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Area Districts Receive Extra Money

Dallas and Lake-Lehman School Districts are among seven school districts in Luzerne County which will receive additional state subsidies this year. Announcement of the added funds was made Saturday by Senate President Pro Tempore Martin L. Murray.

Lake-Lehman will receive \$25,807; Dallas, \$23,027. This represents their pro-rated share of a \$5-million allocation.

Senator Murray reported that the School Subsidy Act of 1971 provides "the means for additional assistance to the state's most needy school districts."

The appropriation is designed to help school districts in two ways: (1) extra money for the current school year; (2) the bonus subsidy will raise the average instructional expense for each district and this, in turn, will serve as a basis for a higher school subsidy in future years under the formula of the new law.

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Tannery's Reservoir

Question of Water Rights Raised in Noxen Dispute

A question of water rights has been raised in Noxen by at least one resident there, who maintains that his deed includes a provision for water from the old tannery's reservoir.

David Dembowski, a relative newcomer to the Noxen community, was angered to learn in October that his water supply—and the water supplies of approximately 40 neighboring families—was to be cut off Nov. 15 by the owner of the tannery plant, Edward Jones.

"We knew the water pipes weren't in such great shape," Dembowski told the Post, "and a number of us wanted to work together to put everything back in order—replace pipes, clean up the reservoir area, things like that. We had it figured so it would be no expense to Mr. Jones—but he told us 'no, he'd take care of everything.'" A short time later, Dembowski stated, he and the other families on the tannery company's lines received letters advising them of the water shut-off Nov. 15.

Edward Jones, tannery owner and president of Jones' Safety Service Enterprises Inc., denies that this is true. "The letters which were written suggested that the families put in their own water



Main Street, Dallas, bedecked with Christmas lights for the holidays.

supplies, but I never intended to shut off the supply until everyone had made other arrangements for water."

Jones also argues that the tannery reservoir represents a "private water supply," and insists that "no one has any water rights so far as I'm concerned."

"We've been having problems with the system—the pipes are leaking and broken, the reservoir area and filters need cleaning—and everyone but one or two people have recognized this fact when it was pointed out to them and have taken steps to provide their own water supplies—which is good common sense in my book."

Of the 40 or so families provided with water from the tannery company's pipes, including families living in homes on Dutch Row and Filter Row, most have drilled water wells of their own, arranged to share a common well with neighbors, or made arrangements to have a well drilled in the near future. Only Dembowski and his neighbor, Gilbert Harvey, refuse to give up what they maintain are their deeded rights, and they have retained a lawyer to back them up.

"The majority of these families have drilled wells at considerable expense to

themselves—a few have even remortgaged their homes. I'm in no position to drill at this time," Dembowski categorically states, "and especially not when I know we have a legal right to that water supply." (continued on PAGE THREE)

Dallas Gets New Police Car

A 1972 police cruiser was delivered to Dallas Borough Police Department Saturday morning—bringing an early Christmas to police personnel and to the three-man police committee.

James Richardson, representing L. L. Richardson, Dallas Dodge automobile dealer, officially presented the cruiser's keys to police committee Chairman William Berti and borough Mayor Stephen Hartman in noon ceremonies at the municipal building.

Acceptance of the Dodge Polara was made by the mayor, Mr. Berti, and his fellow committee members, George Thomas and Willard Newberry, and by Police Chief Ray Titus, who expressed special thanks for himself and his men.

Built as a police cruiser and not as a family car, the vehicle has a number of

Lehman Supervisors

Complaints about Snow Removal Heard by Board

At a meeting of the Lehman Township Board of Supervisors Monday night, Alan Major, William Samuels and Bruce Spencer heard charges that they and the township's road crew had been unprepared and disorganized during snow removal efforts after the Thanksgiving Day storm.

Prison Guard Escapee Rule Reinstated

A recent announcement by Allyn R. Sialoff, commissioner of correction in Pennsylvania, is likely to bring cheers from law enforcement agents in the Back Mountain community. The announcement, made Tuesday morning through the office of Acting Superintendent Leonard Mack, State Correctional Institution at Dallas, rescinds a previous order from Sialoff which prohibited institution guards from aiding in the capture of escaped prisoners outside the confines of the prison grounds.

According to the new order, "the Dallas facility will re-institute the escape procedures in use here over the years." The order is effective immediately.

Mr. Mack noted that prison guards will once again be stationed at pre-determined posts beyond the immediate confines of the prison in the case of any prison break; patrol cars will tour the surrounding areas. (continued on PAGE THREE)

Several irate Oak Hill residents appeared at the meeting to complain vehemently about what they termed poor snow removal service during and after the storm. They claimed also that they had been unable to get to work the following day because their streets were not plowed until 11 a.m. Friday.

One Oak Hill dweller questioned whether or not the board had any emergency organization to handle the problems township taxpayers experience during snow storms. His answer came in the form of a motion to advertise for bids on a new dump truck and a "V" plow for the township grader. Supervisor Major explained that Lehman Township has three pieces of equipment to service its area and a plow for the grader will provide a back-up vehicle in the event of a breakdown. (continued on PAGE THREE)

Notice

The Dallas Post will be published early the next two weeks due to the Christmas and New Year holidays.

We urge all who plan to submit articles for publication to do so early. We cannot guarantee publication of copy in the issue of Dec. 21 if it is submitted after 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 20, or in the issue of Dec. 28 if submitted after 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 27.

College Holds Annual Holiday Madrigal Dinner

With a trumpet fanfare and the procession of Madrigal Singers, the annual Christmas Madrigal dinner hailed the holiday season on the College Misericordia campus last week.

For the 225 guests present at each evening's festival, it was a unique and dazzling way to welcome the advent of Christmas.

Merrick Hall was transformed into an old English Great Hall of the 16th Century. Shields and devices, garlands of fresh greenery, red tapers and brightly bedecked Christmas trees captured the eyes of guests as they were escorted to their tables by hostesses clad in authentically-reproduced 16th Century gowns.

The first flourish of trumpets announced the processional of 16 Madrigal Singers—"masters of this hall"—who entered, two by two, bowing and curtsying to guests. As they moved through the hall, each clad in brilliant hues of velvets and brocades, they sang "Here We Come A'Caroling" and advanced to a "great" table at the head of the hall.

Guests were made welcome by Pamela Lydon and invited to a "sumptuous repast in the old English tradition of Christmas festivity."

Heralding each course were two trumpeters, succeeded by two stewards bearing a wooden litter centered by the proper item to mark each course, accompanied by an appropriate carol.

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The Public is cordially invited to Open House at The Dallas Post Thursday, December 23 from 2 to 5 p.m. 41 Lehman Avenue Dallas, Pa.



photo by Jim Kozemchak

Dallas Borough Mayor Steve Hartman, right, received the keys to the new police cruiser and in turn presented a check in payment to Jim Richardson, representative of L. L. Richardson. Also present at the brief ceremony held when the

cruiser arrived at the borough building Saturday morning were, left to right: Chief Ray Titus, William Berti, police committee chairman; Willard Newberry and George Thomas, police committee members.