

School Board Questioned About Conferences-Clinics

Dallas School board director Patricia Gregory questioned the number of conferences and clinics attended by the teachers and supervisory staff at the October board meeting last Tuesday night. The board had approved 17 such conferences and clinics for October as recommended by district superintendent Dr. Linford Werkheiser.

Mrs. Gregory suggested that a limit be placed on the number of meetings each teacher and staff member attends and that a financial report be made to the board as to what was spent this year. An interested taxpayer posed a question about the number of conferences and reported that she had noted at least \$300.27 was paid by the board in September for meetings. She also noted that \$109 was spent for a basketball clinic attended by coach Joseph O'Donnell. The resident asked if the teachers couldn't share some of the expenses or if the conferences could be screened more carefully so that only certain teachers attend each one.

When a teacher is absent from school to attend such a conference, the cost of a substitute teacher must be borne by the district in addition to the expenses incurred, and most of the time travel allowances are also made, she reported.

Mrs. Gregory suggested that a tightening of the conference belt might be in order so that a 1975 tax raise could be minimized. She also asked for a total of the amount of money spent on conferences for the year.

Dr. Werkheiser replied that the board agreed with Mrs. Gregory, and that he also felt that something had to be done. He felt that teachers in the district who attended these sessions came away with something for their pupils, but agreed that not all of them were beneficial. He added that some of the meetings are state mandated in order to explain the changes or new rulings in education. Dr. Werkheiser stated that some action would be considered by the board on the matter.

It was reported that 10 high school students are attending drafting classes at Penn State, Lehman Campus.

The cafeteria report indicated that cheese, rice, lunch meat, peanut butter and ground beef were received from the government in September.

Joseph Rakshys was appointed industrial arts teacher and also instructor for the Student Smoking Clinic. Director Ernest Ashbridge initiated a discussion on the possibility of a nurse instructing the smoking class. Dr. Werkheiser replied that Mr. Rakshys had done research on the smoking subject and was well able to instruct but that a nurse would also be contacted about participating.

Mr. Ashbridge voted against Mr. Rakshys being appointed smoking instructor and Mrs. Gregory abstained from voting. The other five members voted in favor of the recommendation naming Mr. Rakshys.

Arno Miller was named boys

volleyball coach in the senior high school.

Six bus drivers were appointed for the coming year and Mrs. Gregory warned that according to law, all bus drivers must be approved before the beginning of the school year. Dr. Werkheiser stated that a complete list would be made up next year before the beginning of school so that all drivers would be approved prior to opening day.

Beverly Bunny, Shavertown, was approved as a kindergarten teacher. Leona Mikina, Shavertown, and Elaine Weaver were approved as substitute teachers.

Two students from College Misericordia and six from Wilkes College were also approved to do their practice teaching in the district under cooperating district teachers.

Contracts were awarded to Jansen Industries for stage drapes, \$1,896; L.L. Richardson, for club cab truck, \$7,500; Leader Paint Store for commercial carpeting \$1,475, and Roberts and Meck Inc., \$3,959.67 for school furniture.

Athletic committee chairman William Dierolf moved that the board change their decision on limiting the practice time for teams and allow the coaches to make the decision as to the time. The motion was carried. Mr. Dierolf also moved for the following appointments: Lou Issacs, assistant senior wrestling coach; Dave Jones, assistant senior basketball coach, and Larry Griffiths, assistant junior high school basketball coach. The board approved.

Seminary Selects Leaders Of Program for Progress

Justin Bergman Jr., national campaign chairman of Wyoming Seminary's "Program for Progress", announced leaders of the organization at the recent fall meeting of the Kingston prep school's board of trustees. "Program for Progress" is a Seminary financial campaign designed to underwrite a comprehensive development plan. That plan includes new construction, modernization of present facilities and faculty salary endowment.

Mr. Bergman, Truckville, a Seminary trustee since 1968, told the board that he has met with extraordinary success in the enlistment of leadership personnel. Everyone he has asked has accepted.

Mr. Bergman noted that the chairman of the board of trustees, Frank M. Henry, Dallas, and trustee John N. Conyngham III, Shavertown,

will serve as co-chairmen of a Leadership Gifts Committee. Trustee Stanford L. Weiss, Dallas, will serve as chairman of Special Gifts and trustee Charles B. Kanarr, Harveys Lake, will be General Gifts chairman.

The national chairman reported that the "Program for Progress" Steering Committee would include these four chairmen, plus the following:

- Theodore Abbott, Forty Fort; Edward Boltz Jr., Dallas; Charles Bufalino Jr., Pittston; Mrs. Edward Darling, Kingston; Charles Epstein, Huntsville; Larry Hollander, Kingston; Thomas Kiley, Truckville; Robert Klarsch, Kingston; Dr. C. Warren Koehl Jr., Dallas; John Magagna, Wyoming; Marilyn Maslow, Truckville; Jack Meeks, Dallas; Louise Moore, Dallas; John E. Morris III, Dallas;

Charles Nelson, Kingston; Betsy Parkhurst, Kingston; William Robbins, Kingston; Harry B. Schooley Jr., Dallas; Dr. Wallace F. Stettler, Kingston; Robert Tippett, Truckville; and William Umphred, Dallas.

The Steering Committee, representatives of the Seminary parents, trustees, faculty, alumni, staff and the business community, will provide direction and leadership for the "Program for Progress."

It is expected that when the recently begun enlistment program is completed, the campaign organization will include approximately 350 persons.

Penn State to Hold Income Tax Course

The annual Farm Income Tax and Social Security Short Course is scheduled for Dec. 9-13 at the main campus of Penn State University.

County agent E. V. Chadwick announces that the short course has been completely revised for 1974. It was lengthened to provide the opportunity to review the extensive changes made in tax laws, rulings and procedures.

The program will begin Monday afternoon and conclude Friday noon. Discussion subjects will include taxable income and expenses, depreciation, investment credit, special tax reporting, partnership and corporation reporting and installment sales.

One session will cover the Pennsylvania State Tax, inheritance tax and the tax and rent relief program.

Course outlines and registration forms can be obtained at the Agricultural Extension Office, Courthouse Annex, 5 Water St., Wilkes-Barre.

Advance registration is necessary for those wishing to attend this short course.

Ecology Poster Contest Held by Wyo. Seminary

Janis Kiwak, Wyoming Seminary Day School art instructor, recently announced winners in the school's ecology poster contest for fifth through eighth graders.

First prize in the Forty Fort school contest was earned by Pamela Mazur, Pittston, eighth grade, for her watercolor landscape entitled "Let the Birthday of Our Nation Be the Rebirth of Cleanliness."

Second prize honors went to the joint effort of seventh graders Beth Repa, Kingston; and Connie Jones, Truckville. The girls put together an ingenious water color-collage, with animated animals, entitled "Insecticide Can Be Homocide."

"Don't Let Pollution Take Over the World-Throw your Trash Away" was the title of the 3-D collage effort of Fran Lumia, Bear Creek eighth grader. Fran won the third prize.

The contest is part of a Wyoming Seminary Day School cleanliness-ecology program, which has seen seventh and eighth grade pupils take on specific jobs to keep their school and school grounds clean.

Evaluation

(continued from PAGE ONE) Boyer, Lebanon Catholic High School, Lebanon, physical education; Alfred W. Barratt, science, Danville Sr. High School, Danville;

Roy S. Underhill, Exeter Township High School, Reiffton, Reading, and Lenox L. Reid, principal, Hamburg Area Jr.-Sr. High School, Hamburg, social studies; William E. Printz, guidance, Blue Ridge High School, New Milford; Debra Zettlemoyer, educational media services, Pleasant Valley Jr.-Sr. High School, Broadheadsville.

House Committee Reports Possible Food Shortages

by Doug Lowenstein Post's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—A House Agriculture Committee report has seriously questioned whether the American farmers can produce food in sufficient quantity to stave off a world food crisis in the not-too-distant future.

The skeptical report comes at a time when the farmer is being urged from all directions—including the White House—to plunge forward with greater production.

The problem in production lies not with the farmer, according to the report, but rather with the huge jump in global population that has outstripped the world farm community's capacity to produce. And production, the report says, is hampered by technological inadequacies that must be corrected if a crisis is to be averted.

"Unless present trends in population growth and food production are significantly altered, a food crisis that will have the potential to affect everyone from every walk of life will hit with more impact than the energy crisis of 1973-74," the report warns.

The report, by the subcommittee on Departmental Operations is entitled Malthus and America. It avoids specific

policy recommendations but its pages are rife with grim statistics of a nation and a world being trampled by its own expansion. Malthus was a 19th Century economist known for his pessimistic economic views.

The report calls for greater population planning and distribution. It says that world consumption has expanded by 2.5 percent annually while working food stocks worldwide have declined to below 100 million metric tons, the level generally associated with shortages and higher prices.

"The world is now in a situation of extreme vulnerability. In 1973 and 1974 world reserve capabilities in relation to consumption needs have fallen far below any previous level in the postwar era, plummeting from the equivalent of 95 days of world consumption in 1961 to only 26 days in 1974."

The supply problem is further compounded by shortages of just about everything needed to produce food—water, fertilizer, energy and land.

Thus, it says, "the inescapable conclusion is that food production from the 3.5 billion acres currently under cultivation must be dramatically increased if mass starvation of many of the world's citizens is to be averted."

Yet, there has been "an inability to achieve technological breakthroughs" in the production system that would increase food supplies, the report says.

For example, agricultural scientists have not developed a way to produce more than one calf per cow per year. Nor have they developed a way to significantly increase soybean yields per acre.

Part of the problem is money. Since 1966, the research capacity of State Agriculture Experiment Stations (SAES) has been reduced by the equivalent of 197 scientist-man years as a result of reduced funding.

"Our agricultural research effort has been decreased by six to eight percent during a time when world food and fiber supplies were being reduced to their lowest levels since 1958," says the report.

To spur technological advances the report recommends a renewed commitment to agricultural research. "Specifically, food and feed-grain production research and research on livestock, fruits, vegetables, forestry, soil and land use."

"More funds simply have to be made available to SAES, land-grant universities and the Cooperative Extension Service."

The Big Oil Rip-Off

The oil industry continues to enjoy record-breaking profits, aided by a phony posted price set first in the Persian Gulf countries, and then in the U.S.

During the first half of 1974, increases range from a modest 22 percent for Standard Oil of Ohio (Sohio) to a fantastic 403 percent for Occidental, a California-based firm.

The table below, while incomplete because all the top corporations have not reported, tends to indicate that what the economy needs is a price reduction. But the stoic House Ways and Means Committee is so lax that it hasn't even gotten around to abolishing the unwarranted 22 percent oil depletion allowance, much less legislation directed at excess profits enjoyed by the members of the international oil cartel.

Oil Corporation Profits After Taxes

Company	1973 1st Half	1974 1st Half	Percentage Increase
Exxon	\$1,020.0 Million	\$1,560.0 Million	53
Texaco	531.6	1,050.0	97
Mobil	340.0	626.0	84
Standard, Calif.	335.0	578.0	73
Gulf	360.0	540.0	50
Indiana Standard (Amoco)	242.5	469.0	106
Shell	169.8	246.4	45
Sun Oil	97.6	218.2	124
Continental	99.2	209.6	111
Phillips	89.8	204.7	128
Occidental	31.9	160.4	403
Cities Service	67.3	122.6	82
Ashland	60.4	85.7	42
Marathon	40.7	80.8	99
Sohio	59.8	72.9	22

'Fix It'

(continued from PAGE ONE) PennDOT. PennDOT asked for the report more than a month ago but the authority will not send it in until they are convinced the company is sincere in fixing the damage.

Mr. Leandri said he would call a special meeting of the authority to formulate the report. All contractors who do work for PennDOT must periodically submit a list of work they have done to keep up their eligibility with the agency.

In other business, it was reported there are still about 250 people in the borough who have not hooked up to the sewer. The authority agreed to have the secretary send a letter to council recommending the hookup fee be raised from \$125 to \$250.

Several residents at the meeting questioned whether a duplex home would have to pay two sewer rentals. Authority members said they did as the billing was done on a unit basis - a unit being one family. Duplex homes were allowed to use a single line to hook into the system but must pay two annual fees.

The authority said residents will be expected to pay \$99 each year to the borough for 28 years to retire the bonds and an additional \$24.50 each year to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority for treatment of the sewage.

Authority members said there would be some fluctuation in the amounts of the Wyoming Valley bills depending on when each unit hooked into the sewer. Those who hooked up early will have a higher bill because of the longer amount of time they have used the system.

The authority paid the following bills: \$7,000 to B.G. Kuhn for general construction work; \$21,900 to Wyoming Sand and Stone for paving of roads; \$100 to solicitor Arthur Piccone for legal work on easements and rights of way; \$500 to the Borough of Luzerne for secretarial services and inspection of hookups; a \$350 bill to Glace and Glace for supervision of construction and another Glace bill for \$1,050 for inspections.

The Glace representative also submitted a bill for \$270 from Plescott Electric which he recommended the authority table until the company submitted their final closing papers.

Environmental Group Plans Recycling Drive, Oct. 26

The Back Mountain Environmental Group will sponsor their regular Recycling Drive Oct. 26, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon at the Shavertown Methodist Church upper parking lot, Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown.

Clear, green and brown glass and magazines, newspapers and cardboard will be collected. No metal will be accepted.

Please have glass clean and with all metal removed and have papers and magazines tied in bundles or placed in paper bags for easier handling.

Proceeds from the group's recycling drives will be used for environmental improvement projects in the Back Mountain area.

The Back Mountain Environmental Group is composed of representatives from various service clubs in the area and other interested residents. Anyone can join.

For more information please call Mrs. Alan Landis.

The group's next Recycling Drive will be held the last Saturday in December.

Public Occurrences

Oct. 22-31 American Education Week will be observed in local schools.

Oct. 26 Patriot Brotherhood of America will hold their monthly dinner meeting at Esther's Restaurant, Beaumont.

Oct. 26 Harveys Lake Yacht Club will hold their annual Cups and Flags Award Dinner at the Continental Inn, Luzerne-Dallas Highway. "Pay as you go" cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 26 Back Mountain Environmental Group will sponsor a recycling drive from 9 a.m. to noon at the parking lot of the Shavertown United Methodist Church.

Oct. 26 Small game season begins in Pennsylvania.

Oct. 26 Huntsville United Methodist Church will sponsor a baked chicken supper beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the church.

Oct. 27 A Flea Market sponsored by the Lehman Volunteer Fire Company will be held at the Lehman Horse Show Grounds, Route 118.

Oct. 27 Back Mountain Junior Football Cowboys will play Plains at Plains with the kickoff slated for 2:30 p.m.

Oct. 27 St. Therese's Altar and Rosary Society, Shavertown, will sponsor a "Get Acquainted Tea" from 3 to 5 p.m. in the church auditorium.

Oct. 27 Annual Kiwanis Back Mountain Halloween Parade. Line will form at the Dallas Township School at 1 p.m.

Oct. 28 Luzerne Couz Luzerne County Senior Citizens will hold a birthday covered dish luncheon beginning at noon at the Mercy Center, College Misericordia.

Oct. 31 Luzerne County Senior Citizens Club will hold a Halloween Party from 1 to 3 p.m. at Mercy Center, College Misericordia.

Nov. 2 and 3 Wilkes-Barre Chapter of Hadassah will hold their 13th Annual Art Exhibition at the Jewish Community Center, Wilkes-Barre. The exhibition will open at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 2 and from noon until 10 p.m. Nov. 3.

Nov. 6 Prince of Peace Holiday Bazaar will be held at the church from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Nov. 2 Dorcas Society of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, will hold a Crafts Fair and Bake Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nov. 6 The Senior Citizens have planned a trip to Longwood Gardens.

Nov. 8-10 A "Marriage Encounter" will be held at the Host Motel, Wilkes-Barre.

Nov. 14 The Senior Citizens have organized a trip to see the Little Theatre production of "Promises, Promises". Make reservations now with the Senior Citizens Center, Dallas, for the play and dinner.

Nov. 21 AAA Motor Club will sponsor a "Defensive Driving Course" at 1035 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, free of charge. Residents of Towanda, Montrose, Tunkhannock, Carbondale, Honesdale, Plymouth, Kingston, Forty Fort, Mountaintop, Wyoming, Pittston, and Back Mountain are invited to attend.



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