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Lake-Lehman School Directors Pass 3-Year Teacher Contract

School Directors in the Lake-Lehman School District adopted a three-year contract for its professional employees at a special meeting Tuesday night. This is the first time Lake-Lehman teachers have had longer than a one-year contract.

Accepted by the teachers last Thursday by a vote of 66-23, the agreement had been hammered into shape at a final negotiating session the previous night. The educators had been teaching under provisions of last year's contract since the opening of school.

Terms of the agreement include salary increases averaging \$3,000 over the next three years and an increase in Major Medical Insurance benefits from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Other provisions include increases in: life insurance coverage, from \$7,500 in 1974 to \$15,000 by 1976; compensation for head teachers and department heads, from \$200 to \$300; and compensation for student activities, by percentages of six and seven percent.

Maternity leave will be granted in accordance with applicable law, and after 1976, all chaperone duty assignments will be compensated at the rate of

\$10 per assignment.

Also beginning in 1976, each member of the Lake-Lehman Education Association will be provided with an income protection plan which will provide 50 percent of a teacher's monthly salary, lifetime accident benefits, and sickness benefits to age 65.

A final stipulation in the agreement

provides for Blue Shield pre-paid dental care protection for each teacher, with riders to this clause providing additional dental care benefits in 1975 and 1976.

The contract was adopted by the directors by a vote of six to two, with Directors Donald Jones and Ellis Hoover voting against the agreement. Director Peg Anderson was absent.

Foot Patrols in Luzerne Bring Police Compliments

The Luzerne police have started evening foot patrols in the downtown area and initial results are encouraging.

"We used to get a lot of complaints about kids getting loud and starting trouble while hanging around downtown," one Luzerne policeman said recently, "the presence of a cop on foot tends to keep people on their good behavior."

That is not to say Luzerne has any worse crime problem than other towns in the area.

"We have some boys here that like to

go to the bars and have a good time," the cop continued, "sometimes they get a little rowdy and we like to get there as soon as possible before anything really bad happens. The foot patrol helps us out in a situation like this."

The foot patrols are the brainchild of Luzerne Mayor George Shonk. He started them a little over a month ago and has kept close tabs on them ever since.

The patrols operate Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights starting just after dark until three or four in the morning.

"You would be surprised the number of people who compliment us on this," the policeman said. "You ought to put that in the paper."

Luzerne is considering shifting the patrols from Thursday to Wednesday nights. The police say there is more going on downtown Wednesday night than Thursday.

There was a time when cops were called "flatfoots" because they did so much walking they developed trouble with their feet. Modern developments in

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Misericordia Starts 50th Year Activities

Next week, College Misericordia will conduct the first of a series of events in honor of the College's 50th anniversary this year.

On Sept. 24, the actual anniversary of the college's opening in 1925, the Most Rev. J. Carroll McCormick, D.D., Bishop of the Scranton Diocese, will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving at the college. Concelebrating the Mass will be former and present Misericordia chaplains.

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Tracy Allabaugh of Dallas receives title to the Suzuki TM-75L Mini-Cross motorcycle offered as first prize by the Greenstreet News Company to the girl or boy selling the most new subscriptions to the Dallas Post, Abington Journal, or Mountaintop Eagle newspaper. Tracy, 13, shown with Greenstreet general manager Bruce E. McCarthy, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Allabaugh of Shrine Acres. A seventh-grader at Dallas Junior High School, Tracy recently teamed with another young lady to win a local tennis tournament. She likes math and hopes to become a Registered Nurse. The cycle is from Vic Giannone's Mountaintop Suzuki Sports Center.

Pumping Station Builder Quits Lake Sewer Job

Louis Pugh, pumping station contractor for the Harveys Lake sewer system, has walked off the job. He intends to sue the sewer authority for \$500,000.

Mr. Pugh announced his intentions Friday after the authority, at its regular meeting Wednesday night at Lake Elementary School, withheld payment on a \$44,000 bill submitted by Earl Mummert, Glace and Glace, on behalf of Mr. Pugh.

Citizens Query Glace & Glace On Sewer Job

Glace and Glace, designers of the Harveys Lake Sewer System, again came under fire from both residents and members of the Harveys Lake Sewer Authority at the Sept. 11 meeting.

All the bills submitted by Earl Mummert, Glace representative, were paid with the exception of one for \$44,000 to Pugh Construction Co. But the vote was not unanimous.

Secretary Al Gultus voted no on all Glace bills because he said the company was late coming up with a solution to the number one pumping station; the company was dragging its feet with applications for overrun grants; and the company had not answered an FHA inquiry concerning possible overruns on backfill.

"I will not vote to pay any of their bills until they get these things straightened out to the satisfaction of the authority," he said.

Tom Cadwalader also questioned Mr. Mummert on several issues and was himself questioned as to his competence in engineering questions by authority member Joseph Schappert.

"Are you an engineer?" Mr. Schappert asked. "How do we know your figures are correct?"

Mr. Cadwalader had said Glace estimates of select backfill and blacktop were far too low and predicted overruns could go from \$1 million to \$2.5 million.

Mr. Mummert said the overruns could be handled with grant funds and that they could be applied for later.

Mr. Gultus said authority members had met with PennDOT officials Sept. 5. He said the PennDOT men had told them the Glace estimates of backfill were at least 7,000 square yards too low and by the looks of some of the soil that was coming out of the excavations he doubted they could put much of it back. He said it was possible the Glace estimate of 53,000 square yards could double.

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Sewer authority solicitor Donald McFadden said Friday Mr. Pugh had come to the caucus meeting before the public session and asked the authority to pay \$46,000 for the location of the number one pumping station.

Mr. McFadden advised the authority not to pay it as he did not feel it was the authority's fault the location had to be changed. (Mr. Pugh had started work at the original site several months ago but test borings revealed the pumping station was slated to be built on a peat bog.)

According to Mr. McFadden, Mr. Pugh then submitted a bill for \$44,000 as partial payment for \$66,000 in materials already at the lake. The bill also included some money to help him pay off his bonds. Mr. McFadden did not think this was reasonable either and advised against payment.

At the regular session Earl Mummert's list of bills to be paid included only the bill for \$44,000. When the authority voted to withhold payment Mr. Pugh rose to his feet and announced he was quitting the job.

Joe Schappert, sitting in for chairman George Alles, said he would like to have a meeting Saturday with Mr. Pugh and Mr. Mummert, when Mr. Alles and the rest of the authority could discuss the situation.

No meeting was held Saturday. Mr. McFadden said he was trying to set one up, preferably this week, at the convenience of all parties concerned.

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New Luzerne County College Plans Dedication Ceremonies

Dedication of the new Luzerne County Community College campus at Nanticoke has been scheduled for this Sunday afternoon at 2.

In making the announcement, Dr. Byron L. Rinehimer Jr., president, dedication ceremony will be open to the general public. Following the ceremony and continuing through 5 p.m., an "open house" atmosphere will prevail, during which citizens of the county will have an opportunity to inspect all parts of the new facility.

Members of the college Circle-K club, Veterans Club, dance troupe, and cheer-leading squad will be on hand to assist visitors in making their way about the campus complex, and a musical group will provide entertainment in the campus courtyard during the open house. Members of the college staff will also be present to answer questions about the college's programs of study and overall operation.

Numerous personalities who have played a prominent role in seeing the

LCCC campus from concept through fruition will be taking part in the dedication ceremony. Among them are Congressman Daniel J. Flood; Edmund C. Wideman Jr., chairman of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners which sponsors the Community College; Joseph E. Bruno, coordinator for community colleges, Pennsylvania Department of Education; and Senator Martin L. Murray, who will offer remarks on behalf of the state legislature which through its legislation provides for one-third of the college's operating expenses and one-half of its capital expenditures.

Also slated to participate is Arthur Coombs a Nanticoke businessman and member of the board of directors of Nanticoke Kiwanis, who will describe a special, one-of-a-kind booklet that will be presented to the college by Nanticoke Kiwanis in the near future. The booklet will represent a color-photographic coverage of the campus from the time ground was broken through the dedication itself.

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"Two Sides of an Issue" A New SCID Workshop

Coordinators for "Two Sides of an Issue," the two-day workshop scheduled for Sept. 21 and 22 for residents of the Back Mountain and the State Correctional Institution at Dallas, have released the final schedule for both days.

All activities Sept. 21 will be held at College Misericordia in Kennedy Lounge. Sister M. Julian, RSM, will open the workshop at 10 with a discussion of "The Mind of the Prisoner through Literature." Lunch will be available in the college's cafeteria, following the discussion.

The meeting will open again at 12:30 p.m. with a talk on "The Psychology of Punishment and Reward," presented by Robert Ferguson. That session will be held in Walsh Auditorium and will be followed by Frederick Stefon's remarks on "The Prisoner's Search for Meaning through Religion and Worship."

H.C. Neuhaus is the next speaker on the schedule and will talk on "Communication and Creativity and the Prisoner."

The workshop will end that evening at 7 with the film, "Men in Cages."

Sunday, all activities will be held at the State Correctional Institution in Dallas. Joseph Goode of the prison staff will begin the day at 1 with a talk on "Education as Motivation for the Prisoner." That will be followed by a talk by Thomas Figmik, Deputy Warden for Treatment at the prison, and a panel discussion conducted by residents of the institution. The workshop will be concluded at 3 p.m. with a tour of prison facilities.

Interested persons may still enroll for the workshop, according to Sister Carolyn Burgholzer, RSM, a coordinator, by contacting her at College Misericordia.

The workshop is being made possible through a grant from the Public Committee for the Humanities in Pennsylvania, a division of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Ceremony Held At Wyo. Sem. Learning Center

Following a brief convocation program opening the 1974-75 academic year at Wyoming Seminary, ground was broken Sept. 12 for a Learning Resources Center on the Kingston campus. A ceremony was also held at Nelson Memorial Tower, which had been spared from the recently razed Nelson Memorial Hall.

The convocation marked the opening of Seminary classes this year as it has done since 1972, when Dr. Wallace F. Stettler, school president, initiated the program to express gratitude and appreciation for being able to open Seminary's doors for classes following an almost insurmountable, flood clean-up problem.

Dr. Stettler, board of trustees and faculty members, students and friends of the school crossed Market Street to Nelson Tower, following the half hour program at nearby Church of Christ Uniting. At the tower, Dr. Stettler, assisted by representatives of various committees and organizations connected with

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Where are all the little people?