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SPECIAL VISIT—Santa Claus recently visited the Special Needs Class, which is under the direction of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18, and located at the Westmoreland Elementary School. Pictured with Santa from left to right are: Joey Martin, Michael Albert, Santa Claus (Mr. Ed. Brennan) with Annie Mascus, Robby Ceselsky, Scott Sito. Standing left to right: Walter A. Prokopchak (principal), Miss Karen Pavin (teacher's associate), Mrs. Ann Stashak (nurse at Crippled Children's Association), Miss Bobbie Shurnicki (special education teacher).



HOLIDAY VISITORS—Commonwealth Telephone Company employees in Dallas are making final preparations for their 11th annual holiday visit to local hospitals and nursing homes. Taking time to discuss their visitation schedule with Santa Sam Rostock are, left to right: Florence Latosek, Rostock, Cindy Amory, Tony Botyrius and Ruth Watkins.

Hockey team complimented

Lake-Lehman board moves ahead on new school, 5-2

by Shawn Murphy

After a lengthy and occasionally heated school board meeting last Tuesday night, Lake-Lehman School Directors voted 5 to 2 to continue plans for construction of a new elementary building on the site of the present Lake Township School.

The vote followed comments by a number of persons, including individuals who were opposed to building the new school and those who favored the project.

Serving as spokesperson for the

Lehman Taxpayers Assn. opposes Lake-Noxen school

The proposed Lake-Noxen Elementary School was discussed at length at the Lehman Taxpayers Association meeting on Wednesday night.

Approximately 39 people were in attendance. All attending were opposed to the new school. The general consensus was that no concrete answer has been given as to why the Lake building cannot be repaired to meet existing mandates. These residents of the Lake-Lehman School District said they are opposed to a new school construction because what

Lehman Taxpayers' Association Stan Magalski, vice president and secretary of the organization. Magalski questioned the need for a new school, and maintained that a renovation of the existing facility would provide adequate space for the district's youth from Lake and Noxen Townships.

His suggestion that renovations would be less expensive than new construction was challenged by Architect Douglas Trumbower, who

they consider to be already high mileage will be raised even higher.

Petitions are being circulated against building the new school until more information concerning renovation of the Lake building can be obtained. Deadline for returning these petitions to the association is Jan. 10, 1979. These petitions will then be presented to the school board.

Stanley Magalski, secretary, was authorized to investigate what legal recourse can be taken by the group concerning new school construction.

Dallas Twp supervisors rec council sponsor weiner roast Dec. 28th

On Thursday, Dec. 28, the Dallas Township Board of Supervisors and the Back Mountain Recreation Council will hold their first annual weiner roast-ice skating party at the newly constructed lake in the new Dallas Township Community Park. The park is located between Sago Street in Old Goss Manor and Route 309 by the Back Mountain School District. Follow the signs. All residents (kids and parents) are

cordially invited! The party will be from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. There is no admission charge to the park, however, there will be a reasonable charge for refreshments (weiners, hot chocolate, coffee, tea, etc.).

This will be a great opportunity for the kids (young and young at heart) to have a good time and to meet their neighbors and friends (and possibly even use their Christmas presents from Santa or Holiday Gifts.)

Dallas Twp. to seek federal aid—finally

by Barbara Evans

At one time Dallas Township maintained a strict policy of "going it on their own", without financial help from state or federal agencies. Increasing population, pressures from newly formed local organizations and growing pains have forced the governing fathers to consider succumbing to the ever expanding funding and grantitis!

At the bi-monthly meeting of the supervisors it was announced that application would be made for a full-time policeman through the CETA program.

James Loftus, executive director of CETA, presented a case for his

program following the regular monthly meeting of the supervisors in early December. He noted that a man could be hired for a 78 week period with all of his salary, training and fringe benefits paid by CETA.

The patrolman would be a "public service employee" and it would cost the Dallas Township Taxpayers "nothing". The only thing not included would be a retirement program because he would be a "transitional employee". At the end of the 78 weeks, he could be let go or if there was an opening on the force he would be expected to be hired by the township.

Then another patrolman could be hired for an additional 78 weeks. He

would come under all of the rules and regulations of the township police force and would be subject to them in all matters.

Problems in the expanding township are increasing and additional policemen are needed, according to officials. The 1979 budget was passed at the bi-monthly meeting and there was no place where corners could be cut to allow the hiring of another policeman.

Officials tend to believe that people would be up in arms should taxes be increased and so there seems to be no alternative. Federal and state grants appear to be the only answer.

The township is still battling the

battle of the recreational grant. For two years mountains of paperwork, surveys and applications have brought forth nothing but embarrassment and aggravation. A grant of \$27,000 has been applied for and is still not in the township treasury. There are bills which have not been paid, awaiting the grant.

The independent spirit of local government seems to be tested to its capacity through bureaucratic entrapment. There seems to be no alternative but to seek aid. Dallas Township held out for a commendable length of time and was one of the last 'to go'.

Reservoir low, Harveys Lake possible supply

by Tom Mooney

An unusually dry summer and fall period has dropped water reserves of the Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company to their lowest levels since the 1964-65 drought, according to a spokesman for the utility. There is a "possibility" that Harveys Lake water would be used to alleviate a shortage, the spokesman acknowledged.

Joseph Lubinski, chief engineer for PG&W, said this week that the water company is urging voluntary consumer conservation measures and will be issuing an additional notice on the problem shortly. The last conservation notice appeared in early October.

Good rainfall through December so far, said Lubinski, has helped somewhat. But a dry winter could bring about a water emergency situation.

The Huntsville Reservoir, a major supplier of water needs for Wyoming Valley, stood at 61.3 percent capacity as of Saturday, while the entire Springbrook Division, composed of the Huntsville facility and several other sources, was at 55.8 percent.

The figures are just four percentage points higher than the drought-period 1964-65 levels.

The greater part of the Back Mountain area is supplied with water

from various smaller private firms drawing largely upon wells. Trucksville, however, is served by PG&W through the Evans Reservoir, now standing at just 61 percent capacity.

If an emergency does develop, Lubinski confirmed, there is "a possibility" that PG&W could draw water from Harveys Lake to serve the needs of its Wyoming Valley customers. A release gate at the lake would permit water to be released into PG&W's systems.

The situation has reportedly improved somewhat this month. December so far has seen approximately 1½ inches of rain, compared to just about one inch for all of November. Lubinski said that the system's water level was up almost two percent from the week before last. But, although the situation has improved somewhat in recent weeks, continued Lubinski, the possibility of danger is still present. "Sometimes in December," he continued, "the system is full or nearly full."

A deep, hard freeze during the upcoming winter months could result in a further drop in water levels and bring about an emergency.

While Lubinski would not say that an emergency exists at present, he did urge consumers to be "water con-

sious" and sparing in their use of water.

He said that PG&W at the moment is trying to eliminate flushing and repair leaks in the system. A "stronger conservation notice" would accompany the development of an emergency.

"We feel much more confident now," said Lubinski of the month's favorable rainfall. "I would anticipate we will be safe." He added that actual steps to be taken and requested during any emergency would follow an evaluation of the seriousness of the situation.

Kingston Township budget to stay at 7 mills for 1979

Kingston Township Supervisors announced their proposed budget for 1979 at Wednesday's meeting. Estimated revenue for 1979 is \$489,164 while estimated expenditures amount to \$482,967. Real estate tax will remain at 7 mills. Per capita tax is set at \$5.

Real estate transfer tax, half of which is shared with the school district, will remain at 1 percent. Earned income tax is set at 1½ percent with the school district receiving ½ of 1 percent. The board authorized secretary Mike Stanley to engage Joseph H. Williams and Company, CPA, to audit books and records of Kingston Township for 1979.

A letter from Luzerne County Engineer John Churnetski requested the board to accept the ownership and future maintenance of Meadowcrest Road. This ¼ mile road is a problem for the county to plow during snowstorms due to the fact that it is not adjacent to any other county roads. Churnetski pointed out that Meadowcrest Road is in good condition having been resurfaced three years ago. The board passed a resolution to accept Meadowcrest Road.

Roadmaster Robert Chamberlin reported that requests from Marilyn Bostock, Bunker Hill resident, and Trucksville PTO for "watch children" signs have been installed.

Lake building at a cost of \$600.

The selection of Michael J. Faillace as industrial arts teacher at the junior and senior high schools was opposed by Director Mark, who noted that he was casting his vote for the candidate for that position who lived at Harveys Lake. Faillace was hired by a vote of 6 to 1.

President Tough informed the board that he had not completed reorganization of board committees for the coming year and asked that Directors Paul Crockett and Donald Jones continue to serve as interim representatives to the West Side Vocational-Technical School Board

until the regular January school board meeting.

A highly laudatory letter from the coaches and booster club president of the Delaware Valley Field Hockey Team was read aloud by Director Arnold Garinger.

The letter detailed the conduct of members of Lake-Lehman's girls' hockey team during the squad's recent bid for the PIAA State Championship.

After losing in the first round, the letter writer stated the Knights "rallied behind the Delaware Valley girls in such a way that we earnestly believe that they had a substantial

effect on the outcome of the Tournament. Their friendship, camaraderie and cheering for their newfound friends from Delaware Valley picked our girls up in their difficult games and made it possible for Delaware Valley to realize their dream of a State Championship."

Said Garinger: "we hear so much about kids when they do things they shouldn't, I think it only right that we should also hear the things they do that are outstanding."

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held Jan. 9, 1979, in the Lehman-Jackson Building.



KING AND QUEEN COURT—A Snow Queen and King will be selected from the above group at Dallas Senior High School Christmas prom Friday night. Students will vote during school hours on Friday and their choices will be announced during the dance intermission. Front row, left to right, are Michelle Letteer, Jackie Bergevin, Lori Baird, Lisa Jones, Michele Grossman; back row, Janet Vivian, Mark Casaday, Bob Bruggeworth, Frank Manusky, Bill Mahle, Marcia Davis. Absent from photo, Keith Calkins, Mike Kalinoski, and Russ Paulsen. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)