

Know Your Neighbor

The Rev. Andrew Pillarella

The Rev. Andrew Pillarella has a special interest in people. He enjoys talking with them, participating in group discussions, working among them. . . In his position as pastor of Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Dallas, people are a major part of his life.

His enthusiasm for living, his love for others, and his interest in church and community is widespread. Few people fail to recognize him, for his work in and outside of the church is well-known. He has great rapport with both young and old. He does not believe in the generation gap. He does feel that there is a lack of common communication between many people, but he has been successful in communicating with all through his love and enjoyment of those around him.

Rev. Pillarella, who resides with his family in Haddonfield Hills, is a native of Staten Island. He graduated from Bloomfield Theological Seminary which has since merged with Princeton. He is married to the former Edith E. DeRogatis, also of Staten Island, and they have three daughters, Elizabeth Pillarella Faerber, Judith Caryl and Mary Edith, both students at Wyoming Seminary.

Rev. Pillarella was not

always interested in the ministry but made his decision while serving with the armed services during World War II, a decision he has never regretted.

He first came to this area in 1953 when he accepted the pastorate of Second Presbyterian Church, Pittston, and served there until called by the Presbytery of Lackawanna to be the organizing minister of the new Presbyterian Church in Dallas in March, 1962.

At that time, services were being conducted in the Dallas Junior High School gymnasium and under the new minister's leadership, the spiritual leadership of the church was strengthened. Midweek services were held in the basement family room of the Pillarella home.

In June, 1962 the Trinity United Presbyterian Church was officially organized by the Presbytery and Rev. Pillarella installed as pastor with a congregation of 123 members. It was the first church organized by the Presbytery in 70 years and no new ones have been organized since.

Under Rev. Pillarella's direction, the church has grown to a fixed membership of 350 to 375. In the last decade about 500-600 persons have been affiliated

with the Dallas church while residing in the area.

The local pastor is interested in mental health and is currently president of Mental Health Association of Luzerne County. He believes there is a great need for help in this area, especially in counseling.

As a clergyman and a citizen in the community he feels he has responsibility to help to meet the needs of all people, especially in times of stress and trouble, and to try to bring them peace of mind and comfort.

He is an active member in the Dallas Rotary Club, St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 233, Pittston, and serves as chaplain of Irem Temple Shrine. He is a participating member in the Presbytery and serves on various committees, including National Missions, Camp and Conference, Camp Program and the committee on bills and overtures.

In the Wyoming Valley Council of Churches, he is chairman of Spiritual Life and Evangelism Committee, and also serves as clergy advisor to Protestant laymen.

In his leisure time he enjoys camping and fishing and likes sports, both as a spectator and participant.

He told the Post that the church today needs the power of the Holy Spirit to move people to go out and evangelize - the power that Jesus gave to his disciples when He said, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you."

Rev. Pillarella feels that people of today need the spirit of love and the ability to think positively. He stated that the basis for all religion is, or should be, "Love one another. . . to become involved." He advocates that the church change with the times; that it is important to meet the needs of people at a particular time. He believes that the rigid formal service of the past needs revising, that it must be geared to present day conditions. Periodically, he injects new ideas into services during the year.

"Who is right," he said, "in determining the type of instrument or type of service to be used? If the success of Christianity depends upon someone playing a drum, then let's use a drum."

That his members believe in Rev. Pillarella's philosophy, that they have confidence in him, is evident by the growth in the church membership, in their willingness to volunteer their time, talents and service for they know that as they give, so does he return.

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Members of the Dallas Senior High School Class of '62 who are interested in having a reunion this year are asked to contact Joyce Anderson Brady 696-1707 or Judy Woolbert Anderson 639-5843.

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Congratulations to Robert Reese, Hillside Road, who graduated from King's College, Jan. 17, with an AB in English. Bob has accepted the position of remedial reading instructor for the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades of the Montrose School District. He will begin his duties there Jan. 19. He also expects to work toward his Master's degree in remedial reading at the University of Scranton night school. Bob and his wife, the former Susan Fielding, and daughter, Kristen, have moved to Cherry Street, Montrose.

Another young neighbor who is making a name for himself at King's College is Gary Van Scoy of Sutton Road. He is helping fill the gap left by the untimely death of the college's official photographer, Don McCloskey.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maslow have returned to their home on Sutton Road following a short business trip to Holland and England. They returned just in time to celebrate son Douglas' sixth birthday.

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Mrs. Shaffer is one of the busiest women in our township. In addition to her duties with the fire company auxiliary, she is also an active member of the Jackson Township Ambulance Association. On Jan. 31, the ambulance association will hold its monthly meeting Jan. 20 at 7:30 at the fire hall, and anyone interested in taking the course is welcome to attend.

Please note a correction: the Jackson Township Supervisors will meet Feb. 1 at 7:30 at the fire hall, not Feb. 8 as previously reported.

Steele Is Advanced To Corporal Rank

Marine Lance Corporal Eugene M. Steele, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene W. Steele, 121 White Birch Lane, Dallas, was promoted to his present rank while serving with the First Marine Air Wing in Okinawa. Cpl. Steele is a 1969 graduate of Greenhills High, Cincinnati, and he joined the Marine Corps in November, 1969.

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Dallas Earns \$54,000 For Language Program

A grant of \$54,000 for ESEA Title 3 program for the Dallas Team Approach to Language was allotted recently to Dallas School District. Notification of the grant was given by Dr. Linford A. Werkheiser, superin-

tendent, to the board of directors at its Jan. 11 meeting. The board approved two recreation programs for children and adults. The program for fourth, fifth and sixth grades began Jan. 15 and

will continue for eight Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Girls' coaches are Nancy Buss and Ina Kintner; boys' coaches, Richard Rusnak and Paul Warchall.

From Jan. 13 to March 16 a men's recreation program will be held Thursday evenings in the senior high school. This is an extension of the regular fall program, as requested by participants. Instructors are Donald Hopkins and Arno Miller.

Ernest Ashbridge, a newcomer to the school board and newly-appointed finance committee chairman, suggested two members be assigned each month to meet in the district business office and go over vouchers for accounts payable. Vouchers would be checked once a month immediately prior to the regular board meeting. This was approved by the board, and will become standard procedure.

Approval was given for retroactive payment of salaries for professional employees for the period Sept. 7 to Nov. 15, as provided for by the Economic Stabilization Act.

Hanford Eckman, personnel committee chairman, noted there will be an initial meeting with DEA's representatives in the near future.

Kiwanis Club of Dallas was given permission to use Dallas Little League field for a portable ice rink. The club will be responsible for adequate insurance coverage, for directing activities and maintaining the area.

Dallas Schools Issue Tax Collection Report

A report on tax collections was received by the Board of Directors of Dallas School District at its meeting Jan. 11. Business manager Thomas Jenkins noted that percentage collected for real estate tax is 96.3 percent for total collections to date of \$1,236,305; per capita tax, 84.6 percent for collection of \$68,270.

The amount collected for earned income tax to date is \$85,374; realty transfer tax, \$16,361.

To date, funds received from four tax collectors of municipal-

ities comprising the school district are \$1,304,575. These are broken down as follows: Tom Reese, Dallas Borough, \$243,218; Daniel Richards, Dallas Township, \$554,690; Nellie Eaton, Franklin Township, \$75,229; Vern Pritchard, Kingston Township, \$431,435.

In further reporting on district finances, it was revealed two certificates of deposit, each for \$100,000, were purchased in December.

As of Jan. 11 there were no loans or notes outstanding for the school district.

Dallas

by Charlot Denmon 675-0419

Dale and Dean Fitch, children of Mr. and Mrs. Drew Fitch, 83 Park St., Dallas, are medical patients in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Ralph Murdock Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Murdock Sr., RD 1, Dallas, has returned to John Marshall Law School, Chicago, after visiting his parents.

Harold R. Maye, RD 4, Dallas, has been promoted from assistant trust officer to trust officer in the trust department of United Penn Bank. Mr. Maye is married to the former Aileen Ranson. They have two sons and a daughter.

Frank Ellsworth Parkhurst 4th, of Dallas, now in London, England, recently entertained as his guest his cousin, Frank Ellsworth Parkhurst Conyngham, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Conyngham.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bartley Jr. and son, Paul 3rd, Logansport, Ind., have returned home after visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Eggleston, Vernon,

and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bartley Sr., Allentown.

Mrs. Joseph Schneider, Dallas, is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Elston, Norristown. Mr. and Mrs. Elston are the parents of a baby girl born Jan. 12 in Montgomery Hospital, Norristown.

Mrs. Joseph J. Gerchak, Hemlock Drive, is a surgical patient in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Dallas Lions Club held their dinner meeting last Tuesday evening at Castle Inn with Joseph Harrington presiding. Guest speaker was Angelo Russo, membership chairman of District 14-H, Lions International.

Dist. Gov. Eugene DeStefano and deputy district governor, Harold Frederici, also attended the meeting.

Juli Poynton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Poynton, Dallas, is still a patient in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where she is recovering from injuries suffered in a sleighing accident.

Joseph Adametz, Demunds Road, Dallas, is a patient in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

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