

Oak Hill petitioners seek school bus route change

A petition signed by approximately 100 residents of the Oak Hill area was presented to Lake-Lehman's School Directors at their regular monthly meeting Feb. 9.

According to Thomas Yaniski, spokesman for the 10-member group which attended the meeting, the petitioners seek modification of the school bus route presently in use in Oak Hill. Students from the Oak Hill development are picked up now at the corner of Park and Oak Streets. Mr. Yaniski maintained, and inclement weather and poor road conditions frequently make walking to the bus stop hazardous for young children.

He and his group asked that the school board change the bus route to include the entire loop in Oak Hill, with four or five stops along the way.

School Board Chairman Edgar Lashford pointed out that school bus routes—including the Oak Hill route—are revised at the beginning of each school year with an eye toward the overall needs of the school district.

Anthony Marchakitus, assistant supervising principal, agreed. He noted that an increased student population has

necessitated that the Oak Hill bus make a second run to Chase each morning, a situation which had not existed previously.

"We must look at the overview," Mr. Marchakitus reminded the parents. "A number of factors must be taken into consideration."

Mr. Lashford asked that the petitioners meet with the school board's transportation committee and promised that the board "would do its darndest to come up with a solution for your problem."

Supervising Principal Robert Z. Bellas informed the board that the federal government had approved the board's formula for determining eligibility for free lunches and that he had, in return, applied for federal monies to help fund the program. Such reimbursement should be forthcoming, he stated, if more than five percent of the student body is enrolled in the free lunch program, a figure he anticipates the school district will reach.

Frayed and worn band uniforms will be replaced, the school directors decided, hopefully by the time football season rolls around. Mr. Lashford recommended that the Athletic-Band Committee meet with

representatives of the Band Parents Association to "lay the groundwork for purchasing new uniforms." It was noted that the total cost of uniforms when last purchased was approximately \$10,000.

Good news for concerned taxpayers came by way of an announcement from Mr. Lashford that the Lake-Lehman School District would not have to borrow money despite the temporary hold-up of State funds. Stated the school board chairman: "We'll be okay for a couple of months."

Permission was granted Lake-Lehman's Lettermen's Club to attend the P.I.A.A. Wrestling Finals at Penn State Saturday, March 20. They will use a district-owned bus but will assume all costs of the trip.

An In-Service Workshop on Drugs scheduled for Scranton Feb. 23-25 will be attended by Frank Mrufchinski, junior high school social studies teacher. Sponsored by the Department of Education, the conference will work towards educating teams comprised of parents, teachers and students in each school district to the problems of drug abuse.

John Jenkins and David Harris will attend the Football Coaches Clinic in Binghamton, N.Y., on March 19-21.

Use of the Ross Elementary cafeteria was granted the Community Bible Church of Sweet Valley Saturday, March 20. The church will hold its annual Spring Banquet for the youth of the churches of Sweet Valley in the cafeteria.

Magaly Bertelli, a Rotary Exchange Student presently residing with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maturi, was welcomed as a student in the Lake-Lehman High School. She will attend school in the area approximately one year.

The names of five substitute teachers were added to the list of available substitutes. They are: Lynda Carle, Wilkes-Barre, a teacher of French; Stephen Kaschenbach, Wilkes-Barre, fine arts; Richard Harris, Wilkes-Barre, elementary; Ronald Pointek, Kingston, elementary; Rachel Winebrake, Trucksville, science.

Charles Derr was hired to replace James Bonham as bus driver for the kindergarten route.

Marguerite Krupsha, previously a cafeteria worker, was re-hired to fill an existing vacancy in the high school cafeteria. She will be employed at a rate of \$1.60 per hour.

School directors present at the February meeting were, in addition to Mr. Lashford, Paul Crockett, Barbara Vivian, Tom Edwards, Michael Slimak, Richard Ide, J. Franklin Patton.



An absolute constellation of local luminaries were on hand for ribbon cutting ceremonies held recently at the Dallas Village Office of The First National Bank of Wilkes-Barre. Pictured above are a number of bank officials, educators, and elected representatives.

SHAVERTOWN

by C. Denmon
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Lutheran Church Women will sponsor a spaghetti supper, Feb. 23, in the social rooms of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown. The supper is in keeping with the traditional celebration of Fastnacht. Fastnacht was always time for great and joyous celebration before the period of penitence and fasting.

Karen Daley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Daley, has returned home following her term of service with the United States Navy.

Paul Priebe Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Priebe, has completed his basic training with the Air Force at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Cathy Beisel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Beisel, Franklin St., Shavertown, has returned home from Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where she submitted to an appendectomy.

Leonard Andes has been a medical patient at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Andes is the former Gladys Ell, daughter of Sally Ell, Shavertown.

Willard Hoover, North Main Street, Shavertown, is convalescing at his home having returned from Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where he was a medical patient.

Mrs. Robert Monk, vice president, presided at the meeting of the Dorcas Society held last Tuesday in the social rooms of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Members discussed plans to have a church birthday calendar since there have been numerous inquiries about one. It was also announced that the society will hold a rummage sale in the near future. Mrs.

Harold Ash and Mrs. John Feterman were hostesses.

Luther League Advisors and representatives will meet tonight in the social rooms of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Members of the 1946 class of Kingston Township High School met at the home of Mrs. Elwood Swingle, 18 N. Main St., Shavertown, to initiate plans for a 25th class reunion to be held this year.

James W. Keast, RD 5, Shavertown, is a medical patient in Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Denmon, West Long Branch, N.J., have returned home after visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Graves, Franklin Street, Shavertown, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew R. Denmon, Dallas. Mr. Denmon has resigned his position as director of admissions, Monmouth College, to accept a position with the United States Government.

William A. Runner Jr. has been appointed vice chairman of the Central Trades Division of the Wyoming Valley United Fund. Runner is a member of the administration and finance committee of the United Fund. He is resident vice president of Bache & Co. Inc., Wilkes-Barre. He resides with his wife, Joanne, and sons, William 3rd and Gregory, at 40 Druid Hills Drive, Shavertown.

Shavertown Fire Company held its bi-monthly meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The men toured the Valley Paperback Printing Company and outlined possible procedures in fighting fires at the establishment. They also inspected the company's fire protection equipment.

communication essential, guidance counselors state

Guidance counselors of Dallas Senior and Junior High Schools were guest speakers at the February meeting of Back Mountain Association for Better Education.

Thomas Carr, senior high counselor, and Gordon Schlier, junior high counselor, talked of their duties, methods, etc., and later in the session answered a number of questions asked by members of the audience.

Formerly a physics teacher, Mr. Carr has been at Dallas 15 years. This year he is handling over 700 students, with 229 seniors, most of whom are applying to three colleges. He said it was his duty to prepare some 500-600 transcripts and notations.

soil level effects trees

Trees can be damaged many ways during construction. Only a few inches change in soil level causes some trees to die, says J. Robert Nuss, Extension ornamental horticulturist at The Pennsylvania State University. Piling soil around a tree, even temporarily, or building a paved driveway close by may weaken it by suffocating the root system.

Other duties include conducting orientation sessions, testing programs, college boards and achievement tests. He is also responsible for transmitting information to armed services intelligence, employers, F.B.I., Social Security and Medicare; he also holds parent conferences and student meetings.

He said his philosophy was "that if a person is not happy doing his daily chore there's not much meaning to life."

Mr. Carr is the father of four teenagers.

With 20 years experience in teaching and related fields, Mr. Schlier said he handles 820 students, which is twice the number recommended by the state.

In his remarks he suggested that many academic problems should be solved in grade school; the sooner problems were spotted, "the more successful you are," he said.

He listed three critical problems: (1) too many students (one shot counseling for follow-up); (2) lack of good testing programs in grade school and lack of counselors with time to pinpoint problems;

Gate of Heaven reports mischief

Malicious damage to property was reported by Gate of Heaven School, Machell Avenue, Dallas. Sgt. Ray Titus, Dallas Borough Police, took the call Saturday morning at 7:45.

The glass in an office door was broken. At another door, pins were taken out, and the door was put back in place, as if it were all right. When the school janitor touched the door, it fell, causing breakage.

Sgt. Titus said there were no signs of forcible entry and nothing appeared to have been taken. A dance was held at the school Friday night, and it is believed persons may have stayed in the building after the dance was over.

The investigation is being continued by Sgt. Titus.

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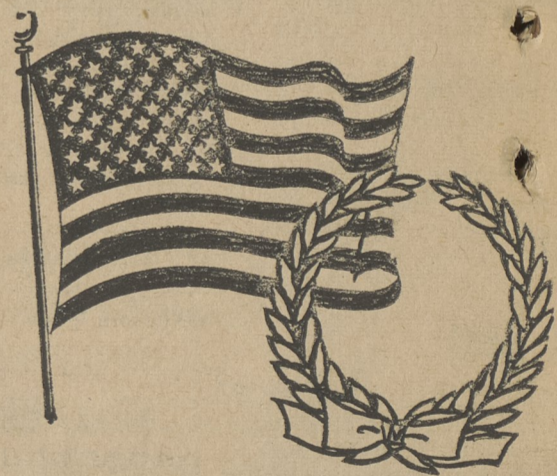
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