

ARA Food Service - Will it be renewed?

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To make lunches more appealing Mary has made a survey of what meals are purchased most often then placed these meals on the menu at least twice each month. Specials such as a Mother's Day lunch, when parents were invited to eat a regular lunch with their children, holiday lunches, Cookie Monster Week contests and rainbow lunches have been initiated by ARA. Reichstetter pointed out that ARA saves the dis-

trict some money since it purchases in bulk at lower costs due to the food service's many operations throughout the country. ARA is paid to handle all payroll and bill paying and certain food service techniques are used for kitchen efficiency. In spite of the continuous cafeteria loss over the past years, Reichstetter believes that if it weren't for the Omnibus Reconciliation Act, lunch prices increases would not have been needed.

ELEMENTARY MOTHERS
By Jessie Morgan
Are the higher prices killing the school lunch program? It appears as if this might be the case. Speaking with a group of mothers who had just completed a special Mother's Day luncheon with their children at the Dallas Township Elementary School, it was evident that many children no longer make use of the cafeteria program offered by the


school, but have started to "brown bag" it instead. In a few cases the choice was made because of individual taste preferences, but many of the mothers expressed concern that the cost of sending three or more children to school each day with lunch money was just too high. "I don't know how the average person can afford it," said Sharon Walters. Mrs. Walters has two children in the school district. The price of a lunch for an elementary child is 80 cents while older children pay 85 cents. A special lunch discount is given to families of low income but in the case of Dallas School District, there are not enough needy people to drop the price lower than half price for most families who are deserving of the cut. This past year the price cut was adjusted so that the families of lower income pay more for lunches along with everyone else. Another mother spoke of the price hikes during the past year as an inevitable consequence of the general economy. "Everything else is going up," said Mrs. Dzanko, mother of Mike and Tammy Dzanko. "I guess lunches have to go up too." Although money wasn't on the mind of Billy Sarley's mother, general nutrition was. "Billy likes the fact that he may substitute things in the meal and I like the fact that the lunches are so good for him," she said.

Karen Reabuck, treasurer, made some comment. "In some respects this year's food service is doing a better job. There's more variety but the quality of food is the same as last year. It's alright for institutional food," said one. "The students have been willing to give ARA a chance. The attitude is better on both sides. Mary tries to be cooperative but the food is about the same," said another officer. "This outfit seems to be

better organized but the food is no different. This service has a better public relations program. The school's own food program was much better than either of the two food service companies. The pizza is horrible-it isn't fresh. They could use a new supplier. The pizza we had two years ago was much better. All the variety is the same food packed differently or with something added," said a third member. "They say they give us a variety," said another. They should give us more

vegetables. The one vegetable is usually potatoes and with pizza it is too much starch." "The only good thing they serve is the salad. That's excellent and you can serve yourself. The rainbow lunches they talk about is just a public relations gimmick. The high school students know what they want to eat and "gimmicks" won't make them eat something they don't want. Fewer students are buying their lunches. The pudding they serve is "grotesque," said another officer, "and

their prices are too high." All agreed students would prefer more soup, better and fresher pizza, more juice, variety of raw vegetables instead of canned, and a la carte lunches. "If the district would combine the food served by Mrs. Prynne two years ago and this company's public relations program, the cafeteria program would be excellent," was the general consensus of the student council. Names of the students making specific comments were withheld at their request.




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High School Students
By Charlot Denmon
Six officers of the Student Council, representing sophomores, juniors and seniors offered their opinions of the cafeteria food service. Melissa Ownes, food committee; Jeff Barbose, council president; Cristi Strasser, vice president; Kirsten Marquardt, president, student food committee; Victoria Visgilio, secretary and

Tuesday, Brownie Troop 657 treated their mothers to a Mother-Daughter Tea. The girls served their mothers fruit salad, punch and a variety of delicious baked goods. Each mother received a door prize. The Brownies were awarded the badges they earned during the year. Gerry Wall and Carol Novojoski are troop leaders.

"A model of integrity and concern for both taxpayers and students, a mighty force in the district," thus read the citation from the State Senate saluting Paul Crockett for his 33 years of service to the Lake-Lehman School Board. Donald Jones, president of the school board and Dr. David M. Preston, school superintendent presented Crockett with the citation.

The Back Mountain Library Antiques committee met recently in the home of Pat Johnson. Among the antiques already obtained for the auction are a butternut and walnut-trimmed dry sink, donated by Silver Sleigh Antiques and a Dorothy Baker loomed rug. Both will be chanced off at the 36th annual auction which will be held Thursday, July 8 to Sunday, July 11.

Congratulations to Alice Spencer of Dallas, named 1982 United States National Award winner in foreign language. A student at Bishop O'Reilly High School, Alice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer. She is also the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary C. Koziak, Demunds Road, Dallas and the late Michael J. Koziak, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Spencer of Newberry Estates, Dallas.

The Newberry Country Club has an exciting Memorial Day Weekend planned. A dinner dance on Saturday night will kick off the festivities followed by a Round Robin tennis tournament Sunday and a picnic on Monday. Anyone interested in becoming a member can write to Box 266, Dallas, Pa. 18612 c/o Newberry Country Club.

Marie Elaine Fetsko, Harveys Lake will be married to Christopher Swartz, Lake Silkworth on October 9 in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Debra Thompson, Haddonfield Hills and Michael Miller, Bear Creek are planning a March 26, 1983 wedding at Gate of Heaven Church.

Congratulations to Charlotte Watchulonis of Dallas, who received the St. Pius X Award, Saturday, May 15, for her 10 years of voluntary service to Gate of Heaven Parish. Robert F. Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Montgomery, 66 Hickory St., Trucks-ville, was awarded the Eagle Scout Award at ceremonies at Trucksville UM Church. Montgomery is a junior at Dallas Senior High School and a member of the Trucks-ville UM Church.

following an incident in Jackson Township last month. State Police Trooper Carl Allen and Jackson Township Police Chief Donald Jones brought charges in the preliminary hearing.

Nancy E. Rollman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Rollman, Dallas was recently awarded the Pi Alpha Alpha scholarship from San Diego State University. This award is given to the outstanding Public Administration undergraduate student at SDSU. Pi Alpha Alpha is the National Honor Society for Public Administration.

Mary Reistetter, ARA Food Service, called to tell us about the very successful Circul Day the cafeteria sponsored this week. The colorful menu consisted of Big Top Circus Weiner, Monkey macaroni salad, baked beans, fresh watermelon, and tiger's milk. In addition, any student wearing a funny hat would receive a chocolate chip cookie. According to Mary, all elementary schools responded favorably with every student at the Trucksville building wearing a hat.

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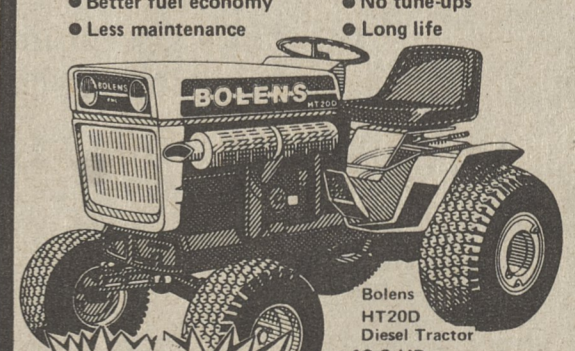
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