

Board okays \$37,000 band uniform purchase

Lake-Lehman plans program for gifted

by Shawn Murphy

A pilot program for gifted eighth graders at Lake-Lehman will begin Oct. 3 in three areas of study, the district's school directors agreed at their regular monthly meeting Sept. 13.

The program will involve independent study projects in English, math and science, with five exceptional students being selected for participation from each discipline.

Junior high school teachers Krywicki, Gregory and Stare have volunteered to direct the program, and these teachers received high marks from the school board members for offering their services without additional cost to the district.

Student eligibility for the program will be determined by teachers, counselors and members of the administration. Parental consent will be required.

Members of the high-stepping Black Knights Band will be wearing new uniforms next year, thanks to school board action. The directors voted to advertise for band uniforms and have budgeted \$37,000 for the purchase, to be amortized over a period of five years.

The directors agreed to meet in special session on Sept. 27 to hear a report from John Oliver on the district's recently completed long-range plan. The meeting, which will

begin at 7:30 p.m., will be open to the public and will also feature Lake-Lehman's future superintendent of schools, David Preston, reporting on results of school-wide E.Q.A. testing according to Gilbert Tough, chairperson of the board's negotiating team, details of the district's professional employee contract remain to be "worked out" but "the environment of the talks is peaceful." The district's teachers are currently working under an extension of their contract which will expire Sept. 30.

The school board is seeking approval of the site it selected for a new elementary school from four authorities: the Dept. of Education, Dept. of Environmental Resources, PennDOT, and the Luzerne County Planning Commission.

The directors hope to receive permission to build the new school on district-owned property where the Lake Elementary building is located.

According to Superintendent of Schools Robert Z. Belles, the district will need a topographic survey of the site and a property survey. These studies are to be completed by Smith Miller Associates, school architect.

Linda Mazur, a resident of Harveys Lake Borough, was named to the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

A vacancy in the custodial staff was

filled when Herbert Moyer was selected to fill the spot from what was described as "a list of five excellent candidates."

Voting against the hiring were Directors Donald Jones, Ed Mark and Angelo DeCesaris, with the latter commenting that he had "nothing personal" against Moyer but felt that "if educational personnel are cut, it is necessary to cut in other areas, too." (Lake-Lehman recently furloughed four teachers in a budget cut-back).

A letter from members of the Lake Elementary PTA to the school board commented on the furloughing of one of these teachers when it stated that "we regret the furlough of Steven Placko...he did much for the students, and pupils and parents alike could talk to him. We feel we are losing a fine guidance counselor and teacher." The letter was presented by Robert Vangorder.

Mrs. Audrey Kachurik of 29 Hillcrest Drive, Dallas, was named secretary to the superintendent and board recording secretary by a vote of 7 to 1, with Mark voting no. Mrs. Kachurik will be compensated at a rate of \$6,500 per year.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the school board will be held Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. in the Lehman-Jackson School.



LIONS SPEAKER--The Harveys Lake Lions held their first indoor meeting of the season at Lake View Inn. The guest speaker was the Honorable Judge Robert Hourigan. Program chairman was Joseph "Red" Jones. Pictured are from left to right, seated: program

chairman, "Red" Jones; Judge Hourigan; Harveys Lake Lions president, Bill Ziminski; standing: Harveys Lake Lions treasurer, Wilfred Ide and Harveys Lake Lions secretary, Tom Yoniski. (Alex Rebar Photo)

Lake zoners postpone appeal decision

Harveys Lake's zoning hearing board postponed a decision on a nonconforming prior use appeal last Thursday night, pending the filing of legal briefs to interpret the words "commercial" and "public."

The board is weighing an appeal filed by Dr. Mortimer Slavin and Mrs. Gloria Wienckowski, neighboring property owners, on an apartment allegedly operating in a one-family residential zone and boat-space rentals, both operated by Melvin Meyers, his wife and son.

The borough's zoning officer apparently okayed

both the apartment and boat-space rentals as non-conforming prior uses.

Attorney for the appellants, Richard Kempes, introduced testimony from Slavin and Wilfred Anderson, former property owner of the Meyers home, to establish that no such prior use existed and that the boat-space rentals and present apartment use was in fact occurring.

The appellants also said the boat-slip rental was causing a potentially hazardous parking situation along the right-of-way on Lakeside Drive. Kempes also introduced a

petition objecting to the Meyers usage signed by about 50 property owners in the vicinity.

Attorney William Keller, representing the Meyers, questioned the witnesses, challenging Slavin to explain a difference in meaning between the word "public," a lakefront usage permitted by the Harveys Lake zoning ordinance, and the word "commercial" which Slavin used to describe the Meyers boat-space rentals.

Keller maintained that the permitted "public" use included "commercial" uses like Meyers while the appellants maintained that the context of the ordinance indicated a

difference between the two uses. The hearing board's solicitor asked both attorneys to present briefs on their interpretation of the appropriate sections of the borough ordinance.

Meyers also testified in defense of his use of the property, claiming that he believed the apartment construction was intended before passage of the borough ordinance and that some work had started. He also sought to establish that at least one boat-space rental predated his purchase of the property.

Hearing board members Joseph Ruotolo, chairman; Andrew Denmon and Ben Orfaly reserved their decision pending a ruling on the legal briefs.

L-L board will hold special meeting

The Lake-Lehman Board of Education will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 7:30 p.m., in the High School Auditorium for the purpose of final adoption of the Long Range Plan. The public is urged to attend.

Copies of the Long Range Plan are available in the district office for public inspection. The results of the 1977 Educational Quality Assessment in the Lake-Lehman School District will also be discussed at this meeting.

Sen. Chafee to speak here

Sen. John Chafee (R.R.I.) former Secretary of the Navy, will be the guest speaker at the Republican State Committee's "Salute to Northeastern Pennsylvania" scheduled

for Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Irem Temple, Dallas. The \$100-plate fundraiser is expected to provide the Republican Committee with \$25,000 in campaign funds for the November election.

Special guests will include the state Republican leadership, the candidates for governor and Arlan Specter, former district attorney of Philadelphia.

Leaders from Bradford, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties are expected to attend.

Andrew J. Sordani III and William W. Scranton III are co-chairmen.

Mountain Grange to meet

Mountain Grange 567 of Carverton will meet Monday evening, Oct. 10 at 7:30 in the Grange Hall, West Eighth St. and Bodle Road, with Stanley Krzanowski Grange master, presiding.

Plans for the annual Harvest Festival to be held Saturday evening, Oct. 15, beginning at 7, in the Grange Hall will be furthered. Group also will further plans for its annual sauerkraut supper to be served Saturday evening, Nov. 19, beginning at 5.

Pack 281

Cub Scout Pack 281 will hold its first pack meeting of the season on Sept. 23, at 7:45 p.m. at the Dallas United Methodist Church. The boys will be advanced and awards will be given.

Odd Fellows observe 128th anniversary

The Dallas Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Oneida Lodge No. 371 held an anniversary dinner on Thursday night, Sept. 15, at the Newberry Estate in Dallas.

This was to celebrate the 158th year of Odd Fellowship and 128th anniversary of the local lodge. The local lodge was instituted in 1849 and was located in Huntsville being moved to Dallas when the

first lodge was built around 1858.

The guest speaker was the Rev. Douglas Akers, pastor of the Dallas United Methodist Church.

Entertainment was provided by the "Check Notes," a barbershop quartet consisting of Harry Howell, Earl Louch, Jack Muchler and William Zdancewicz.

Guests were Mr. and

Mrs. Albert Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Fino and the District Deputy Grand Master Alan Major and Mrs. Major.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jewell, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Labar, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Sweezy, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood McCarty, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Roushey, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Roth, Mrs. Marie Shaver, Mr. and

Mrs. Richard Disque, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Ide, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ide, Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Fino, Thomas Landon, Mrs. Nellie Scouten, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Besteder, Mr. and Mrs. Alan S. Major, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brokenshire, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Patton, Rev. Douglas Akers, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Slocum.

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