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Serving the Back Mt. Area

Shipe issues invite for Education Week

by Joan Kingsbury

"I cordially invite parents to join with the staff to ensure each child receives recognition for their individual achievements," stated Dr. Richard Shipe when issuing an invitation at Monday nights school board meeting to parents to participate in American Education Week Nov. 12 to Nov. 19.

In their report to the board, the Citizens Advisory Committee also encouraged active participation from parents in visiting classrooms and taking part in other planned activities.

Also included in their report from the CAC was a statement expressing their concern regarding the negative effort of past unfounded charges and reports; vague, misleading rumors of half truths concerning the school board and the functioning of the district that are counter productive to the educational system.

Unsuccessful candidate for school board Joseph Gorko reported that he had heard from undisclosed sources that spray painting in the shop area of the senior high school is continuing even though he claims it is strictly forbidden by the

Department of Labor and Industry.

Gorko had complained about car painting at a previous board meeting. He pointed out that he had information indicating that members of the faculty and members of the school board had their automobiles painted or serviced by students.

Edgar Hughes, senior high school principal, explained that under the automotive program, any person working for the school district is entitled to have work done on their cars. He stated, however, that 26 students cars were worked on first, with priorities given to students over personnel seeking such work. He noted that West Side Vocational School has offered the use of their painting booth on Saturdays so that car painting can be done at that time.

Dick Webster reported the formation of a group whose purpose it is to support the school sports program and to offer constructive criticism.

Officers of the All Sports Council (A.S.K.) for this year are; president Dick Webster; vice-president, Ron Kelley; first vice-president, Paul Jobson; second vice-president, Dave Zimmerman; treasurer, Jim Thomas; and secretary, Keith P. Yeisley.



IN MEMORIAM—Members of the Dallas American Legion do honor to the nation's veterans in ceremonies at the Dallas Veteran's Memorial. Left to right are Wally Gauthier, Andy Schlosser, Dick

Staub, Henry Van Horn, John George, and Henry Linker. (Photo by Paul Strasser)

Joint Thanksgiving service scheduled

Thanksgiving, which will be observed nationwide next Thursday, will be marked with special services in area churches.

The annual Thanksgiving Eve service, sponsored by the Back Mountain Ministerium, will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 in Trucksville Free Methodist Church.

The Rev. Dr. Allan Cease will deliver the Thanksgiving message entitled, "Where Are the Nine?" Dr. Cease, pastor of the Carverton United Methodist parish, is a native of Dallas, graduated from Lycoming College and Wesley Theological Seminary. He received his doctorate from Drew University School of Theology.

Dr. James Minor, host pastor, and members of the Back Mountain Clergy Association, sponsors of the Thanksgiving worship, invite the community to share in the celebration of thanks. The evening's offering will be received for the benefit of the hungry of the world.

Members of the three United Methodist Churches that comprise the Centermoreland United Methodist Charge, will join for a Union Thanksgiving Eve service Wednesday evening at 7:30 in Dymond Hollow United Methodist Church. Rev. Carlos Munoz, pastor of the Centermoreland UM charge, will conduct the service.

In the Bowmans Creek-Noxen-Harveys Lake areas, churches of that area will join for a Union Thanksgiving Eve service to be held Wednesday evening, starting at 8, in Bowmans Creek Free Methodist Church.

Joining for the combined services will be members of Harveys

Lake Lutheran Church and St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Noxen of which the Rev. M. Luther Wahrmann is pastor; Ruggles United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church of Noxen of which the Rev. Donald R. Sperling is pastor, and Bowmans Creek Free Methodist Church where the Rev. J. D. Harvey is pastor.

The Rev. Donald R. Sperling, pastor of the Noxen-Ruggles-Huntsville United Methodist Charge, will be the guest preacher at the Thanksgiving service Wednesday evening at Bowmans Creek Free Methodist Church.

A special Thanksgiving Eve service for members of the three United Methodist Churches comprising the Huntsville-Noxen-Ruggles UM Charge will be held Wednesday evening at 6:45 at Huntsville UM Church.

Members of Northmoreland Baptist Church at Centermoreland will mark Thanksgiving with a special service Thursday morning at 10, Pastor James May has announced.

Thanksgiving will be marked with special prayers and thanks Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in Noxen Independent Bible Church where Rev. Jerry Tallent is pastor.

An invitation

Dear Friends in the Back Mountain,

Thanksgiving Day brings memories of those times in the past when we celebrated with family and friends around the table laden with food. The good times we shared are important to us for they filled the heart even as the food nourished our bodies.

The holidays can be especially lonely for those who are separated from their families. The festive atmosphere of the Thanksgiving feast is difficult to capture when it is for one or two.

Should this be your experience, we invite you to join with us in Thanksgiving Dinner as our guest, November 22, 2 p.m. at the Dallas United Methodist Church. Come and let us share together in the spirit of Thanksgiving. Please make your reservation no later than November 20, by calling 675-5701. We will provide transportation for you.

In the richness of God's love.

Sincerely,
Council on Ministries
Dallas United Methodist Church

Schooley says UGI rate hike delayed

by Charlot Denmon

Dr. F. Budd Schooley, president of the Back Mountain Protective Association, reported that UGI's \$3.2 million rate increase request was suspended for nine months as of Oct. 2 to permit the Public Utilities Commission to fully evaluate the corporation's request.

The decision was made at the Educational Forum for Consumers, Nov. 8, at the Middle School in Kingston. Participants were Joseph W. Farrell, director of the Bureau of Consumer Services, PUC; Elaine Brazill, registration director of Central Registration, Bureau of Consumer Services, PUC; and Wilmar Patrick, chief tariff examiner an examiner and secretary of the bureau.

Previously a request of the UGI Corp. for a \$1.8 million increase was reduced to \$96,000.

A formal complaint signed by Dr. Schooley relative to the increase was upheld as valid by the PUC. The UGI appealed to the State Superior Court but the PUC decision was upheld. The UGI has now appealed this decision to the Supreme Court.

"The utilities have vast resources of legal staff funds at their disposal. All expenses of litigation by the utilities are passed on to the consumer," said Farrell. "The consumer is at a serious disadvantage unless given adequate support by the Consumer Advocate's Office."

"A certified public accountant can be employed by the Consumer Advocate Office to check on utility financial reports and hidden or concealed flaws in these reports."

Sen. Frank O'Connell stated that the Consumer Advocate's Office has limited budget funds compared to the unlimited legal resources of utilities for which the consumer pays. In other words, the consumer pays for utility opposition in the consumer's fight for "justice and equity" in utility rates.

Schooley said public attendance

is vital and essential for all of the listed hearings in the municipal building of Kingston Borough, Nov. 14, 15 and 16 to get a good response from the presiding judge, Hoffman.

Atty. James Reinert presented consumer issues and problems at the meeting and also essential materials for the PUC hearings in the municipal building.

In attendance from the Back Mountain besides Dr. Schooley were Dorrance Koehler, president, Lake Township Taxpayers Organization; Stan Magalski, president, Lehman Township Taxpayers Association; Paul Saneholz, president, Jackson Township Concerned Taxpayers Association; and Ben Orfaly, president, Harveys Lake Taxpayers Association.

Anzalone presents fund draft

Lake Township Solicitor James Anzalone reported to the board at Wednesday night's meeting that the final draft of the township's police pension fund has been completed. Provisions of the police pension

fund are as follows: any police officer employed by the township for 25 years and being 55 years of age or older is entitled to a pension equaling one half of his average salary over the last five years.

Fall Fair to sell bonds



Alan B. Landis

Alan Landis, chairman, announced this week that an expansion fund drive is underway by the Dallas Area Fall Fair Association, the non-profit public service group which operates the Luzerne County Fair for area charities.

Members of the Fall Fair Board met last week and announced that the association is selling \$25,000 of debenture bonds to the public for the purpose of raising funds to purchase an additional 25 acres of land from the Joseph Park Estate.

The association, sponsor of the Luzerne County Fair, is selling the bonds in the amounts of \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, payable Jan. 1, 1990. With the acquisition of the 25 acres, the association will have a total of 37 acres on Route 118, Dallas.

Landis said that the additional property will be developed for a permanent fair site as well as a

multi-purpose community recreation area.

"If we ever hope to see the Luzerne County Fair grow to the size of other area fairs we must act now," said Landis.

Proceeds from the fair support the Mobile Intensive Care Unit and the paramedic service which will be housed in the new medical center nearing completion on Route 118. The center is a joint project of the Fair Association and Nesbitt Memorial Hospital.

"With the additional 25 acres we envision organizations and individuals holding picnics and functions on the property throughout the year," Association President Ray Hillman said.

The bonds are being sold through the Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Jaycees and Jay-Cettes. Information on bonds may be obtained from members of these organizations or by calling 675-1303.