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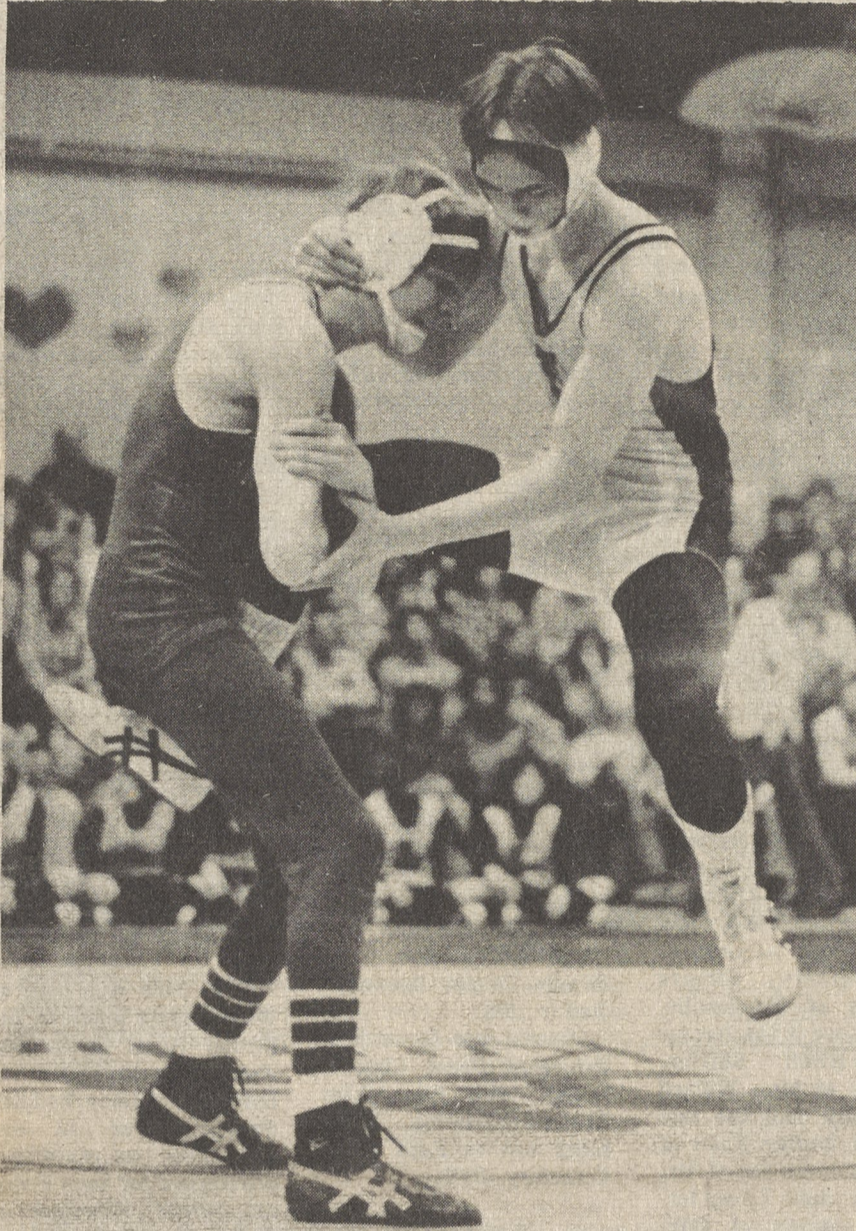


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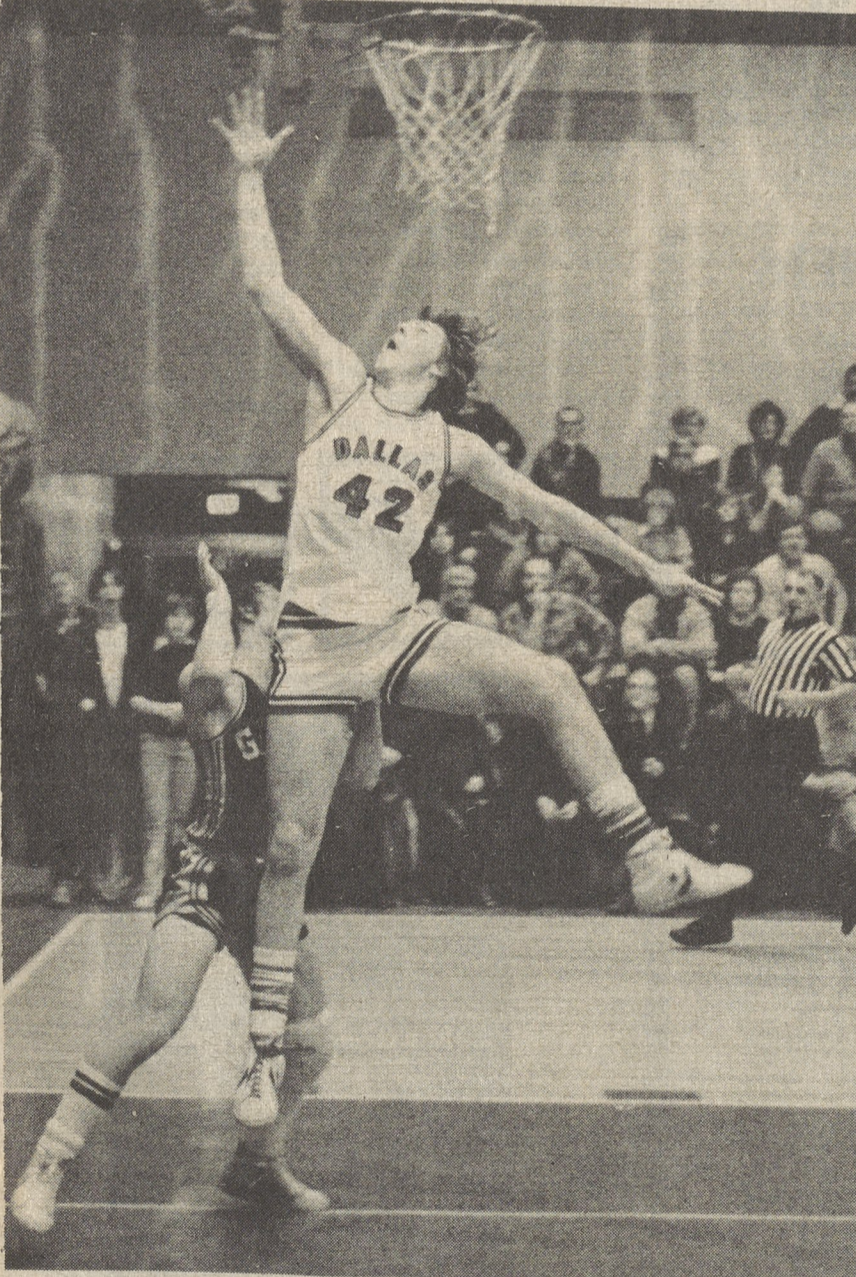
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TWENTY CENTS



DANCE, ANYONE—Lake-Lehman and Spartan grapplers look as though they're trying a new dance step but actually the Spartan is trying for a takedown in the meet between the two schools last week. (Photo by Mark Moran) More photos p. 9.



UP FOR TWO—Walter Weir (42) goes up for two points in the GAR game last Friday night at the Dallas gym. The Mountaineers lost the game when two of their starters went out on fouls. (Photo by Mark Moran)

\$10 million geriatric development set

The Ecumenical Interfaith Association (EIA) presented the Dallas Township Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission with a plan for a geriatric development to be located on Old Lake Road across from College Misericordia.

At the Monday night session of the local boards, Ray Condo, executive director of EIA, stated that the purpose of announcing the plan was to familiarize the local township of the project and to seek written approval which has to be submitted to the proper authorities when applying for a grant.

The development will cost between eight and 10 million dollars and financing has been approved by the FHA through a Community Facility Program. Approximately 12 acres of land owned by the Sisters of Mercy has been approved for the project. No final drawings or engineering work has been done as yet. Condo said that there are numerous applications to be made before that stage of the plan is reached.

There will be two sections to the development, one 120-bed complete nursing facility and an apartment facility which will house between 100 and 120 senior citizens. Minimum age requirement for admittance will be 62 years of age or total disability. It is hoped that there will be a day care center for those who need it and meal availability for those elderly who wish

to obtain a well-balanced diet.

A staff of 150 people will be needed to maintain a 24-hour daily program. It will be a complete self sufficient facility. A similar project has already been completed in Wilkes-Barre called Interfaith Apartments and it is very successful according to Condo. The plans have been placed in the hands of Smith-Miller Associates and their representatives Tom Cooney and Douglas Trumbower were present at the meeting Monday night.

Condo stated that EIA is a nonprofit organization established in 1969. It is comprised of a 20-man board of Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Jewish clergy and laymen. Bob Laux, local businessman and a member of the board, was also present.

This project will also aid in the training of students at College Misericordia working for a degree in geriatrics. The college has recently initiated a program for the training of people in that field.

A topographical survey of the proposed site and detailed engineering plans will be completed in the near future, according to Condo. The availability of sewer, water, electricity and accessibility will also be thoroughly investigated. The project has been in the preliminary planning stages for two years, it was noted.

The Dallas Township board were

asked to make an approval as soon as possible so that their letter could accompany applications which are to be submitted in March. The property is located in an S1 area and application for a special variance must also be obtained.

Phil Walter, chairman of the supervisors, stated that it would be necessary to discuss the matter with their solicitor Frank Townend before reaching a final decision. Planning commission spokesman, Carl Goeringer, noted that since Townend was not present at the meeting and there were only three of the five-man board present, it would also be necessary to wait for further discussion of the matter. All did agree that it did sound like a commendable

plan. Condo stressed swiftness because delays mean increased prices.

At the regular supervisors meeting the board discussed passing a 'barking dog' ordinance. Kingston already has such an ordinance and Dallas Township will look into their law.

A call was received from a Fernbrook resident thanking the road department for their good work in clearing the snow. Walter and Frank Wagner were present at the meeting. Solicitor Townend and Supervisor Glenn Howell were absent.

At the planning commission session, Stanley Cook presented a tentative plan for a seven-lot minor housing development on the Old Kunkle Beaumont Road area in Kunkle.

Man convicted of UC fraud

James J. Durkin, RD 5, Box 391, Dallas, was convicted of receiving \$1859 in unentitled benefits when the Bureau of Employment Security learned that he had an active insurance business from which he was receiving commissions. Durkin was collecting jobless benefits on layoff from Carrier Coal Company, which is operated by his two sons.

District Justice Mary McAndrew of Carbondale, where the hearing took

place, set the fine at \$30 since Durkin made immediate restitution.

Under Pennsylvania law, a district justice may fine up to \$200 and sentence to 30 days in jail for EACH check, persons convicted of UC fraud. If full restitution is not made, the Bureau may file a lien to recover the money. Suspension of all unemployment benefits for a period of one year from the date of conviction is automatic.

Dallas Christian considers building

The two-year-old Dallas Christian School is considering an expansion program that will enable it to increase its enrollment from its present 71 students to approximately 120 or 130, according to the Rev. Wayne Brooks, pastor of the Dallas Community Church and principal of the school.

Expansion, said Rev. Brooks, seems to be dictated by the school's growth from 31 students in its first year, 1977-78, to more than twice that figure this year coupled with receipt of more admission requests than the school can accept with present facilities.

He stressed, though, that actual embarkation upon an expansion program will depend upon approval by church membership, and the

matter has not been formally acted upon by the church yet.

However, Rev. Brooks continued, "I tend to think that most people would be in favor of it." He said that a straw poll would be taken shortly to determine the congregation's wishes.

The new building would be located close to the church, where classes are currently held, "within 100 feet," he added.

Costs would reportedly be in the \$150,000 range at least. Part of the expansion would involve construction of a gymnasium. Physical education classes are held now at College Misericordia.

Learning center space and new offices would make up the rest of the building. The school is presently

housed in the church.

Rev. Brooks said that he would also like to see a new full-time principal hired to head the expanded school. He doubles now as pastor of the church and principal of the school.

The expansion procedure would involve considering the ideas of the church members, having an architect prepare plans, and going back to the church for a formal meeting to obtain approval or disapproval.

The only alternative to expansion, according to Rev. Brooks, is placing a limit on school enrollment.

He attributed the growth in enrollment of not only the Dallas Christian Academy but also of other area Christian schools to an increasing number of parents becoming

aware that there is an alternative form of education that can train the young both academically and spiritually.

Rev. Brooks described his school as being built around individualized instruction, unlike the conventional school in which students are taught in groups.

He could not give a definite timetable for the program but indicated that expansion would probably not be possible by this fall.

The Dallas school enrolls children from elementary grades through high school.

Parents interested in enrolling children may call the church at 675-3723. Visits to the school while it is in session can be arranged.

American Asphalt claim twp. zoning ordinance is 'confiscatory' on \$90 million

Despite opposition from Concerned Citizens of Jackson Township and American Asphalt Paving Company, Jackson Township supervisors voted unanimously on Thursday night to accept the revised zoning ordinance. The Jackson Township Planning Commission with assistance from the Citizens Advisory Board has been working on these revisions with township planner Marlene Pawlowski for approximately three years.

Atty. Charles Gelso, representing Concerned Citizens, submitted three letters to the board for incorporation into the record. The first letter entered his appearance on behalf of Concerned Citizens, stating their opposition to the revised ordinance. Secondly, Gelso presented a set of petitions containing 327 signatures opposing the ordinance. The third letter, written by Paul Sandholtz, president of the Jackson Township

Concerned Taxpayers, informed the board that at the next meeting of his organization, Sandholtz would call for a vote in opposition of the ordinance if it is adopted, and will call for a vote to expend money for legal action against the ordinance.

Atty. Fred Alcaro, representing American Asphalt Paving Company presented his clients position concerning this ordinance. According to Alcaro, the Theta parcel, a 61.9 acre tract owned by American Asphalt, and the 8.5 acre Crumley tract on long-term lease to American Asphalt are particularly important because of the substantial mineral reserves located there.

Alcaro noted that a study made by a Harrisburg geologist engaged by American Asphalt determined that properties owned and leased by them are worth \$90 million. Alcaro explained that his client felt the zoning ordinance is confiscatory, since without the Theta and Crumley properties value of American Asphalt holdings would be reduced to a "minimal token amount." Neither tract has been rezoned for mining.

In response to Alcaro, Jackson Township solicitor Blythe Evans, Jr., explained that in compiling the ordinance the planning commission and the board had kept the long-range welfare of the township in mind. He noted that in recent years there has been a substantial growth in the

residential area of the township.

Evans assured Alcaro that the supervisors are aware of the fact that American Asphalt has been a landowner in the township for 20 to 30 years but they also are aware that a number of residents attending various meetings are concerned with the value of their property.

Evans pointed out that these homes represent a large investment to their

owners, and that taxes from these homes constitute a substantial amount to the yearly income of the township. Evans added that he did not believe the ordinance was confiscatory to American Asphalt.

At previous meetings, a number of residents complained about damages to their homes as a result of blasting done by American Asphalt.

World Day of Prayer scheduled for March 2

World Day of Prayer worship services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 2, at Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Dallas, and at 1:30 p.m. at Carverton United Methodist Church. According to an announcement by Mrs. Larry Saxe, World Day of Prayer chairman for Church Women United, "Spiritual Growth" will be the theme of all the services. Mrs. Leonard Bolinski will be soloist and Mrs. Fred Swanson, organist, at the Trinity service. The service there will be followed by a fellowship tea.

World Day of Prayer dates back to 1887 and this year women in 140 countries and 33 islands will unite in

prayer on this historic day. The service for 1979 was written by students in the Pan-African Leadership Course for Women at Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation in Kitwe, Zambia.

The women of Africa sent this message: "Our warm greetings to all the Christians around the world who are coming together from different places for the Day of Prayer in 1979. We hope the voices of the Pan-African Leadership Course at Mindolo can be heard in solidarity with the voices of women in the world as we pray together on World Day of Prayer 1979."

Kingston Twp. to pursue sewer delinquents

On Wednesday night, Kingston Township supervisors announced their intent to collect delinquent sewer rentals from township residents.

Secretary Michael Stanley read a draft of a letter written by Solicitor Ben R. Jones III to the board. In the letter, Jones informed delinquents that they are placing an unfair burden

on other Kingston Township residents by not paying their individual assessments and that according to a service agreement between the board of supervisors and the Dallas Area Municipal Authority dated Jan., 1971, the board is responsible for collection of these delinquencies.

Jones emphasized that failure to pay delinquencies will result in legal

steps to put the individuals property up for sheriff's sale. He noted that as of January DAMA has proceeded with legal steps for sheriff's sale in five cases. Jones stated that it would be to the delinquents' advantage to give this matter their immediate attention.

The board approved the letter, setting March 15 as payment deadline.