

## Brobst to replace O'Donnell as coach

In a special meeting Friday, Oct. 27, Dallas School Board directors appointed Clint Brobst, head basketball coach of the Dallas School District, a position left vacant by the recent resignation of Joseph O'Donnell, who left the district to accept a position at Montrose High School.

The board also appointed Joseph T. Swanberry of Wilkes-Barre as assistant wrestling coach for the 1978-79 school year.

Mrs. Sally Riegel of Trucksville was appointed as the junior high school majorettes advisor for the school year.

Brobst was appointed to the coach position by a unanimous 8-0 vote of the board with only four taxpayers at the meeting, one a local news reporter.

A Dallas native, Brobst is not new to the district having coached Dallas varsity teams from 1956 to 1970 running a record of 223 wins against only 97 losses. During that time Brobst had three undefeated teams and three district championships. He also won the Eastern Regional crown in 1959.

Brobst stated that although he has not coached since 1970, he loves the

kids, the school and sports and that it means a lot to him to have a successful athletic program at the school which has been his life.

He indicated that there is a lot of talent in the Dallas District and he is confident that he can coach Dallas back to a winning program. He did not say that it will be this year, however.

"It takes time to build and that is what I want to get started at right away. Winning won't be easy but I'm confident I can provide the leadership necessary to bring good basketball to Dallas."

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## Merrill's to report to NBC

Susan and Sam Merrill will stop every ninth voter as they leave the voting booth and ask them to fill in a secret unsigned ballot.

The voters are asked to fill in the candidate they voted for as governor. There also are questions dealing with such issues as sales tax, income tax, inflation and abortion.

The ballot also asks the voters to name their choice of candidates for the House of Representative and Congress.

It deals with issues of priority such as crime and tax cuts.

The Merrills will ask the voters questions and collect ballots during

7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The answers to the questions asked during the day will give NBC an idea of the way the vote is going.

Susan Merrill will be wearing two hats on election day since she is a member of the League of Women Voters and the league is doing the same type project for ABC.

The totals reported to NBC by the Merrills will be fed into a computer which will give the newsmen a composite projection of voting throughout the state.

Susan said that there was no special reason that she and her husband were

selected to report on the precinct located in the Shavertown Fire Company's building.

"We had certain characteristics they needed to complete a total projection. NBC asked Common Cause to select a precinct with these characteristics and from the 250 members of Common Cause in this congressional district, Common Cause selected us. Actually, it is an inexpensive way for NBC News to obtain the reports of the election. NBC will pay us but we will turn the money over to Common Cause."

# Cap cities kicks off public relations campaign at luncheon

by Liz Seymour

As negotiations began Monday between labor and management at the Times-Leader Evening News, the newspaper's purchaser, Capital Cities Communications, Inc., kicked off a public relations campaign designed, in the word of one spokesman, to "present the newspaper's side of the picture."

Richard Connor, Chief of Operations, addressed representatives of local newspapers, radio and television stations at a luncheon at the City Squire Restaurant.

Denouncing what he termed "the scenes of violence and terrorism that have gone unchecked by local police" throughout the strike, Connor gave his

account of Capital Cities' involvement with the newspapers and the unions.

According to Connor, at the time Capital Cities purchased the Wilkes-Barre paper, it was warned by members of the international newspaper unions that there would be a strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company when current contracts ran out. It was this warning, Connor said, that led the company to erect a chain link fence around the property, install surveillance equipment, and make arrangements to hire security guards.

Connor asserted that company representatives met with the unions in May, at the time of the newspaper's purchase, in an effort to ward off a strike. He claimed that union repre-

sentatives had made a pact beforehand not to talk at that meeting, making communication "very difficult" between labor and management.

When contacted later, Paul Golias, spokesman for the Wilkes-Barre Council of Newspaper Unions denied the allegation, saying "There was an obvious air of apprehension among the workers because of what has happened in Pontiac, Michigan, but no pact of silence."

During the summer, claimed Connor, management made numerous attempts to meet with the three unions involved. He said that Capital Cities "repeatedly" proposed meeting dates to the Wilkes-Barre

Typographical Union, but that union representatives failed to come to the meetings.

Golias attributed that failure to "normal scheduling problems." According to Connor, negotiations did not begin until late in September. The typographers struck on Oct. 6. That strike has not been sanctioned by the International Typographical Union, due to what Golias termed "purely technical problems", and it's members are not receiving strike benefits from the international union.

Connor said that Capital Cities and representatives of the Newspaper Guild had met during the summer, but that no meeting lasted longer than half an hour. Golias termed that

statement "incorrect."

Numerous negotiations did take place between the company and the Pressman's Union, according to Connor. He said that by early September the contract with the union was 90 percent completed and initialed, but that on Sept. 11 union officials announced their desire to start over.

Connor said that from his experience with other comparable sized papers he felt that the Times-Leader Evening News had too many workers in the pressroom. Both sides agree that no offer has been made at the bargaining table to buy out the local pressroom workers.

Connor stated that Capital Cities "had available" \$2 million for such a buy-out, and that the availability of these funds had been discussed with union officials.

Connor dated the serious violence of the strike from the night of Oct. 13, when vans and trucks belonging to the newspaper were severely damaged. Oct. 13 was the day that an injunction was issued against the strikers.

Last week an incident occurred when the guard tried to pull a gun on the crowd. Connor asserted that the guard was "attempting to protect his weapon" from capture by the crowd. Connor announced that John Burgess, the injured guard, had left the hospital and was flown home to Pittsburgh on Monday.

Another incident of lesser violence that occurred last week had been filmed, and that film was shown at the luncheon. The film, taken from inside the front door of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, showed employees leaving the building through a small crowd of pickets and unidentified onlookers.

In the filmed incident a female employee is spat upon, and a male

way to run, for we are at the watershed on this hill. Some goes down the hill, toward the creek and the river. Some goes into the swamp and over to Norman Lewis' pond before going down the other creek to the river. And some works its way straight down under the pavement through little cracks.

When I walk, I have to watch side to side and ahead and behind to see what these great railroad freight cars on rubber tires are going to do. I don't want them to run over my Kynarion dog on her leash, so I pull her out of the way.

The wide berm isn't so smooth any more, and the weeds were only cut once this summer, so it's not so good to walk on now. Those great loads of commerce keep coming in low and low-low gears up our hill from the river road and then back down to the level highway again in Wyoming.

They probably don't like having to come up this winding two-mile hill and around the corner at the top any better than we like having them on our road.

But they can't get under the Coxton Bridge, with its 12'6" clearance. Sometimes they try it, and almost lose their tops. Sometimes they squeeze through by going under the wrong side of the underpass, very, very slowly, while oncoming traffic has to wait more or less patiently. Sometimes they get partway through and decide they had better back out and turn around, a slow process while school bus loads of children wait to get home, and parents on their way home from

work sit in their cars and watch. So as far north as Falls the highway department starts warning trucks of the need for coming up one of our hill roads to avoid that bridge.

And commerce keeps saying, "We need to have bigger and bigger trucks on the roads to carry more and more goods efficiently." Now when my cane goes tap, tap on the road, I hear hollow places. And when I look down I see bigger cracks. The whole surface between here and the corner is a network of cracks, and the edges are crumbling.

Last spring, when driving up our hill Cathy learned to swerve and twist to avoid most of the potholes. They were eventually patched after months of waiting, and probably plenty of cussing from the drivers of the big trucks which helped to make them. Now there are new ones starting at the edge of the patches. And from here to the corner, which I can see closely, I can see that our beautiful road is breaking up.

And that is what I see in our future, friends and neighbors. Oh, for the good old days! I used to see roads being built with horses and scrapers. And Oberdorfer Road was built so beautifully with modern machinery back in 1960. But it going to pieces and by spring it may not be fit for me to walk on. My cane won't be able to push chunks of blacktop out of the way, and it will be dangerous for me to walk with potholes in my path.

I don't really expect PennDOT to take that into consideration when spending our gas tax. But I can hope that the trucking people complain.

## Cap Cities version — Oct. 25th, events — Union's version

At a news conference last Wednesday, representatives of Capital Cities Communications, Inc. deplored what they called "mob rule and mob violence" in connection with the strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company.

Richard Connor, operating officer of the Times-Leader Evening News, expressed his dissatisfaction with the protection the newspaper has received from the Wilkes-Barre Police Department, saying that he was "appalled by the lack of cooperation from the police."

The news conference was called after an early morning incident in which two security guards employed by Capital Cities were beaten, one of them requiring hospitalization.

According to Connor, a van carrying newspaper employees and plainclothes security guards arrived at the building's gates at 5 a.m., and was met by a crowd of pickets. As employees attempted to enter the building they were pushed and shoved by the crowd. Connor stated that the police were called at that time, but failed to respond.

At 6 a.m. another van arrived, according to Connor, setting off a second round of shoving. During the incident one of the plainclothes guards reportedly saw a uniformed Wackenhut guard being dragged into an alley by picketers, and went to his defense.

At that point, Connor claims, the crowd turned on the plain clothes guard and beat him until police arrived on the scene. Connor reported that the guard was hospitalized with injuries around the head and face, and possible damage in the kidney region.

Connor showed photographs of the two beaten men, displaying the extent of their facial injuries.

Connor made a distinction between the Wackenhut guards who he stated were hired to protect the building, and the plainclothes guards who were hired after the strike began to protect the newspaper's employees. According to Connor the Wackenhut guards are not armed, but the plainclothes guards do carry guns.

The Times-Leader Evening News has been published sporadically since the beginning of the strike more than three weeks ago. Connor stated that he expected the paper to begin

publishing regularly despite what he called "lawlessness by a few individuals and the unwillingness of the police to enforce the court-ordered injunction."

He claimed that on Monday and Tuesday of last week the Times-Leader Evening News had been accepted into 52,000 homes. The normal circulation of the paper is 69,000.

Connor said that he and other Capital Cities representatives had met with the police following Wednesday's disturbances, and that the alleged failure to the police to respond was under investigation. Connor would not rule out the suggestion of federal intervention, saying that Capital Cities was "exploring every possibility."

The striking unions have charged that Capital Cities purchased the Times-Leader Evening News with the intention of forcing a strike among its workers. One point of contention has been the chain link fence erected in May by the new owners.

Connors said that Capital Cities had been led to believe that there would be a violent strike when the contract ran out, and installed the fence to protect the newspaper property. "The mob violence we have witnessed makes us believe that we were not unjustified in erecting the fence," he said.

Connor claimed that there had been four violent strikes at the Times-Leader and it parent companies since the 1930s. He stated that in 25 years the Capital Cities conglomerate had experienced only two strikes, both at the same paper in Pontiac, Michigan.

He was not able to say how many of the Capital Cities affiliated newspapers and broadcast outlets were unionized, but he said that "most had at least one union on the premises."

At the time of the news conference no negotiations were going on, although Connor stated that Capital Cities would "come to the table when called." Connor said that neither he nor the Capital Cities lawyers had been contacted by federal mediators.

According to Connor all offers, with the exception of those to the Pressmen's Union, represent Capital Cities' first offers, and are open to negotiation. Capital Cities and the Pressmen's Union had been negotiating for some weeks before the strike was called.

At 5 a.m. this morning, Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, owned by Capital Cities Communications, Inc. of New York, once again attempted to use brute force and bloodshed to impose its views upon the citizens of Wyoming Valley.

Today, however, they also went one step further and used guns.

In the early morning hours of today, seven pickets were peacefully picketing in front of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company.

On two occasions in less than one hour, strikebreakers, delivered by the vanload and reinforced by Wackenhut guards, assaulted pickets and caused mayhem.

In the midst of this unwarranted attack, a private security guard, hired by Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, brandished a loaded revolver.

Fortunately, pickets were able to disarm the publishing company guard before anyone could be seriously injured.

In tandem with attacks on Wilkes-Barre citizens, Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company tells blatant lies publicly, by announcing that it made offers to one of the unions when, in fact, no such offer was made.

Bruce Connor, director of operations for the company, announced that the publishing company had offered Wilkes-Barre Typographical Union \$50,000 for every job up to 40 that the union would agree to sell out.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## The Champs

When is an undefeated team not a winner? Impossible, you say! Well, that's what happened this weekend at the Lehman-Dallas (BTeam) Mini Football game. When Lehman tied Dallas 0 to 0 and won the league championship by virtue of a greater point differential. Each team was 5-0-1 in league play, but Lehman scored two more than Dallas throughout the entire year and was crowned champ.

We feel a grave injustice has been done to a fine group of boys who played their hearts out and fell victim to a league rule, not another football team.

We congratulate the Dallas

coaching staff on an excellent job, and echo the sentiments of our boys when they told us, "They're the toughest team we've ever played."

As far as we're concerned, you're every bit as entitled to the championship as we are. We salute you, the Lehman Lions "B" team coaching staff and players.

Tom McLaughlin  
Don Weidner  
Ted Gabel  
Tom Stepanski  
Randy Jones  
Dick Lopasky  
and the Lions

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