

Dallas board raps cafeteria losses, then votes \$4872 for conference travel

Continued losses by the Dallas School District cafeteria were questioned at the school directors meeting, Monday night, in the Dallas administration building.

"With a loss of \$5,707.56 for the month of February and a total loss of \$23,853.65 for the school year ending Feb. 29, does this mean a loss of more than \$40,000 by the end of June?" asked school director Ernest Ashbridge.

Dr. Richard A. Shipe, district superintendent, indicated that this was possible unless increased surplus from the state might make a difference.

Ashbridge questioned why other schools in the Wyoming Valley area operate at a profit and Dallas doesn't. Shipe replied that as far as he knew the only school district not operating at a loss was Wyoming Area. He said that some of the districts had increased school lunch

prices twice during the current school year.

Shipe also told the directors that Naomi Prynne, manager of the cafeteria, was presently checking with the students on their preference of high subsidy foods and when the survey was complete, Mrs. Prynne would submit her report to the board.

According to Shipe, some school districts subsidize their cafeterias. In Dallas, the district has a satellite program where the food is prepared in only the junior and senior high school cafeterias then taken by food trucks to the other schools. Some of the school districts have cafeterias in each building.

Director Pat Gregory called the directors attention to the fact that the expense of the distributing trucks and of garbage removal are charged to the cafeteria. She questioned the feasibility of this

method and pointed out that to date this expense totaled \$15,315.

"I don't understand why we make the cafeteria self-supporting when we don't make our other programs support themselves. Our extra-curricular programs don't support themselves. Our cafeterias serve the entire student body," said Gregory.

The discussion ended without any conclusive decision.

By a 7-1 vote, the directors approved sending school representatives and students to eight conferences at a total cost of \$4,872. Gregory opposed the travel. Directors also approved sending

three teachers and nine students to four conferences at no cost to the district.

Directors also approved payment of \$15,795 to Apollo Electric Company for stage lighting at the Dallas Senior High School, \$1,635.30 to Petro & Jennings, Inc. for plumbing and sprinkler at Dallas Township School, \$135 for architectural services of Allen & Associates relating to Dallas Junior High School, and an additional \$135 to Allen & Associates for services relating to the Dallas Senior High School.

Dallas School District's \$16,191.70 share of the Luzerne Intermediate

Unit 18's \$1,459,856.76 proposed budget for the 1980-81 school year also was approved by the board members.

Resignations were submitted by Head Baseball Coach Jay Pope, Assistant Baseball Coach Kenneth Payer, and Assistant Basketball Coach Charles Preece. Appointed by the board as head baseball coach was Jack Wolensky, assistant baseball coach, Patrick O'Brien, and assistant track coach for the girls, Miss Robyn Jones. Ashbridge and Gregory opposed the motion to appoint Miss Jones.

In a resolution to appoint Harry Trebilcox as a music teacher on the

substitute list the vote ended in a 4-4 deadlock with Gloria Brennan, Russell Havey, Harry Lefko and Richard Hislop voting against the resolution.

Mrs. Brennan clarified her "no" vote by stating that she believed the appointment of Trebilcox to the substitute list was against the directive given the members at an earlier meeting that when a substitute teaches in more than one school, the school where the substitute is last employed is charged with payment of unemployment.

Although other director disagreed with this theory the vote ended in the deadlock.

Fall Fair receives unexpected \$8,210

Members of the Fall Fair Board were the recent recipients of \$8,210.67 they did not expect due to the consideration and cooperation of members of two now discontinued community organizations.

Alan Landis, vice president of the board and chairman of the medical center bond drive, reported that Dr. F. Budd Schooley of Dallas, treasurer of the once active Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company community band, presented the Fall Fair Board with a check for \$570.69. The check represented the amount which was in the treasury of the community band association.

In addition, through the efforts of Mary Weir and Dr. Schooley, certificates of deposit in the amount of \$7,639.98 were turned over to the board from the treasury of the former Dallas Community Center

Association.

This amount was given to the Fall Fair Board with the stipulation that the money would be used toward the purchase of land for community use.

Landis is chairman of the bond drive presently being conducted by the Fall Fair Board for the purpose of raising \$25,000 to be used to purchase an additional 25 acres adjacent to the land on which the new medical center is located.

The additional land will be used by the committee for the annual Fall Fair and also will be made available to other organizations in the community.

Landis stated that the board has extended the bond sale drive in order to meet the \$25,000 goal. To date, approximately \$24,000 has been reported.



Betty Wallace Porzuczek

Yost Memorial concert Saturday

The Sinfonia da Camera, under the direction of Ferdinand Liva, will present the final concert of the 1979-80 season on Saturday, March 15th at 8:30 p.m. in Walsh Auditorium, College Misericordia.

Howard Grossman, president of the board of directors, has announced that this concert is being dedicated to the late Rev. Robert Yost, one of the original board members of the Sinfonia.

One of the works to be performed is the Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor with Betty Wallace Porzuczek as soloist.

Mrs. Porzuczek, an assistant professor of music at College Misericordia, received a bachelor

of music degree and a master of arts degree from the University of Iowa. She has done further graduate studies at the University of Iowa and Westminster Choir College.

Locally, she is active in the Mozart Club and holds the office of first vice president. She resides in Wilkes-Barre Township with her husband Edward and three children.

Other works to be performed include the Symphony No. 104 in D Major (London Symphony No. 7) by Haydn and the Bach Suite No. 3 in D Major.

Tickets for the concert are available at the door.

Dallas Township seeks 35 mph limit on 309

Dallas Township supervisors reported last week that they have asked PennDOT for an extension of the 35 mph speed limit on Route 309, from the Kingston Township line to the Dallas borough line.

The reduced speed limit on the area's main thoroughfare was installed several months ago in Kingston Township's Shavertown business area after young Matthew Segrave-Daly was struck by an automobile and killed.

The township also asked that the 35 mph limit be extended on Route 415 from the Dallas borough line to Elmcreech, thus making the Harveys Lake Highway a 35 mph zone from Shavertown to the Elmcreech area.

Township Police Chief Carl Miers told the supervisors at their monthly meeting that a reduction of speed is also desired for portions of Route 309 beginning at the in-

tersection by the Dallas Shopping Center and continuing to the Country Club Road intersection. No passing markers are also proposed for the latter section of roadway.

The request for changes was to be directed to Michael Czar, PennDOT's district traffic engineer in Dunmore. In other business, the Dallas supervisors opened bids for road material, awarding contracts to Bracco Industries for calcium chloride; American Asphalt for 2RC modified and 3A stone; and to Addy Asphalt for ID2 paving material.

Supervisors also filled out statements of financial interest which have been mandated for all elected or appointed officials receiving monies from the municipal treasury. The next supervisors meeting will be March 17 at 7 p.m. in the township building.

300 attend Med Center open house

On Sunday, March 2, area residents were invited to attend an open house at the Back Mountain Medical Center on Route 118 in Lehman Township.

"More than three hundred area residents joined us for this very happy day as we made our facility available for public tours by our friends and neighbors," said Dr. Lester E. Jordan, president of the board of the Medical Center.

"We had excellent weather for the open house and were delighted to see the great enthusiasm of residents of Wyoming Valley who visited with us to tour the facility."

On hand to greet the hundreds of interested community citizens were several of the physicians working at the Medical Center. These physicians included A. Anthony Anzalone, M.D., family practitioner; David I Barras, M.D., ear, nose and throat specialist; Leo Landau, M.D., pediatrician; and Jay A. Ochreiter, D.P.M., podiatrist. Other physicians participating in the coverage of the Medical Center are Leon Ellman, D.P.M., podiatrist; Arnold Feder, D.P.M., podiatrist; Shishir Prasad, M.D., surgeon, and Sylvia R. Reich, M.D., family practitioner.

Several of the Medical Center Board members were on hand to

conduct tours and explain the workings of the Medical Center. Among these members were Robert Bayer, Jr., Robert Cartier, John M. Coon, Edmund L. Dana, Dr. George B. Davis, Raymond Hillman, Dr. Lester E. Jordan, Thomas Reese, Dr. Ralph Rozelle, and Frank Townend.

In addition visitors to the Medical Center were treated to refreshments very graciously served by members of the Key Club. Office nurse, Joan Rihan, R.N., was available to explain some of the medical equipment and Audrey Gerlach, office secretary-receptionist, was available to answer questions and conduct tours.

Many visitors marvelled at the beautiful and spacious facilities available at the Medical Center. Dr. Jordan noted the Medical Center is a true community project with many years of planning by conscientious leaders in the community. Extensive support for the Medical Center has been exhibited over the years through fund raising by the members of the Fall Fair.

"The opening and the availability of the Medical Center for patients is a definite credit to the hard work and conscientiousness of our community because it is a commitment to a high quality of life for all residents of the area."



SHALL WE TOUR--This gentleman invites the two young visitors at Sunday's Open House to tour the Back Mountain Medical Center with him. Following the tour they stopped in the lunch area for cookies. (Photo by Mark Moran)

PUC reviews UGI's rate design policies

The Back Mountain Protective Association indicated this week that it was monitoring an investigative hearing presently underway by the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission into the power rate design procedures of UGI's Luzerne Electric Division, electrical power company for the Back Mountain.

Dr. F. Budd Schooley, president of the Association, said he attended a Feb. 15th hearing and intended to monitor March 13 and 14 hearings at the Kingston Municipal Building from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A UGI spokesman said the hearings are aimed at a review of the company's rate request

procedures following stipulations growing out of the December 1979 rate increase case.

The spokesman said the cost of service study which the company submitted to document its need for a rate increase contained customer load research developed by another utility.

UGI prepared the cost of service study with the statistical presentation of the other company, the spokesman said, to avoid costs of up to a half million dollars which would then have to be passed along to consumers.

The PUC has asked UGI to validate its use of the other utility's

figures. The company pointed out that it is roughly ten times more costly to develop similar local statistics.

The hearing, continuing under administrative law judge Charles Hoffman also goes into issues raised by the Public Utility Rate Policy Act, which sets a number of rate making standards for utilities.

Although the UGI review under PURPA is the first of its kind in Pennsylvania, the PUC is apparently mandated to make a review of procedures on a utility by utility basis.

PURPA standards are federally

initiated and must at least be "considered" by the PUC. Among the standards reviewed are the cost of service as a base for rates, consideration of special rates for varying loads and seasons, adjustments, procedures for termination, etc.

The UGI spokesman said the hearings were primarily procedural and were unlikely to produce any dramatic changes in rate structure.

In addition to company and Back Mountain Protective Association representatives, attorneys from the Pa. Consumer Advocate's office also participate.

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"Grandpa, grandpa! Do you know me? For the last several years I've been your adoring grandson."

Curses. I'm moments away from a quiet afternoon out and he traps me. What in the galaxy has he come home with today?

"But when I go to Brain Training," he continues, "I'm just another precocious little genius. That's why I carry American Express."

"Do you remember that old, old advertisement, grandpa?"

"I suppose it loses something through time and translation," I say.

"We saw some of the old commercials in Brain Training today. There's a new exhibition at the museum of twentieth century history."

"And I was just on my way there--alone," I say.

"On, poor grandpa. All alone? Don't leave home without me. Ho, ho, ho," he laughs.

The kid never forgets a line. Some days I wish he would forget his way home.

"All right let's hit the road," I say.

"You mean hit the rails, grandpa. Roads ceased to exist a long time ago. We have monorails now. Efficient and comfortable. And they don't waste fuel or pollute. This the New Energy Era."

"This has been a recording," I mimic.

"You're being an old coger again,

grandpa."

"It comes with the age and the company," I say.

With that we're off and in moments I'm wheeling around the museum with the little nipper scampering about me.

"Holy hefer tablets!" he exclaims. "What's this, grandpa?"

"Why, that's one of the things I came to see. I haven't seen one in years. A featherless chicken. First developed back around '79 or '80. Revolutionized the food industry. The featherless chicken led to the boneless chicken, the legless cow, a whole new line of food animals."

"A calculated disfiguration contrary to the natural evolutionary design," the lad spews. "Let's move on, grandpa, I'm going to have nightmares."

"Some of my nightmares occur during the afternoon," I mumble to myself.

The boy just doesn't realize how hard it was to come up with enough tasty expendable animals. We twentieth century flesh-eaters had big appetites. It took a great many chickens to fill every pot. And those featherless chickens were awfully juicy even though they did have a kind of naked look about them.

"What were colds, grandpa?"

We see the next display, an array of pills, capsules and fluids for treating the common cold of old.

"Well, it was something people got when they got sick," I answered. "Why, your head got stuffed up, you coughed, you sneezed, your eyes watered, you

ached..."

"Stop, grandpa! None of that happened to me. You got stuffed and watery. Not me!"

"Colds sound really gross. Why would anyone want to get one. So they could use all these things?"

"No one wanted them, grandson. But you, I mean people, caught them sometimes..."

"What did you use to catch them, grandpa?"

"Oh never mind," I say. "Just try to imagine someone with watery eyes and a stuffy nose who talked like this," I say holding my nose.

"And we used those things called tissues to empty our stuffy heads. 'Blowing your nose' it was called and don't even open your mouth to ask about it or I'll slap you."

"I wasn't going to ask anything, grandpa. I just want to get out of here. These colds are depressing," he says.

We move to the last display. It looks like a giant popcorn machine. It's filled with Ping-Pong balls with numbers painted on them.

"Go ahead, grandpa, give me the lecture. What's that monstrosity?" he asks.

"That, my boy, was a lottery machine. Turn it on and air throws those little balls all over the inside of that chamber. One of the balls finds its way up that chute and the number on the ball becomes very important."

"Does somebody win something, grandpa? A chicken? A cold?" he asks.

"People used to win money if they

had the lucky numbers, grandson, but in the 1980s this machine served a different purpose. Every night about 7 o'clock some senior citizen would pull three numbers. That would be the daily number. For the next 24 hours the price of gas was set.

The man would announce: "And today's number is...three...seven...two...if you can afford it, go and get it!"

That meant the price of gas for the next day was \$3.72 a gallon. The whole thing added excitement to what had become a pretty depressing phenomenon."

"Grandpa I think your whole era was like a molten asteroid in the ocean...one big fizzle," he chuckles. The boy's sense of humor is as entertaining as a cold sore.

"Come closer, grandson. Did grandpa ever tell you about the credit card he used to carry? It was called Mastercharge. Let me show you what it was like to carry CLOUT!"

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