \$1,000.

The 9:50 p.m. accident was investigated by Patrolman William Pugh.

## POST threatened with libel suit

A threat of "immediate appropriate legal proceedings" has been unleashed by Atty. Joseph V. Kasper on behalf of his client, William Hoblak, against *The Dallas Post*. The threat followed publication of a *Post* editorial Oct. 1.

Entitled "sad state of affairs," the editorial commented on the fractiousness of Harveys Lake Borough Council meetings and called council members to task for their failure to "act toward members of the opposing faction in anything remotely resembling a civilized, courteous manner."

The editorial also criticized Mr. Hoblak for utilizing "legal harassment" to oust former councilman Fred Kohl "not only from the council but from the borough as well."

In a letter directed to Northeastern Newspapers Inc. Henry H. Null 4th, publisher of *The Dallas Post*, and Shawn Murphy, editor of the editorial

page, Mr. Kasper charged that "you have, without privilege, libeled him in your editorial of Oct. 1, 1970, by stating that he (Mr. Hoblak) was responsible for driving one Fred Kohl from the Harvey's Lake Council and the Borough of Harveys Lake, and by implying that he was improperly motivated, and improperly used judicial processes in connection with the Harvey's Lake Council, both of which statements are false and untrue and tend to blacken his reputation or expose him to public hatred, contempt, ridicule or injury in his business and public life.

"You are, therefore, placed under notice that Mr. Hoblak demands an immediate retraction and a good faith apology in the same prominence as your statements were made; otherwise, I have been authorized to institute immediate appropriate legal proceedings."

Mr. Kasper has represented Mr. Hoblak in a number of other legal proceedings. On April 30, 1968, and again on July 3, 1969, Mr. Kasper filed petitions on behalf of Mr. Hoblak and Harveys Lake Borough councilman Thomas Cadwalder to enjoin Harveys Lake Borough Council from borrowing money to undertake the "Project 70" public improvement program.

On Oct. 14, 1969, other legal action was taken by Mr. Kasper to prevent council from purchasing equipment from the Medico Industries.

Still another legal suit was initiated by Mr. Hoblak and six others Oct. 14, 1969, when Mr. Kasper sought to have a contract between Harveys Lake Borough and Glace and Glace Engineers voided.

Absentee ballots was the issue the following month, with Mr. Kasper representing Mr. Hoblak and Elizabeth Casterline in a suit to have a number of absentee ballots which had been cast in the borough dismissed.

Following Fred Kohl's appointment earlier this year to Harveys Lake Borough Council, Mr. Kasper sent a letter on behalf of Mr. Hoblak to council solicitor Donald D. McFadden in which he challenged the seating of Mr. Kohl on a legal technicality. The

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## goblins to join Halloween parade

Ghosts, goblins and other frightful creatures of Halloween will gather Oct. 25 for a good old fashioned Halloween parade. Sponsored by the Boys and Girls Work Committee of the Dallas Kiwanis Club, the parade will begin at 2:30 p.m. at the Dallas Intermediate School.

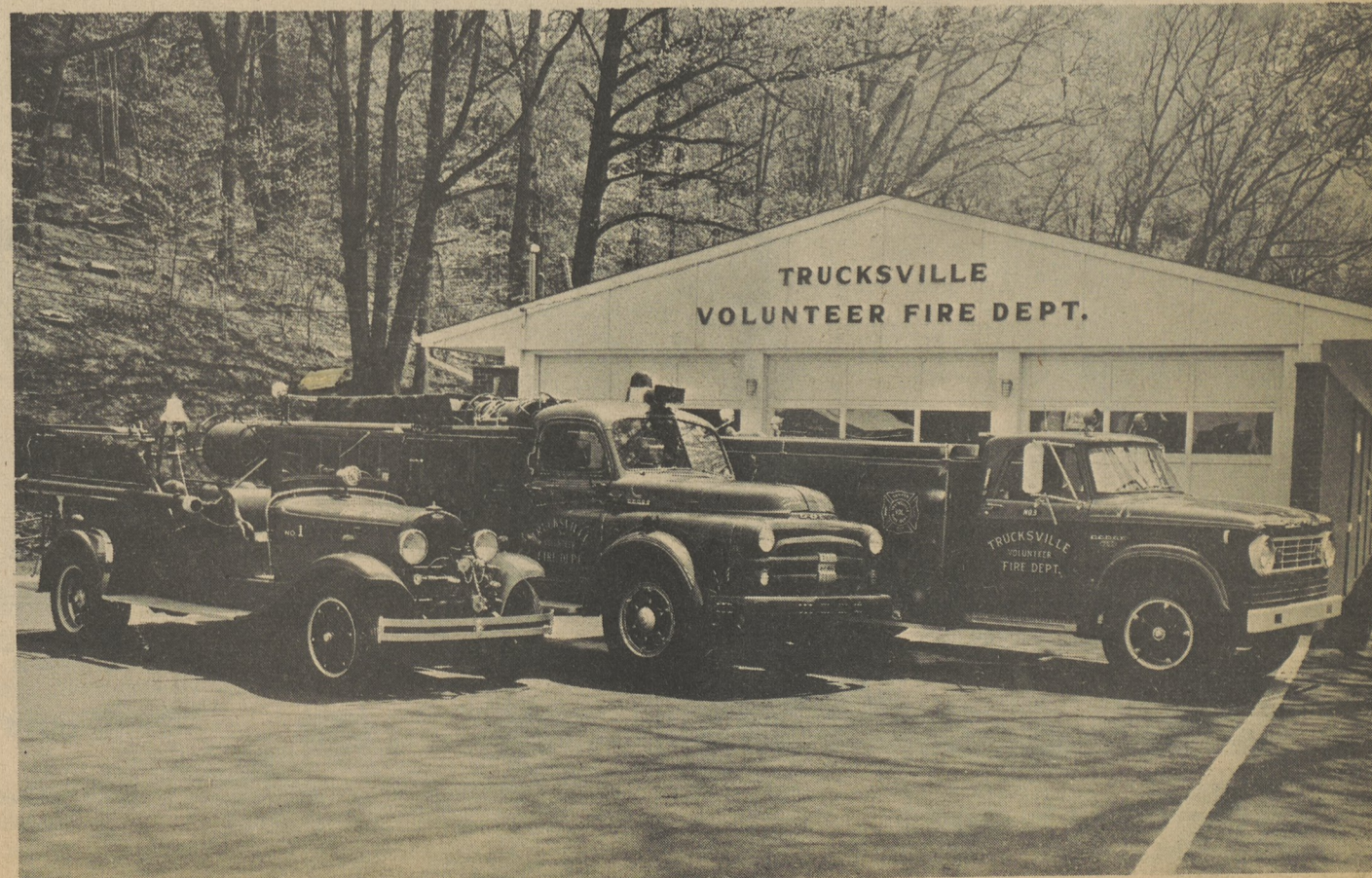
From there, the costumed youngsters (of all ages) will march down Church Street, over Center Hill Road, and down Lake Street to the reviewing stand which will be set up in front of the Borough Building.

Prizes will be awarded for the funniest costume, the prettiest, most historical, most original, and best group. Judges will be the wives of members of Back Mountain service organizations as well as school personnel.

Participating in the parade, too, will be officers of the various service clubs and members of The Circle K Clubs of Penn State and Luzerne County Community College. Parade planners hope to have a marching band also participate in the festivities.

Each participant in the parade will receive a treasure from the "goodies bag" and major prizes will be awarded at the reviewing stand immediately after the parade.

Chairman of the parade is George McCutcheon. He is assisted by Robert Parry, Ernest Thomas, Thomas Dombroski, and George Thomas.



The Trucksville Volunteer Fire Dept. boasts three remarkable trucks: from left to right, the 1931 Dodge pumper; a 1951 Dodge pumper, and the newest acquisition, a 1968 Dodge tank truck.

lost children; they wash glass and gasoline from roads and highways after automobile accidents. Another service—which is really more of a pleasure—is the annual children's Christmas party, complete with Santa Claus. At this happy event the little ones get a present and refreshments. Usually about 450 children come to the party.

The current project is raising the money for this year's Christmas affair, which is to be held in the municipal building. Those who make donations for the party might win a "basket of cheer" for themselves. Tickets may be purchased from members.

Three engines are owned by this firefighting group. One is a 1931 Dodge pumper, a real beauty; the other two are a 1951 Dodge pumper and a 1968 Dodge tank truck. All three are housed in one end of

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