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## Dallas board 'abstains' on drug-alcohol survey

The Back Mountain Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council received another setback, Monday night, when six directors of Dallas School District abstained from voting on a motion made by William Dierolf and seconded by Pat Gregory that the survey of the Council be done through the school district with certain stipulations.

Dierolf recommended that the board approve the survey providing the Council received the cooperation of Gate of Heaven, Bishop O'Reilly High School, Wyoming Seminary and West Side Vo-Tech School to include Dallas students attending those schools. He indicated that he thought this would give a more accurate picture of any drug or alcohol problem in the Back Mountain school district.

Earl Fritzges, Richard Hislop, Harry Swepton, Harry Lefko, Ernest Ashbridge, and Mrs. Gloria Brennan abstained from voting, indicating that they needed more information concerning the survey and other surveys which might be available before taking decisive action. Mrs. Brennan's primary concern was that the parental consent form was in order before a survey was conducted. Remaining board members stated they needed more time to research the project.

Before opening the question to members of the council, Ernest

Ashbridge called on David Phillips, reporter for an area daily, newspaper who stated that he became interested in the survey about a month ago. In looking for information on similar surveys he wrote to the Governor's Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse and is waiting for an answer.

He stated that he understood that a similar survey is going to be made in Luzerne County and the state and that \$80,000 will be allocated to the county once the survey is done. He also stated that it was his understanding that it had been mandated by the state that all schools within the county must be surveyed. Information will be handled in the manner that the board desired, released on a county-wide basis. If Dallas so desires, it may obtain specific information on the Dallas School District. Phillips also expressed his concern with the Juvenile Rights Act and questioned whether parents' permission was enough to grant immunity.

Bernard Banks, chairman of the local council, stated that the Back Mt. group has been doing research for the past two years and is working under the governor's council as well as with local agencies. He explained that the council's survey is prepared in such a way to determine attitudes and values and students filling out the survey will remain anonymous; that no names are required.

Banks explained that the forms had been prepared by professionals and that it was important that it be done within the target date of Oct. 6 and 7 in order that it be compiled, evaluated and recommendations made within the current year.

During the discussion between board members and Banks, Mrs. Brennan said to Ashbridge, "Why don't you tell them, Ernie, that we said 'yes' last April?" William Dierolf remarked to her that "we said yes, meaning we were interested in the survey." "Regardless," said Mrs. Brennan, "we gave them the impression they could go ahead with the survey." However, Ashbridge did not respond.

Atty. Ben Jones, school district solicitor, explained that he had previously stated that the positive parental consent form was sufficient to absolve the district of any liability and that the Juvenile Rights Act has never been tested, that it is a "sleeping monster."

Ashbridge directed Secretary Joseph Kasmak to write to the attorney general for a recommendation on the form. He also appointed a committee of Earl Fritzges, Richard Hislop, and Mrs. Gregory to work with Banks to determine whether or not surveys

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TUG-OF-WAR WINNERS—Members of Harveys Lake Fire company's tug-of-war team earned first in that event in Sunday's Luzerne County Fair competition, defeating

all comers. Included on the team (left to right) were Tom Williams, Richard Williams and Jim Faerber and several unidentified firemen. (More fair photos, see page 4)

## DAMA sets payment deadlines

Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) announced at their regular meeting last Thursday evening that all of those parties on sewer lines Project No. 1 who chose to pay their front foot assessment on a time payment plan are reminded that Oct.

1, 1976 is the deadline for the final payment.

Those delinquent in their assessment payments in the phase one of the sewer project are also reminded that final payment is due on the same date.

The authority expects that the minicomputer which was ordered last month will arrive in time for the next billing. Billing will then come directly from the DAMA office instead of being computerized by First Eastern Bank.

A lengthy discussion took place during the meeting concerning the type of bill to be used. Final decision was a postcard which will save both stationery and postage. Mrs. Doris Parsons, secretary at the DAMA plant, will be in full charge of the billing. She will be trained by the Burroughs Company in how to use the computer.

### Sports..

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## Fair exhibitors show everything from stagecoach to ostrich eggs

Top award winners at the Luzerne County Fair, sponsored by Dallas Area Fall Fair Assn., Inc. a total of \$491.25 was awarded to more than 100 entrants.

In the special Bicentennial Division, the "outstanding" award was presented to the Beaumont Pathfinder Club for their entry of a stage coach. Susan Woodling won a blue ribbon (first prize) for her entry which was titled "Spirit of '76". Paulette Pecukonis won a red ribbon (second prize) for an afghan and Helen Dymond was awarded a ribbon for a dress outfit.

Carol Herstek of Wilkes-Barre Township won top awards in the painting division including the award for the best painting in the entire exhibit as well as three blue and four red ribbons.

Other winners in the Painting Division included C.C. Woodworth, Anita Herron, Jane Herbert, Art

Hakim, Rosalie McGough, Nancy Grabenstatter, Esther Smith, Rhonda Schmig, Christina Crake, Susan Cusick and Sue Hand.

In the art section, there was a special exhibit for school children from grades one through 12. The arts and crafts committee extended special thanks to Mrs. Jane Cornell, art teacher at the Dallas Elementary school for her help in the set up and display of the students' exhibits.

Photography awards were led by Thompson Holmes who won three blue ribbons. Curtis Salonick won one blue, two reds and two yellow ribbons (third place). Ron Whitesell won a red and a yellow.

Winners in the flowers division included Stanley Brelefski, Paul Jordan, Donna Morgan, R. Shoemaker, Beatrice Goerlitz, Chuck Macy, Ruth Mann, C. Holty, Mary Chappell, Dr. Lester Jordan, and Mrs. T. Kingston for floral arrangements.

Awards for houseplants were won by C. Holly, Judy Coscia, Nancy Keeler, Beatrice Goerlitz, Mrs. R.M. Roe, Mrs. E. Weaver, Ross Spencer, and Jane Balavage.

Spectators at the fair saw Chief Fireball Dr. Lester Jordan, Mary Chappell, Chuck Macy, Margaret Lancz, Mrs. T. Kingston, Carol Herstek, Ross Spencer, Lori Spencer, Diane Newberry, Ellis Swingle, Jane Balavage, Joseph Balavage and Cindy Moyer awarded prizes in the vegetable division.

Canned food and baked goods entered by Ann Jordan, Lawrence Stella, Carol Herstek, Mrs. Thomas Landon, Kathleen Melek, Cecelia Wanagitis, Janice Martinchak, and Mary Chappell were deemed as prize winning in the Food Division.

In the needlecraft division, Mrs. T. Kingston, Lori Spencer, Corky Krupp, Mrs. George Evans, Nancy Grabenstetter, R. Perratto, Helen

Dymond, Pauly Edwards, Rae Ciaverella, Mrs. A. Covert, Ann Nicholson, Janet Thrasher, Chief Fireball, Roseann Lozowski, Louise Schultz, Nancy Keeler, Curtis Hoover, Jane Balavage, Joan Puhak, Paulette Pecukonis and Diane Newberry were all winners.

The other crafts division included woodworking, ceramics, holiday decorations, etc. Prizes, were

## Fair proves fire companies speed

When it comes to getting the pump started and water on a fire it's tough to beat the Back Mountain firemen, as the various departments proved last Sunday during the firemen's "olympics" competition at the Luzerne County Fair sponsored by the Dallas Area Fall Fair Assn.

The number two team from Kunkle

won the drafting (pumping) competition with a 38.1 second performance, which included dismounting from the fire truck, donning bunker gear, connecting hose and laying 150 feet of hose toward a target, pumping from an open water tank and knocking down the target.

But what was more amazing was that, of 12 teams entered, the slowest team was less than one-third minute slower than the winners. The time elapsed between first and third was only .12 second and less than 10 seconds separated the first six places.

Ranking behind Kunkle in the statistics were Lehman's two teams with 39 seconds and 39.3 seconds. Two teams had malfunctions and failed to time but all participating departments had at least one team with a top-notch time.

The bucket brigade event was won by Franklin Township with Lehman and Trucksville following in second and third places. Harveys Lake's strong men won the tug-of-war, defeating a team from Kunkle with Dallas placing third. Honorary official for the tug-of-war was U.S. Rep. Dan Flood, Luzerne County congressman.

The traditional events were followed with a sequence of three "Almost Anything Goes" stunts with fire companies again in competition.

A backseat driver event featured 28 teams of two, with the driver of a golf cart required to negotiate a serpentine course while blindfolded. A fire company auxiliary member was to guide the driver by providing verbal instruction. Lehman's number four team of Jet Cook and Gary McDade won that event while runners-up were Harveys Lake number four team and Dallas number four team.

The five-in-a-bag stunt featured five fire company members in a large canvas bag, attempting to "beat the

clock" in a 75-foot sack race. Franklin township teams won first and third in the event while Dallas earned second place.

The final event of the day was a "ostrich egg carry" contest, using basketballs in lieu of ostrich eggs. Contestants were grouped in four-person teams representing each fire company and required to relay the "egg" across the 75-foot course without touching the "egg" with either hands or feet.

Winner in this event was Lehman's number one team while Kunkle number one placed second and Harveys Lake followed in third.

The competition was organized by the Back Mountain Firemen's Association. Judges for the events were Frank Hilliard and Jim Rittenhouse from Kingston.

## Fatheryar

appointed

supervisor

Jackson Township supervisors held a special meeting, Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m., at Jackson Fire Hall, for the purpose of filling the supervisor position left vacant by the recent death of the late Andrew Stofko, formerly of Chase Road.

Dominick Fatheryar, Fieldcrest Manor, was appointed to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. Fatheryar was sworn into office the following day by District Magistrate Leonard Harvey in the magistrate's office, Main St., Dallas.



AERIAL VIEW—At 4 p.m. Sunday a record crowd was assembling at the fair. Parking areas were doubled in size

from the preceding year and still turned away cars when they became full.