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TWENTY CENTS



QUEEN CONTESTANTS--Contestants for queen of the 1976 Lehman Horse Show include (left to right) seated, Susan Fleig, Wilkes-Barre Area Vo Tech; Trudy Gerchak, Bishop O'Reilly; Theresa Michno, Nanticoke; standing, Sue Aagaard, Northwest; Michelle Dzugan, Hanover Area; Barbara Kosakowski, Lake-Lehman; Karen

Williams, Dallas; Patricia Bundle, Wyalusing; Terry Sherman, Meyers; Sharon Weale, Wyoming Valley West. The queen will be selected July 2 at 9 p.m. during the show and contestants will participate in the parade July 2 at 6:30 p.m. (Photo by Alex Rebar).

Dallas plans 'speed traps'

Dallas Borough Council asked Police Chief Ray Titus to establish a number of new "Speed traps" in the borough. At a meeting on Tuesday, June 15th, the council mentioned Lake St., Main St., and the Davenport and Sterling throughfares as possible sites for the traps.

The police department was also authorized to modify a police cruiser for use in enforcing the traps as well as for other police duties. Three hundred dollars has been allowed for the modifications. Council approval must be sought for modifications in excess of this amount.

of the police department in collective bargaining session on June 30th. This meeting is closed to the public.

Police Chief Titus also asked council to consider application for a Governor's Justice Commission grant. The grant would cover 90 percent of the cost for a communications system for a police

Roy Roberts, Main St., Dallas, was approved as the new zoning officer for the Dallas area. He replaces Richard the zoning fee collected to a maximum surrounding the restaurant.

Anthony Bonomo requested information concerning his proposed project to build a roller skating rink in the area. Bonomo was directed to the Dallas Area Municipal Authority.

A letter of commendation will be

Disque who resigned from the post a sent to Franklin's Family Restaurant month ago. Roberts' salary is one half for maintaining the grounds

> The council is also looking for someone to keep other areas of the borough freshly mowed. An applicant with a tractor sickle mower is needed for the job. Inquiroies should be directed to Council secretary, Ralph

Trucksville Volunteers xcess of this amount. The council will meet with members hold weekend fair

The Trucksville Volunteer Fire company will sponsor a summer fair this Thursday, Friday and Sturday at Duke Isaacs Used Car Lot on the Luzerne-Dallas Highway.

The celebration of events, games and fun will be highlighted with chicken barbaques on Friday and Saturday, and a parade on Saturday

Prizes will be awarded for different catagories in the children's portion of the parade. Youngsters may either walk or ride, and some of the

catagories are: most original bicycle, the prettiest, youngest etc..

Children will be able to enjoy horse and pony rides, and adults will be entertained by "The Dixie Dudes" on Friday and Saturday night and bingo games every night of the fair.

The chairman of the event are Paul Sabol and William Surley.

Interested persons are asked to call Joyce Brady (696-2967) or Bob Summers (696-1027) for further

L-L board considers modular building

maintaining two aged school buildings and overcrowding in still another cility, Lake-Lehman's School Board eviewed the possibility of purchasing

Course of its monthly meeting June 8. Paul Crockett, chairperson of the buildings and grounds committee, informed other school directors that modular construction is estimated to cost approximately \$25 per square foot and that in his opinion, the modular concept warrants further

investigation by the board. According to Arnold Garinger, board president, the "question is whether to patch our two very old buildings until they fall apart or build new structures." He pointed out that approximately \$200,000 is left in the building fund following co pletion of the new elementary school and junior high school renovation project. This money, he said, may not be used for routine operating expenses but may be tapped for additional building programs.

Director Angelo DeCesaris stated That he is "reluctant to spend money to replace fixtures in antiquated

Faced with the problems of buildings" and suggested that the 40year guarantee offered on modular units indicates that the structures can be regarded as permanent buildings.

Adding that modular units provide odular classroom units during the classroom pace where needed by being relocatable, Director Gilbert Tough reiterated Crockett's suggestion that "modulars need investigation.'

Garinger stated that a presentation would be made concerning modular construction at a special board meeting June 29 and that the board would make a decision about its building program at that time.

A new bus route which will cost the school district \$3,000 after state reimbursement was approved following a brisk exchange between Director Ed Mark and Transportation Coordinator Anthony Marchakitus. The new route, which will originate at Sylvan Lake, pass by Sheldon's Diner and continue along Route 118 to the high school, was proposed by Marchakitus "if the board feels it has the money to spend on it.

"Are you recommending it?" Mark

Registrations asked by Dallas Jr. High

New students in the area who plan to attend the Dallas Junior High School next fall are asked to register in the school's office the week of June 21 to June 25. Office hours are from 8 to 12, and 1 to 3.

The registration period is for students who did not attend the Dallas Schools last year. Each student should

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bring with him his birth certificate and report card and should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. It is also requested that any family

that is definitely leaving the area before the beginning of the new school term notify the school now so that the student's name can be deleted from next year's roles.

"It seems to me that that's for the board to decide," Marchakitus replied.

"Isn't it the job of a transportation coordinator to make

recommendation?" Mark challenged. Marchakitus insisted that the board would have to make the final decision. It did so, voting 7-1 in favor of the route, with Mark casting the sole

dissenting vote. Atty. Charles D. Lemmond, Jr. was re-appointed board solicitor by unanimous vote with high praise from the board president. Said Garinger of the solicitor: "He does a really fine job and couldn't be nicer in responding to the requests we make of

The firm of Lacy, Atherton and Davis was named district architect by a vote of 7-1, Kenneth Williams dissenting. The firm will receive fees on the basis of services performed. with fees ranging from six percent of new construction costs to eight percent of construction costs for revisions and repairs to existing structures.

In an unusual vote, a list of teacher ratings prepared by the administration was accepted after four directors voted yea, three abstained and one, Tough, chose not to vote. In explaining his reason for abstaining, DeCesaris noted that a teacher who is adjudged "mediocre" receives a "satisfactory" rating. He argued that in voting only "yea" or "nay" he has no real choice and opportunity to reflect his displeasure at a mediocre teacher's being termed

The board approved participation by the district in a nutrition education program which will supplement the existing curriculum and emphasize nutrition education. Chosen to participate in the pilot program by Intermediate Unit 18, Lake-Lehman was selected because of the high incidence of nutritionally related diseases (such as high blood pressure, blood sugar and obesity) which occurs within its geographic region.

Lake-Lehman has also been selected--by random sample--to participate free of charge in the standard achievement tests sponsored by McGraw-Hill.

A budget for a summer recreation program was approved by the board, with Williams promising further information about staffing and program at a later meeting. The bucket of 52,400 remains the same as

last year's expenditure. An executive meeting of the board was called by Mark, chairperson of the personnel committee, to discuss an updating of administrators' job descriptions prepared by his committee. The executive session followed the regular meeting

A letter from Carol L. Williams indicated that she wants to terminate her maternity leave and return to work as an elementary professional employee as of the opening of school in September. Her bid to return to work, which is in accordance with regulations pertaining to maternity leaves was approved.

A request by Marchakitus for permission to attend a conference of Pennsylvania School Administrators scheduled for July 8 and 9 was approved by a 6-2 vote. Directors Donald Jones and DeCesaris cast nay votes despite Marchakitus' notice that he would pay his own expenses.

The board also approved a recommendation proposed by Superintendent Robert Z. Belles that the district's special education program be amended to include a gifted-talented component for elementary and secondary students.

The question of special education and the gifted-talented component as well as the extent of the district's involvement in the programs has been the topic of discussion at several board meetings, with no clear-cut answers apparent.

The unresolved questions about the programs were reflected in the vote on Belles' recommendation: six directors voted for the recommendation, Mark abstained, and DeCesaris declared himself not

The next meeting of the board will be the June 29 session. A special meeting, it will be held to permit adoption of a budget before the end of the fiscal year June 30. The directors will meet at 8 p.m. in the music room of the Lehman-Jackson Elementary

Recycling drive set

The Back Mountain Environmental meeting will be held Saturday, June Group will hold a recycling drive on Saturday, June 26, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Shavertown Methodist Church, upper parking lot.

Only paper and glass will be collected. No metals of any kind will be accepted at this time.

Back Mountain Environmental Group is comprised of representatives from area service organizations, but any Back Mountain resident who is interested in the environmental quality of the area is encouraged to join.

The next environmental group

19, at the Mark II Restaurant in Dallas. The meeting will begin at 9

The recycling drives are usually held the last Saturday of every other month. The next major project will be the cleaning of Toby's Creek.

Anyone interested in further information on the recyling drives or clean-up projects is asked to contact Mrs. Peggy Toluba, Trucksville. Mrs Toluba is chairman of the conservation committee for the Dallas Junior Woman's Club.

DAMA completes extension

Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) announces that sewer extension 1B has been certified as completed and can now be used by those who are on the line areas. R. Spencer Martin announced at the June meeting of DAMA that residents can immediately hook-up after they have obtained a permit from the Treatment Plant office.

There are 57 new customers anticipated. They will be given 60 days from June 10th before sewer

rental will begin. After the 60 day period, each customer will be billed whether he has connected or not. This includes the Dug Road, Terrace Ave. and Highland Ave. areas.

Residents are cautioned that they must have their connections inspected before final hook-up can be made. For complete information, Martin suggests that residents contact Mrs. Parsons or Tom Bagley at the plant

DAMA hears Stonehedge plan

Weston Environmental Consultant Engineers for the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) have sent a letter to Dallas Borough outlining ways which Stonehedge can obtain finances for installing a sewage

At the May meeting of DAMA, Henry Haley, engineer representing the Weston firm for DAMA was commissioned by DAMA to seek out ways to finance sewer lines for Stonehedge, which is located at the top of West Center Hill Road in Dallas Borough.

Haley reported that there were four avenues open. Two were doubtful, he said, and the third involved Dallas Borough seeking a grant from the Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block. A Pennsylvania Department of Commerce Community Facilities

Grant could be applied for by DAMA Haley suggested that both the Borough and DAMA could apply for assistance.

Residents of Stonehedge have complained of the serious sewage conditions to the borough officials and to DAMA and have pleaded for help. Cost of installing a system would range from \$138,000 to \$98,000 if eight units were eliminated. R. Spencer Martin, chairman of the authority. contended that DAMA could not possibly finance the program alone and there is no Federal financing available for small individual projects.

Solicitor Merton Jones agreed to meet with members of Dallas Borough Council to help work out a way to seek finance for sewering the

public review of budget The board also announced that at The Dallas School Board reviewed the suggestion of the auditor general's and discussed its revised, proposed 1976-77 operating budget at an

uneventful and informal meeting with 18 citizens and the press Tuesday evening at the high school. Total expenditures for the next school year are projected at \$5.313, 315 a 6.2 per-cent increase over the current term's \$5,002,583; operating udget. The increase is \$310,732, and

will be countered by a 4 mill property tax increase, the proposed sale of the Shavertown Elementary school, and the cutting of non-mandatory expenses. The biggest projected increases in expenses are a \$198,857 increase in instructional costs, a \$95,390 increase

in fixed charges (such as insurance,

fuel, supplies) and a \$51,082 increase in transportation costs. The school board explained that the proposed budget shows allocation cuts in seven different areas in the amount of approximately \$50,000, but that in spite of these savings, a tax increase and use of money from the sale of some existing assets will be necessary to make ends meet.

office, the district will put into its budget a fund balance from the current term in the amount of \$234,065, in order to ease the tax increase.

Another problem that the school board faced in trying to curb tax increases was the loss of \$83,521 of federal flood related support to the Dallas School District, according to the report.

Dr. Linford Wierkheiser school superintendent, stated that pending state-level legislation could possibly aid the financial situation in the Dallas School District, but that this money was not included in the preparation of the proposed budget.

Werkheiser also quoted a study which showed that the Dallas school district spent an average \$1072-per-student, which placed the district in the middle of all of the districts

The school board assured the public that there would be no cut back of school programs for the coming school year.

Memorial Library Auction, a tradition in Dallas for the past 29 years, is presently being prepared for its 1976

opening July 9.

The first auction, and 25 successive ones, were held at Howard Risley's barn in Dallas and featured everything from livestock to antiques and new goods donated by local merchants. In addition to the action on the auction block, booths were constructed on the grounds selling baked goods, plants, homemade items, and books.

But other than the tradition of the

The annual Back Mountain auction becoming an annual affair, additional vustoms unique to the auction were established.

Auction sustains Back Mountain tradition

For example, the first item at every auction has been purchased by Mrs. Herman Thomas, regardless of the item; the auctioneers, with the exception of the first few hours of the 1947 auction, have always been amateurs; and Mrs. T.M.B. Hicks. one of the gread auction boosters was always the first person to join the "Ham 'n Yegg Club," an annual fundraising arm of the auction.

This year, the 30th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction,

entitled "Auction Americana," promises to be bigger and better than ever. The auction will be held on July 9, 10, and 11 on the grounds adjacent to the library on Main St., Dallas. beginning on July 9 at 2 p.m.

On the 10th at the traditional children's auction, bids start with pennies and every child can find happiness at a small price. It will be held from 10 a.m. to noon.

In addition to the new and used goods and collectibles to be auctioned off this year, Howard Strom, general chairman, reports that beautiful antiques, such as a pine cradle, moss

rose bowl and pitcher set, and cherry one drawer stand, will be featured. A conestoga trunk and a Dresden plate patterned quilt are the prize items which will be chanced off.

Booths on the grounds will offer refreshments, homemade candies and baked goods, used books, house and garden plants, flowers, and a collection of nearly anything sold under the title of "Odds 'n Ends."

The 30th annual Back Mountain Library Auction will be the culmination of traditions and fun packed into three days of action - all for the same good cause first started