

## 8 Mill Tax Increase Offsets Rising School District Costs

The Dallas School District Board of Directors proposed a budget for 1974-75 in the amount of \$4,462,666. Revenues to support the proposed budget will be obtained from a 66 mills real estate tax, from per capita taxes that total \$10.00 per taxable person, a 1 percent earned income tax to be shared 50-50 with the municipalities of the district, and a 1 percent real estate transfer tax, also shared equally with the municipalities.

The 66 mills levy on real estate represents eight mills increase over 1973-74, but only

four mills increase over the 1971-72 school tax rate. An eight mill per dollar increase on real estate represents an additional \$8.00 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation. Real estate property is assessed at one-third the market value. The 66 mills per dollar levy on real estate represents \$66.00 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

The Dallas School District budget for 1974-75 represents a sound financial plan to support an improved educational program. An eight mill increase in the real estate tax is necessary

to offset spiraling costs and a decrease in Federal revenue. The request for additional local revenue represents a commitment to maintaining the quality of education desired by parents, and the quality for which the Dallas School District is noted.

As inflation forces a rise in the cost of living, school district employees seek reasonable wage and salary increases. Improved salary and fringe benefit agreements for all classifications of school district employees result in increased expenditures.

Prices for general supplies and instructional materials have increased sharply. Low bid prices for general supplies average almost 60 percent more than a year ago.

Substantial price increases are also evident for building and maintenance materials and contracted repairs. These rising costs extend the expenditures and limit the repairs and renovations to those of highest priority.

During the past two years, the Dallas School District has received Federal funds to cover instructional costs for flood related pupils. These emergency funds were provided to assist local taxpayers to gradually assume the increased educational costs resulting from pupils who enrolled in district schools after the flood disaster. The amount of this Federal assistance is scheduled to decrease approximately \$200,000 for 1974-75.

The district is reimbursed a portion of the instructional costs per pupil from the State. In 1972, the State's Basic Instructional Subsidy formula as implemented by Act 88 set \$665 as the maximum reimbursable instructional expenditure. New legislation is required to raise the Basic Instructional Subsidy. Officials of the district have requested State Assemblymen and officers to seriously consider the plight of local districts and their need for additional State financial support to offset the rising costs of education.

Many educational needs of the school program have been identified. The priority improvements that have been selected for implementation are realistic at this time. Some program additions and new courses are recommended for financial support at all levels. The goals of quality education and the boys and girls will be better served through these improvements.

The financial plan recommended is one that demonstrates commitment to quality education for all pupils in a period of economic concern and spiraling costs.

The proposed budget may be inspected at the office of the secretary of the board, mezzanine floor, Dallas Senior High School building. An adjourned meeting is scheduled for June 28. Final approval and adoption of the 1974-75 school budget will be considered at that time.



Dr. Wesley N. Haines



Dr. George W. Goth

## 370 to Graduate

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Dr. Haines will be followed by a selection titled "Prayer to Life" by William Cutter, a graduating senior. Other selections include "New World Coming" by C. Cassey. Accompanists include Dorothea Jane Anthony, '75 and Carol Lee Evans, '75.

Robert L. Dolbear, principal, will then present the class. William F. Cutten, president of the board of education, will award diplomas.

The benediction will be given by the Rev. Stephen D. McGough.

A band prelude will start Lake-Lehman's ceremonies at 8 p.m.

The three part ceremonies will begin with addresses by two honor students. Valetorian Harriet Kocher will deliver the farewell address and Sandra L. Smith, salutatorian, will give the greetings.

Senior class awards will then be presented. This year there are two college prep awards, two business education awards, two citizenship, one industrial arts, and one home economics award.

Next will be presentation of diplomas by the president of the Lake-Lehman board of education, Michael Slimak.

Dr. George W. Goth, minister, radio broadcaster, columnist, public speaker and community leader is to speak at the 1974 Lake-Lehman High School commencement exercises.

Dr. Goth, born in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, is minister of the Metropolitan United Church of London with a membership of 1800. Among his many other accomplishments, he is author of a weekly column in the London Free Press and Toronto Telegram and host of "The George Goth Hour" which is broadcast daily from London. His ability to speak on several topics has won him a varied audience.

Dr. Goth is an alumni of McGill University (B.A.), Union Theological Seminary (B.D.), and Victoria University (D.D.). Dr. Goth combines politics, religion, and philosophy to express the notion that Canada and the United States have a common background. He believes that differences are

superficial and that the two countries share the same truths. It is his conception to bring forth to his audience the need to exchange ideas and to become aware of their heritage and destiny. Dr. Goth has chosen "The Power To See It Through" as his topic for discussion at this year's commencement exercises.

In order to insure ample parking, the Irem Temple Horse Show Grounds will be made available. A shuttle bus service will transport guests from the parking area to the Country Club pavilion.

The upper two fifths of the Lake-Lehman senior class will continue their education at a variety of schools.

Harriet Kocher, valedictorian, will go to Michigan Tech to study engineering. Sandra L. Smith, salutatorian, will go to Luzerne County Community College.

Five members of the class will go to Wilkes College, three to College Misericordia, two to Community College, two to Penn State, Wilkes-Barre Campus, one to Houghton College, N.Y., and two to other state colleges.

Jane Salansky will study in Bogota, Columbia. Three students will enter nursing school and one will go to Wilkes-Barre Business College.

### Priscilla Circle To Hold Picnic

The Priscilla Circle of the Shavertown United Methodist Church will meet June 10 at 6:30 p.m. for a picnic supper at the home of Thelma Williams, Lehigh Street, Shavertown.

Nancy O'Dell and Alice Moyer will be co-hostesses. Helen Davis will lead the devotion. Members are asked to bring their own place setting and a kitchen package for the game.

## Colleges Accept 100 Percent Of Wyoming Seminary's Grads

One hundred percent of Wyoming Seminary's senior and post-graduate students have been accepted at one or more colleges or universities across the country, according to a report issued by Betsy Parkhurst, Seminary director of college placement, at a recent school administrative meeting.

All but two of those students will be attending four-year institutions—the other two having chosen to attend two-year schools. Such a positive trend fits in with the college admissions record of last year's senior class in which 99 percent of the class was accepted by at least one college of their choice.

Graduating day and boarder students will be attending "our excellent local colleges, plus such institutions as Harvard, Vassar, Villanova, the University of Pennsylvania, Ithaca, Mt. Holyoke, Dickinson and Hobart," Mrs. Parkhurst noted.

Several Kingston residents will be heading for the following institutions: Martha Mitchell, Katherine Gibbs and Daniel Rothstein, University of Vermont; Jayne Smith, Mary Bald-

win and David Stettler, Princeton. Three seniors will attend Annapolis and Ryan Toole, Wilkes-Barre, will be a West Point cadet.

Gettysburg's freshmen will include three boarding student girls: Lennis Aue, Puerto Rico; Cynthia Johnson, Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Gladys Ross, New York City.

George Spohrer, Wilkes-Barre, and James Hora, Dallas, will go to Notre Dame.

A few of Seminary's Back Mountain seniors and their colleges are Jeff Klein, Shavertown, to Amherst; Randall Glidden, Shavertown, to Tulane; Meg Hall, Shavertown, to Wellesley; Judy Lewis, Shavertown, to West Chester; Jenni Rodda, Dallas, to Wilson; and Mary Pillairella, Dallas, to Penn State.

Jane Benovitz, Kingston, and Toni Jo Holland, Wilkes-Barre, will attend Brown University.

Mountaintop students Tony Kameen, Barbara Williams and Keith Newman will matriculate at Georgetown, Wells and Alfre Universities respectively. Jane Kluger and Ken Karnofsky, Forty Fort are going to Connecticut College and the University of Chicago.

Wilkes-Barre resident Jody Rifkin; Jim Schintz, Plains and Joe Wroblewski, Ashley, will enter Adelphi U., U. of Delaware, and Lehigh, respectively.

Skidmore College will educate Jay Rosenberg, Scranton, and Clint Walker, Bear Creek, will pursue studies at Springfield.

Robert Klarsch, Seminary academic dean, assists Mrs. Parkhurst in the college planning research which starts with sophomores and continues in unlimited college placement and financial aid conferences throughout a student's junior and senior years.

## Area Grads Attend Bryn Mawr Reunion

Bryn Mawr College graduates from all over the country and abroad gathered on the campus for Reunion Weekend, May 17 to 19. Eleven classes from 1914 to 1964 had official reunions.

Alumnae participated in a variety of activities - meetings and dinners for individual classes, a picnic for everyone, lectures by faculty members, a concert, and visits to the Bryn Mawr and Haverford College art studios.

At the close of the reunion on Sunday, it was announced that annual and reunion contributions had reached a sum in

excess of \$662,000. It will be counted in the college campaign to raise \$21 million July 4, 1976.

Annette Beasley Hourigan, Wyoming Avenue, Forty-Fort, class of 1914 and Lenchen Coughlin Townend, Pioneer Avenue, Dallas, class of 1932, were two Back Mountain area graduates of Bryn Mawr who attended reunion ceremonies this year.

Bryn Mawr is located 11 miles west of Philadelphia. It combines an undergraduate college for women and two graduate schools open to both men and women.

### Bridge for Pleasure

by Hannah Ibsen  
Member American Bridge Teachers Assn.

Last week we discussed the "weak two bid" which is used today by most knowledgeable bridge players. Its popularity is based on the fact that this type of holding occurs often, while a hand containing 22 points or more seems to be so rare that we don't get many chances to bid it.

During one of our class sessions recently a student was dealt this hand and he remembered his lesson on the requirements for a "weak two bid" and used it to a great advantage.

Hand: Weak two bid  
Dealer: North  
Contract: 3 diamonds  
Lead: Spade Ace  
North  
SK-J-9-4  
HA-10-8-4-2  
D-6-4  
C-Q-8  
West  
SQ-7-2  
HQ-J-3  
DQ-8-5  
CK-6-3-2

EAST  
S-6-5  
H-9-6  
D-A-K-J-10-7-2  
C-J-7-4

SOUTH  
SA-10-8-3-  
SK-7-5-3  
D-9-3  
CA-10-9-5

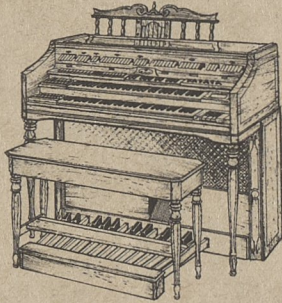
East noted that he had nine points in high cards and two doubletons, for a total of 11 points, not enough to bid "one diamond", which would require 13 points. Accordingly he bid "two diamonds", describing a hand which held exactly six diamonds, and strength in that suit and less than a normal opening bid in point count.

South passed, east passed, and north ventured to "double" looking for a suit; south bid two spades but west carried on to three diamonds and the bidding stopped there; east managed to make his contract of three diamonds and prevented his opponents from finding the possible game contract in spades or hearts.



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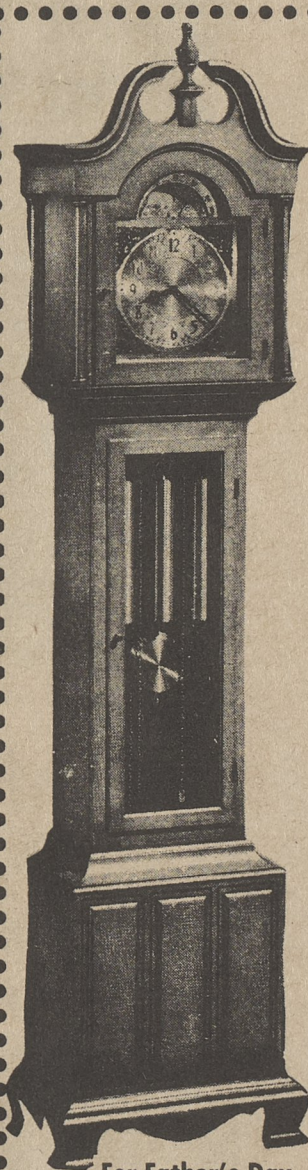


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