

7,000 Students Expected in Area Schools this Fall

More than 7,000 students will pass through the portals of the many buildings of the two schools districts and colleges in the Back Mountain area when the fall term begins next month. Although figures are subject to change before opening day, school administrators report that expected enrollment is higher this year than usual. According to available figures from Robert Belles, superintendent of Lake-Lehman District, and the office of Dr. Linford Werkheiser, superintendent of Dallas District, a total of 5,620 students are expected in the two public schools.

At present, 450 day students are enrolled at Pennsylvania State University's Wilkes-Barre Campus in Lehman, almost as many are expected to attend evening classes.

The total registration to date at College Misericordia is 845, with 225 enrolled as freshmen; 205 due to arrive on campus as sophomores; 210 as juniors; and 205 seniors.

Lake-Lehman total enrollment of 2,200 includes elementary, kindergarten and secondary school. Dallas has 3,420 registered to attend including 1,330 in the elementary schools, 716 in the senior high school; 860 in the junior high; and intermediate 514.

Coroner's Report Given Defense In Wilson Case

In a surprise development Aug. 18, the Luzerne County District attorney made available to defense counsel a coroner's report and accompanying photographs in connection with a murder case involving a Back Mountain man.

Dist. Atty. Blythe H. Evans Jr., and Asst. Dist. Atty. Hopkin T. Rowlands Jr., notified Judge Albert H. Aston that the report could be obtained by Atty. Theodore L. Krohn, who is defending John Terry Wilson of Noxen on a charge of murder in the shooting death of George Wesley, Kingston, at Lake Silkworth.

The court had been petitioned earlier for an examination of the report by Atty. Krohn "in order to prepare properly for defense of Wilson."

At Wednesday's court session, Mr. Krohn said he would like to have the materials within five days, as the time of the trial is approaching. The case has been set for court Oct. 4.

The report will be available to defense counsel upon payment of the customary fee of \$5, according to Atty. Evans.

Dr. Geoffrey Mann, a pathologist and medical examiner for Virginia, and Dr. Carlos Rodriguez, pathologist at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, will examine the coroner's report, done by Dr. George Hudock. The two pathologists will be expert witnesses for the defense.

An order granting submittal of the report to defense counsel was signed by Judge Aston.

The defendant, who is an inmate at State Correctional Institution, Dallas, was in court. After the 12-minute session, he was returned to the institution.

Two Area Men Arrested By W-B Narcotics Squad

Two Back Mountain young men, along with five Wyoming Valley men, were arrested Saturday afternoon by the Wilkes-Barre Police Narcotics Squad.

The local residents were Michael Lee Popson, 18, of 189 Highland Ave., Trucksville, and Alan J. Schilling, 18, of RD 2, Overbrook Road, Dallas. Arrested also were Mike R. Baran, 19, of 227 N. River St.; Ralph Evans, 21, of 135 S. Sherman St.; Gordon Coates, 21, of 59 W. Hollenback Ave.; Patrick M. Ranich, 20, of 227 N. River St.; all of Wilkes-Barre, and Paul Hoffman, 20, of 11 Rose Ave.,



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Roads, Sewer Construction Areas to be Improved

Representatives of Roy Weston Engineers and Marona Construction Company, at a meeting with Dallas Borough Council members Thursday night to discuss complaints, assured council that roads and other sewage construction areas will be improved.

Robert Wagner and Gene Sturgeon were spokesmen for Marona Construction, while Don Packer and Charles Barby represented Roy Weston.

Prior to the meeting Jerry Machell, chairman of the borough road commission, and Ralph Garris, borough road superintendent, with Mr. Packer and Mr. Barby, toured the municipality to point

out a number of spots which need attention.

In a point-by-point discussion, it was agreed Sterling Avenue and West Center Hill Road and other streets in the immediate area will be blacktopped starting this week.

Machell Avenue will receive a base topping when all laterals are installed. Pinecrest Avenue will be resurfaced also when pipe work is completed.

Special grading will be done around manholes; dust areas will be watered down frequently; calcium will be spread.

Marona's representatives promised that some changes in conditions will be

effective immediately, and that consideration of residents property will be stressed.

Fill will be supplied to the Dallas Borough Recreation area. It was noted that a number of Back Mountain residents have taken advantage of free fill supplied by the construction company. One spokesman said some free fill is still available.

Road Superintendent Garris was instructed to order road signs to replace those destroyed during sewer construction. Costs are to be paid by Marona Construction.

Revision Seen In Zoning Laws

In order to conform with certain provisions of State Planning Act 247, Dallas Borough Council members will review and revise municipal zoning laws. The matter was brought to the council's attention at an Aug. 17 meeting.

Edward Heiselberg, planning and zoning consultant, notified the municipal body by letter that ordinances must be updated by the end of this year. Mr. Heiselberg offered to meet with the group to help with any changes.

Councilman Jerry Machell, expressing a collective opinion, stated, "Our ordinances need to be updated. We are a little more familiar now with the needs of the borough."

An initial consultation between Mr. Heiselberg and borough planning commission will be set up by Solicitor Charles Lemmond, who also serves on the planning commission.

A Back Mountain youngster, Spencer Slocum, submitted a detailed plan for a project to beautify the triangular piece of property at the intersection of Routes 118 and 309. Spencer, who must spend eight hours on a community project to earn an Eagle Scout badge, received permission and financial support from the council to work on the project. However, the State must approve the work, which will cost \$88.50 before the Boy Scout can begin.

A meeting will be arranged with the borough police commission and Dallas Township to discuss a telephone and radio answering service offered by the township police department.

Also, a special meeting will be held Aug. 31 between the commission and all borough patrolmen, according to William Berti, commission chairman. Mr. Berti said all council members are invited to attend.

Rep. Frank O'Connell informed the council by letter that it may exempt from paying local taxes all persons earning under \$2,000.

Philip VanBlarcum, secretary of Dallas Area Municipal Authority, sent notice that a special public meeting of the authority will be held Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Dallas Senior High School.

Raymond Titus was named acting chief of police, effective Sept. 1, which is the date the current chief, Russell Honeywell, will retire.

An additional fulltime patrolman will be needed at that time also. Borough Secretary Ralph Garris is accepting applications for the position.

Dallas Real Estate: "We're a Gold Mine"

In 1964, the S. B. Lucas family was just getting comfortable and settled in the house at 258 Church Street, Dallas. They bought the house and moved in that year.

Now, seven years later they are preparing to move again. Their home is for sale.

Is there a large turnover in Back Mountain real estate sales? Why are owners selling their homes in Dallas, Shavertown, Trucksville? What is the future likely to hold for the area?

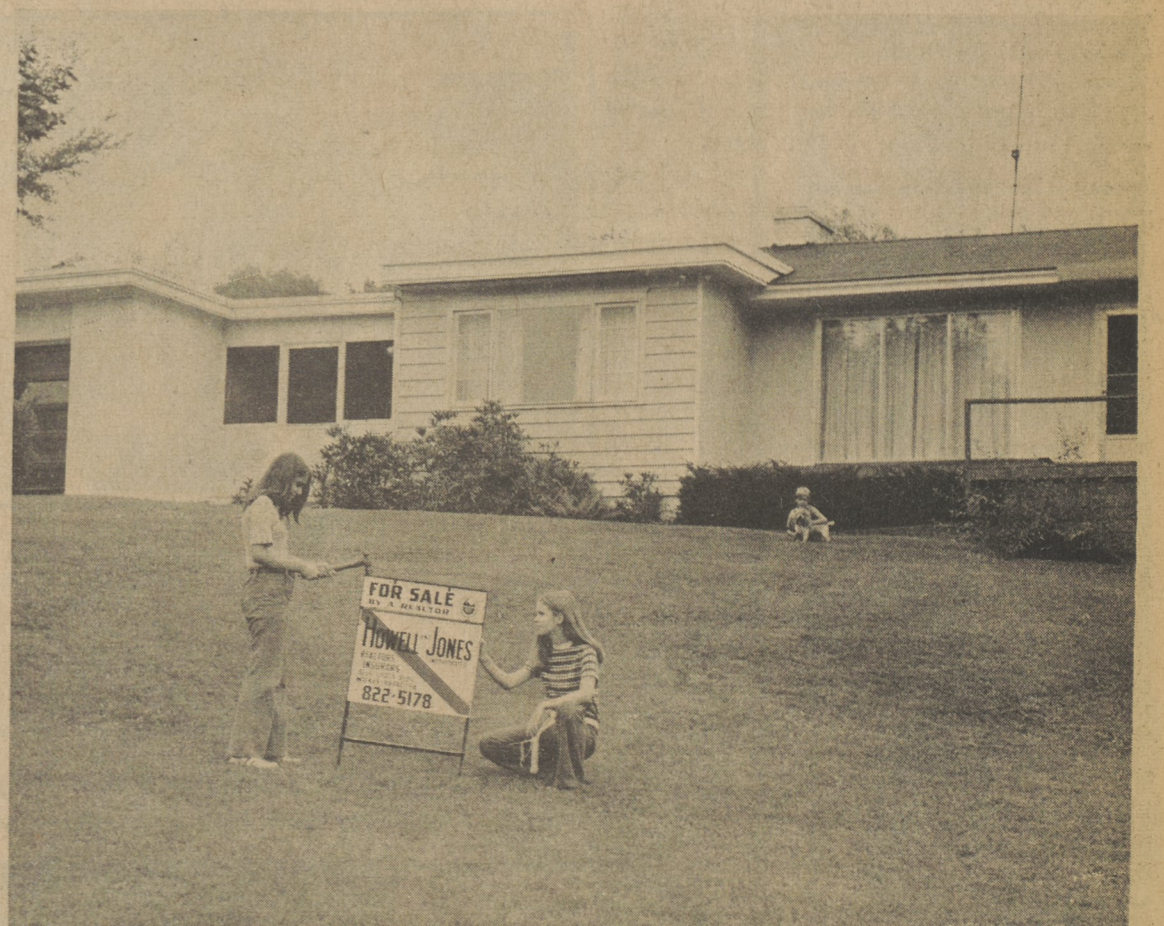
"I really believe we're sitting on a gold mine" was Bob Besecker's prognosis. In business with his father, the junior partner of Besecker Realty waxed enthusiastic about the area's potential.

Mrs. Lucas explained the family home is for sale because "we had to go where my husband could get work." Admitting that the family would have liked to stay in Dallas, the former school teacher revealed that Dr. Lucas has accepted an assistant professorship in elementary science methods at Edinboro State College, which is about 20 miles south of Erie. The head of the Lucas family taught at College Misericordia until two years ago when he received a fellowship at Penn State University to complete his doctorate.

Dave Stevens, with the Robert W. Laux Agency, believed there is usually a definite reason for selling—the husband has been transferred or has a new job elsewhere, a family wants a larger home or perhaps a smaller one.

A couple, who has resided on Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown, since 1924 is seeking smaller quarters.

"My husband feels that this house is too much for me to clean, and wants us to move into an apartment," Mrs. Walter Fletcher revealed. (continued on PAGE 3A)



Toni and Michelle Rocco make sure the "For Sale" sign at their Knob Hill home, Trucksville, is prominently displayed. Terrence and the family's French poodle, Fiji, act as overseers.

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