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## Board candidates

As a parent, Umphred said he was satisfied with the education his children are receiving for the tax dollars invested. But he said he would like to be in a position to help make decisions as to where the money goes. He would like the board to look at things from an average income, viewpoint such as his, he said.

Overall, Fritzes sees his bid for a board seat as an effort to help the board, "continue to move forward in all areas, motivate youngsters with all skills, keep moving and not be complacent." He doesn't feel the need to initiate any "substantial changes" in board policy, except perhaps "to emphasize vocational training."

Hislop said he feels his presence on the board would "give the board a broader view." "Most school boards are made up of business or professional men," according to Hislop, and he would like to see the skilled laborer represented.

He also feels the need to have a Franklin Township representative on the board since the retirement of Ted Dymond will leave that portion of the district unrepresented.

Mrs. Brennan feels the Dallas schools can "provide quality education without spending a lot of money." She said she is interested in "education for all children, slow as well as fast" and would like the chance to work for these children on the board.

The Lake-Lehman candidates appear not quite as satisfied with their school district as the Dallas candidates.

Of three candidates for the two seats in Region III in that district, Mike Slimak is running on the Republican ticket, Ed Mark has the nomination of both parties and Angelo DeCesaris will fill the Democratic slot.

Slimak, who is retired, living in Chase, is the incumbent candidate. (The other incumbent, Richard Ide, lost in his bid for re-election in the primary.) Slimak has held a board position for 12 years in the Lake-Lehman district and said he feels "We've had a pretty good district over the years."

He said he believed the district has provided a "fair transportation system, for the students. I think we've done a good job, the youngsters have always come first," he said.

He also said he believed the curriculum in Lake-Lehman is "good." "Some people, complain, I think it's good," he said.

On athletics Slimak said, "We're pretty well covered and for the size of the district, I think we hold our own." He also said it was his opinion the

Lake-Lehman school district as providing more than a dollars worth of education for a dollar's worth of taxes."

His Democratic opponent, Angelo DeCesaris from Chase Road is a college professor from Wilkes who is also a certified public accountant. DeCesaris agrees with Slimak that the transportation system in Lake-Lehman has, "started to move in the right direction." But he disagrees with his Republican opponent in the other areas.

There "could be much done" to improve the quality of education in the Lake-Lehman district, according to DeCesaris. He added that he "personally feels very strongly that this is the one area for improvement."

The athletic program at Lake-Lehman, "speaks for itself," according to DeCesaris. "It is not that successful as of late. Something is wrong when time after time teams fail," he said.

He also said he feels the part the board should play is in providing adequate equipment. "The physical ed program in the curriculum may be the place to begin the improvement in athletics," he added.

DeCesaris said he also feels strongly about the tax dollar and the Lake-Lehman School District. "I think there are times when pennies have been pinched unnecessarily and times when money has been wasted." He cited the installation of a \$6,000 fence around the new elementary school as an example of his latter accusation.

DeCesaris and Ed Mark, a school psychologist with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit, who is running with both the Republican and Democratic nominations cited a meeting held Oct. 13 night between the members of the board and the citizen's advisory committee as leading to possible solutions to problems in the district. Mark is chairman of the citizen's committee.

DeCesaris, commenting after the meeting said, "I think basically there were a couple members of the board there. There were a few suggestions made and they were well received. I think Mr. Garringer did well in reporting them to the board. Now we'll have to see what action the board makes on them."

Mark said this week, "It was enlightening to note the emargin profiles of several board members who had the courage, the interests of the taxpayers and the educational needs of the youngsters foremost when they confronted the administration regarding the im-

plementation of proposed curriculum and the clarification of bugetary, administrative expenditures."

It was also interesting to note that two (Finance committee) of the three absent boards members were responsible for preparing the budget and the accompanying administrative fiscal data which the present board members sought. The noted frustration of the board members present that evening appeared to be reflective of what the Citizens Advisory Committee has been experiencing during the year."

He said it was his own opinion the board should, perhaps, "make a survey on transportation problems to see if other alternatives to the present system are available." He also said before making any real recommendations he would like to see what came out of the Monday night meeting.

As for the curriculum, "That's why I'm running," Mark said. He added he was "unhappy" with "The district's past record" and "what came back to the district in the Middle States Association's evaluation and the Educational Quality Assessment" made on the district last year.

Mark said he feels these evaluations of the system need a closer look and he feels he "would have a better chance to be in focus with the pulse of the situation," than most.

On the athletic program he also said he would like to see what feedback the Monday night meeting got.

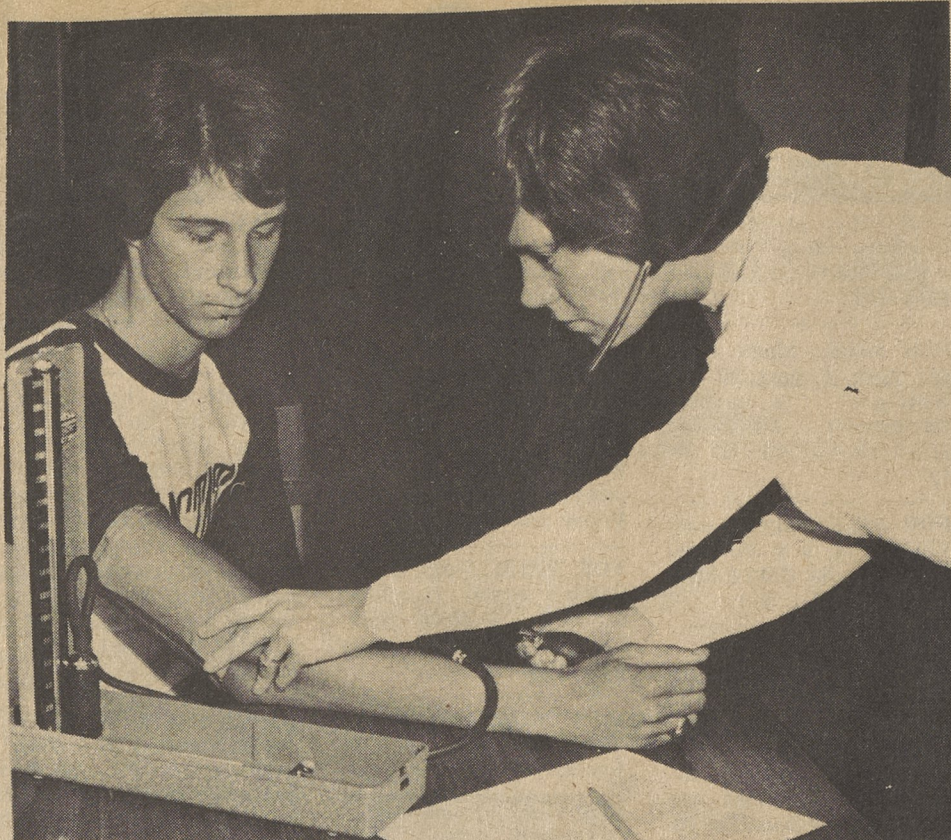
Slimak feels his availability due to his retirement and his experience make him a good candidate for reelection.

DeCesaris said, "The main thing is I don't think children are getting as good an education as they should. The district has a need for diversity, a need for special courses." He added, "I think in an area of administration, which is a multi-million dollar business, I have to question whether a professional business manager might not be warranted in the district."

Mark said, the major issues in the campaign include the 60 mills. "People are going to look for quality education. I'm concerned with this increase, which is hard for those on fixed or retired income, additional expenses should be watched." As for improving the district, Mark said he would like to wait and see what happened Monday night.

Paul Crockett, who has held a school board position for over 30 years was out of town and unavailable for comment, this week.

Keith "Skip" Bonham who will be running in Region II on a write in



**PRESSURE CHECK**—Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus student Jim Coler has his blood pressure tested by Diane Hoover, RN, during last week's "Fall Health Fair" held on the PSU Lehman Campus. About 100 PSU campus students and personnel along with community residents participated in the tests which included diabetes and pulmonary function testing.

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## Parents see

Dobinick said, "We wouldn't want to move now until the children are out of school."

Mrs. John Onzik, an Oak Hill mother of nine, "enjoys every minute of raising her children in the Back Mountain and anticipates no greater problems for her eight-year old to face than her 22 year old faced.

The differences Mrs. Onzik and several other parents interviewed see in the last 10 years and from the Back Mountain to other geographic areas are good ones. The education system

keeps improving. Mobility gives the child accessibility to recreational facilities, stores, cultural activities and a wide range of friends.

The area colleges provide the child intellectual as well as cultural and social stimulation.

And maybe, if we are to believe the parents, this all comes not yet infected with the changing morals and social pressures facing the rest of the country.

What do the children say?

(Continued next week.)

## Chief Jones investigates vandalism

Jackson Township Police Chief Don Jones, is investigating vandalism in the township which occurred sometime Saturday afternoon.

An eyewitness reported seeing a man paint over the wording on a sign erected on private property by friends of Mrs. Richard Hogoboom, who is a candidate for township supervisor.

The sign was on the property of William Carpenter who had given permission for posting the large wooden sign.

Mrs. Hogoboom is currently serving as chairman of Jackson Township supervisors, filling the unexpired term of Felix Niedjaco who resigned due to ill health.

## Mark certified by association

Ed Mark, a psychologist residing in Jackson Township, has been awarded National Association of School Psychologists certification for his involvement with children and youth. Mark has completed more than 15 years of clinical, school, psychiatric and rehabilitation experience related to children, youth and handicapped individuals.

## Dallas retains planning consultant

Dallas Borough Council will enter into a contract with Associates Planning and Development Services, Inc. for assistance in preparing a planning program and to investigate and prepare applications for financial assistance to carry out such programs. Future fees of the consultant will come assistance monies secured through his efforts. The decision to retain the consulting firm was made on the recommendation of Peter Arnaud who stated that with the influx of people and the future Cross Valley Expressway, he felt that the Council should begin planning for the future.

Luzerne County Planning Commission sent written approval for the Powderhorn Estates subdivision. It is now up to the developer, David Jones, to post the bond required by council and complete their other stipulations in order that he may go ahead. Chairman Jerry Machell reported that he had received a request to have 15 minute parking signs posted in front of Do-Re Music Center and the Dallas Post, which has recently moved into the former Grace Cave location. It was noted that Main Street is a state highway and that council cannot change the parking limit signs.

Harold Brobst asked if the Post had been issued an occupancy permit. Investigation proved that until this date no occupancy permit ordinance had ever been enforced. Council went on record that effective Tuesday night's meeting occupancy permits would be required in the borough at a fee of \$2. This applies all commercial properties, and new builders.

The chairman stated that he received numerous calls that speed limit signs have disappeared from streets in the Parrish Heights section of Dallas, and that motorists are still speeding.

Garris was instructed to

ask Harold Kocher for a bid on hauling the borough's trash.

Newly appointed chairman of recreation, Jim Richardson, attended the meeting and reported to council that he planned to ask for quotations on seeding the lower end of the playground this fall, if it is not too late.

A letter from Leo Corbett, engineer, stated that he had visited the playground with Robert Karichner of American Asphalt and found numerous items in need of completion before the company had fulfilled the contractual agreement. He listed the items for council's information.



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