

# Volunteer Firemen's Convention To Be Held in Taylor, Sept. 6-7

Taylor Hose and Engine Co. No. 1 and its auxiliary have completed plans for the 44th annual convention of Northeastern Pennsylvania Volunteer Firemen's Federation to be held in Taylor Sept. 6 and 7.

The federation has more than 160 members companies from Lackawanna, Luzerne, Wayne, Wyoming, Susquehanna, Monroe, Carbon and Pike counties. It also includes seven companies from New York State.

Officers of the federation are Walter Sawchak, Olyphant, president; Joe Rusay, Clarks Summit, first vice-president; Walter Hartman, Olyphant, second vice-president; Paul Lukus, Forest City, third vice-president; James Jumper, Nicholson, fourth vice-president; James Ryan, Clarks Summit, secretary; Elmer Daley, Dallas, treasurer; Bill Bohrer, Scranton, chief; and Edward Kulak, Dickson City, fire marshal.

Harry Armstrong is convention chairman. Major David

Noskes and Edward Kania Jr. are co-chairmen. Adeline Armstrong will serve as chairlady and Eva Goble, co-chairlady for the Ladies Auxiliary. Floyd Walters is publicity chairman.

The convention will open Sept. 6, with registration of delegates at the Riverside High School auditorium from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., followed by a session at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Hospitality night will be held at Hose Co. No. 1 at 9:30 p.m. Sept. 7 activities will include registration at the school auditorium from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. The second session of the convention will be held at 9 a.m. at which time voting and election of officers for the year 1974-75 will be held.

At 11 a.m., memorial services will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Taylor. Thomas Day is chairman of the Memorial Services, assisted by Nate Bettachini.

The N.E.P.V.F.F. Ladies Auxiliary activities will begin Sept. 7 at 9 a.m., meeting in the First United Methodist Church

of Taylor. The Ladies Banquet will be held at noon Sept. 7 at the Taylor Hose and Engine Co. No. 1.

A parade is set for Sept. 7 at 2:30 p.m. Approximately 20 musical organizations and some 75 or more fire apparatus will participate. All units will assemble at the picnic grounds at 2 p.m. The parade will start promptly at 2:30 p.m.

Parade prizes will be awarded to fire companies, bands and ladies auxiliaries, and marching units.

Taylor Hose and Engine Co. No. 1 held their first meeting Oct. 24, 1894 and were chartered in July in 1895. They purchased their first hose wagon Feb. 22, 1896. The first hose house was on High Street in 1900 and moved to Main Street Nov. 23, 1913. The company moved to their present site in August 1971. The first fire truck was purchased in 1917, a second in 1923, and a third in 1941. In 1971 a new 65 foot aerial ladder truck was purchased.



Harry Armstrong, chairman of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Volunteer Firemen's Federation, presents hospitality buttons to David Noakes and Edward Kania Jr., co-chairmen. Standing in rear are Harold Weiss, Henry Weisenfluh, Irwin Kloss, Frank Murphy, Frank Gable, Robert Kozloski, Sid Sweetman, and John Frankowski.

# EPA Holds Conference For Pollution Guidelines

Zero industrial pollution in 1985 is the goal of the Environmental Pollution Agency according to Dr. Martha C. Sager, chairman of the Effluent Standards and Water Quality Information Advisory Committee.

Speaking at the 46th annual conference of the Water Pollution Control Association of Pennsylvania, Dr. Sager said, "The committee hopes to implement an alternative guideline to take into account individual industrial differences and still be a national guideline as proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)."

EPA's first proposed guideline was based on a single national average evaluation favoring large, well-equipped plants.

The committee's matrix system is an equation allowing for differences in: waste treatment technology; production characteristics of each industry; geographic and climatic conditions; and economic equity.

"Economic equity is a hum-dinger of a problem," Dr. Sager said. "Consider two soap manufacturers. One plant is 15 years old, the other is 115 years old. Does the 115 year old plant forego stock dividends to catch up with the younger plant? The matrix considers economic variables such as plant age."

Dr. Sager said the matrix uses "mathematical quantification not literary description" that bogged down the EPA's first efforts at a national pollution guideline.

"All of the first 27 basic industries were interested in the system," she said. "However, many immediately filed briefs against the EPA because they don't want to miss a bet in case any disagreements are found later."

Industries are given only 90 days to complain against the guidelines before it goes into effect.

The conference was held at the Pennsylvania State University Aug. 7-9.

# Lake-Lehman School Board Receives Contract Briefing

With the opening of school just around the corner, the Lake-Lehman Board of School Directors approved a number of administrative proposals at the meeting Aug. 13 which are necessary for a smooth back-to-school operation.

Of primary interest to the directors was a briefing conducted by Solicitor Charles D. Lemmond Jr., concerning the status of on-going contract talks with the district's teachers.

"The board negotiators are continuing to meet with the district's teachers."

"The board negotiators are continuing to meet with state mediator, Anthony Andriole," Atty. Lemmond informed the director, "and are confident that a fair agreement will be reached before September."

The next joint meeting of the negotiating teams and Mr. Andriole is scheduled for Thursday at the high school.

The directors accepted the resignation of elementary school teacher Janice Rae Camin and named Debra Rinken, a June graduate of Wilkes College, to fill the vac-

ancy caused by Ms. Camin's resignation.

Miss Rinken, a resident of RD 4, Dallas, holds a B.S. degree in elementary education.

Also submitting resignations were Robert Varlas, the district career guidance counselor, and home economics teacher Virginia Knapich.

In addition to these vacancies, openings exist in the high school faculty for a reading teacher and audio-visual materials co-ordinator.

Extra duty assignments were approved by directors including the naming of head teachers of the elementary schools. Head teacher of the Lake School will be Bethia King, at the Lehman-Jackson Building, Jeanette Williams, Noxen Elementary, David Harris; and Ross Elementary Bettie Strawser.

The naming of head and assistant basketball coaches was deferred to a later date.

Following considerable discussion and a 5-2 vote, milk supplier contracts were awarded to Dallas Dairy and Chase Dairy. The contracts name Dallas a supplier to Lake

and Noxen Schools and Chase a supplier to Ross, Lehman-Jackson, and the high school. Voting against this plan were directors Donald Jones and Gilbert Tough, who argued that the division was inequitable.

New custodians hired on a six month probationary basis were Frank Reakes, RD 5, Shavertown, and Leslie R. Sutton, RD 4, Dallas. Both men have been working on a per diem basis for the district during the summer.

A ditch for the football field at the high school which was to have been installed last year by Lewis Naugle, will be dug by Carl Cook, RD 4, Dallas. Mr. Naugle, although commissioned project, never began the work. The proposal submitted by Mr. Cook estimates the costs to be \$640.00.

To wrap up the school year, June 5, 1975 was chosen as the date for commencement, and Donald R. Bashore was retained as graduation speaker. Commencement activities will again be held at the Irem Temple Country Club.

# Commonwealth Features Season of County Fairs

During the month of August, the Pennsylvania County Fair season switches into high gear. By the time it reaches the grand finale, the State Farm Show in January, 104 separate fairs will have been held in the state.

County Fairs are one of the most important, time-honored traditions of our great farming state. Fairs give farmers a chance to show off the products, livestock, and a diversity of crafts grown, raised and made on their farms, while encouraging youth to continue with farming as a career.

Fairs are a vital link of rural-urban understanding. To help fairs in their premium payments for exhibitions, contestants, and agricultural the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture reimburses fairs for about half their costs with money derived from harness racing revenue. Last year the Commonwealth's share amounted to \$1,464,645.27.

Pennsylvania is a great agricultural state. There are

9,900,000 acres of farmland in the State with 71 thousand farms, averaging 139 acres each. Cash income from marketing farm products in 1973 was \$1,349,500.

Pennsylvania leads all other states in the production of mushrooms, cigar leaf tobacco, sausage products, scrapple, pretzels, potato chips, plantation grown Christmas trees and apples, state graded for processing. It ranks among the top five states in the production of milk, eggs, sour cherries, apples, grapes, peaches, pears and maple syrup.

Should you be young enough to eat cotton candy without feel-

ing conspicuous, or should you be steadfast enough to have ridden every piece of amusement equipment along the midway without losing your lunch or pocket change or should you be a parent who has sweat blood over a 4-H project along with a procrastinating kid, and stand by nervously while the judges asked him questions you're not sure you could answer, you can't miss the fair.

For a free listing of the Fairs in Pennsylvania from August to the end of 1974, write to Fairs List, Pennsylvania Bureau of Travel Development, B-03 South Office Building, Harrisburg, 17120.

# Recycling Drive Set for Saturday

The Back Mountain Environmental Group is sponsoring a recycling drive Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Shavertown United Methodist Church upper parking lot, located south of West Center Street on Pioneer Avenue.

Magazines, newspapers, cardboard, green, brown or clear glass bottles without metal tops, will be collected. No metal, tin or aluminum will be accepted. The Environmental Group asks that magazines, cardboard and newspapers be tied, boxed, or put in paper bags for easier handling.

Money from this project is used in improving areas in the Back Mountain.

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