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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).

## L-L board considers modular building

by Shawn Murphy

Faced with the problems of maintaining two aged school buildings and overcrowding in still another facility, Lake-Lehman's School Board reviewed the possibility of purchasing modular classroom units during the 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 completion 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

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

Adding that modular units provide classroom space 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 asked.

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.

The board also announced that at the suggestion of the auditor general's 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.

Wierkheiser 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 surveyed.

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

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.

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

meeting will be held Saturday, June 19, at the Mark II Restaurant in Dallas. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m.

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 recycling 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.

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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.

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auction becoming an annual affair, additional customs unique to the auction were established.

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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.

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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.

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## 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.

The council will meet with members 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 cruiser.

Roy Roberts, Main St., Dallas, was approved as the new zoning officer for the Dallas area. He replaces Richard

Disque who resigned from the post a month ago. Roberts' salary is one half the zoning fee collected to a maximum of \$25.

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

sent to Franklin's Family Restaurant for maintaining the grounds surrounding the restaurant.

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. Inquiries should be directed to Council secretary, Ralph Garris.

Trucksville Volunteers hold weekend fair

The Trucksville Volunteer Fire company will sponsor a summer fair this Thursday, Friday and Saturday 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 evening.

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

categories 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 information.

Recycling drive set

The Back Mountain Environmental 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.

The 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.

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