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## Fall Fair preparations moving at full speed

As August draws to a close, activity at the Luzerne County fairgrounds increases by leaps and bounds. Groups of workers can be seen almost nightly, engaged in various preparatory tasks.

This year, the fair will feature more than a dozen local businesses providing a variety of foods. With this in mind, several members of the Kingston Township Lions Club met recently to construct a number of picnic tables and benches for the grounds. The project was completed with the help of member of John Sobek of Sobek and Lindquist Contractors.

Don Rood and the Back Mountain Jaycees provided the patterns used in making the tables and benches. Supplying the manpower were Lions president Marv Carkhuff; secretary, Gary Hozempa; first vice-president, John Sobek; second vice president, Fran Hoover; third vice president, Len Cook; Bob Zukosky, Vic Spaciano, Dave Phillips, Joe Kalinowsky, Bob Supey and Greg Supey.

The project was part of a newly-

designed plan for getting the work done. Rather than regularly scheduled work sessions, fair chairman Bob Kelley has designated specific tasks to participating organizations. Another example is the stage construction being completed by Dallas and Back Mountain Kiwanians.

Fair preparations are highlighted by excitement in all areas. Dallas merchant Ray Daring has donated a large walk-in refrigerator for use by the increased number of food vendors. A 40-foot tractor trailer from Benton Foundry was also donated to store valuable items. As an indication of the annual growth of the fair, the trailer is the second of its kind and Kelley said there is ample use for it.

To date, 44 new commercial vendors and 13 new food vendors have signed on with the 1982 fair. Entertainment chairman, Ray Hillman has lined up an impressive list of acts including the Chicago Knockers Mud Wrestling show, Side Street Band, Ripcord Divers, Award-winning Lake-Lehman

Band, Night Wing (local top-40 band), Annual Fiddlers Contest, the 4-H Horse Drill Team Competition, Horseshoe Pitching tournament, Appalachian Mountain Boys Band, Sirocco Mid-East Troupe, crowning of Miss Luzerne County Fair Queen, a Lawn and Garden Tractor Pull, Coasters and Cadillac Cowboys, country rockabilly band.

The agricultural division of the event is also growing, with over \$8,000 worth of premiums available, the largest amount ever. The catalogue of premiums and rules has been mailed to annual entrants. Anyone who has not received a copy and wishes to do so may call 696-3363 or 639-1726.

"We're not in competition with the Bloomsburg Fair yet," said Kelley. "But we're moving along at a steady pace. It's the biggest thing in the area."

The fair will be held on the grounds on Rte. 118, west of Dallas from Wednesday, Sept. 8 to Sunday, Sept. 12. Opening ceremonies will take place 7:30 on Thursday evenings.



CLEANING UP-Fall Fair volunteers have been busy some of the structures are, left to right, Tony Honko, Joe Rubico, Charles Kishbaugh and Joe Dwinchak. (Mark Moran Photo)

## What's new in school?

The 1982-83 school year is approaching with surprising speed. By this time next week, students at Lake-Lehman and Dallas Area schools will be waving "goodbye" to their kparents and "hello" to their friends. Regardless of how the tudents themselves may feel about resuming classes, school officials are excited about some of the happenings planned for the academic year.

At Lake-Lehman, High School Principal James Nicholas said the humanities program will begin its second year on an expanded scale. Ninth graders are now being offered the team taught course, starting with the Greek City-States and ending with Pre-Renaissance. The course includes English literature, social studies and art from each era. The second part of the course begins with the Renaissance and moves into modern times.

Nicholas explained student response to the course has been overwhelming, causing the expansion to a two-year offering.

An advanced computer course also will be available at the high school this year.

Students at several Lake-Lehman schools will find more pleasant surroundings awaiting them on Sept. 1. The Ross Elementary has been completely remodeled on the inside proving bright, modern classrooms for the youngsters. The completion of this project puts the three elementary buildings in the "excellent condition" category, explained Lake-Noxen Principal, Robert Kunkle.

Renovations at the Junior High School are expected to be almost completed by the start of school. The classrooms will be ready to go and the gym is finished, but a delay is expected in the cafeteria. Nicholas said the interior was redone to provide a brighter, more functional atmosphere, geared to

the needs of seventh and eighth graders. The senior high school auditorium has also been renovated with the seats left to be installed. The job is expected to be completed by the start of school.

### at Dallas

Students reporting to classes Sept. 1, opening day, in the Dallas School District, will find various curriculum innovations, according to Dr. Richard A. Shipe, superintendent.

Renovations and repairs have been made to facilities throughout the district. Physical education facilities and grounds have been improved and expanded in all schools with more emphasis on Dallas Township, Junior and Senior High Schools. New playground equipment has been constructed on the elementary school grounds.

Elementary tudents will find a redesign and updating of spelling and English programs and first grade teachers have developed special spelling programs to fit the needs of the students.

During the school year, students and teachers will work together on a pilot project in the elementary science program. Arrangements also have been made for justice education and health programs.

The District has included overall preliminary workshops on developing computer literacy in all of the schools.

In the Intermediate School, emphasis will be on updating the English curriculum as well as a pilot project in science.

The eighth grade general science curriculum will be expanded to a full credit course providing students with five classes of instruction weekly. There will be instruction in added areas such as acids and bases, simple machines, laws of momentum and engines.

Consumer Education will be added to the eighth grade curriculum as an elective in place of a foreign language. Until this year, this course was available only to ninth grade students.

The administration has expanded and developed an exploratory lab for foreign languages. This year at the junior high the third team approach will be developed. First, the team approach was used in seventh grade, then eighth and now moving toward ninth.

Administrators have revised the co-curricular activities and enrichment program for students during and after school.

Senior High students will find more computer programs available. There will be two advanced computer math courses, each given for two semesters. Additional computers have been added to the program.

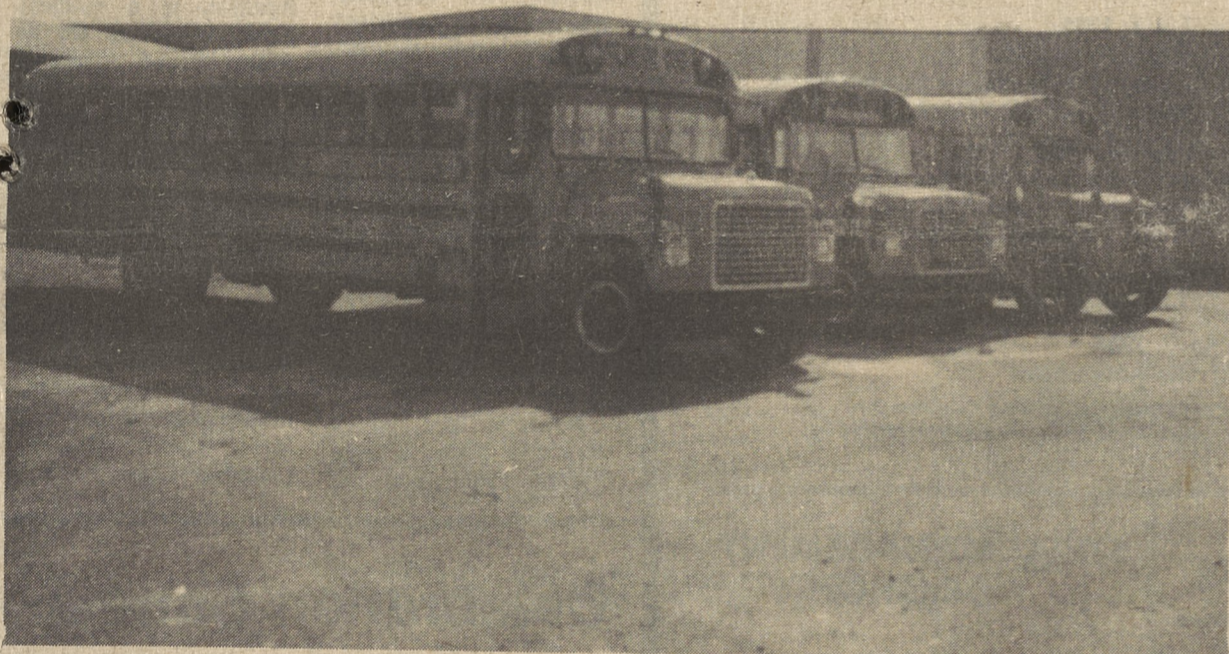
There will be expanded tutorial opportunities for students in the senior high school, expanded and more widely developed than previous years.

The guidance department has been awarded another career education grant in the amount of \$18,000 designed to provide career opportunities to the students in fields of their choice.

Schedules have been increased to provide more opportunities for students to take additional courses rather than be given study periods.

All sophomores will take health and complete the course in 10th grade so in their junior and senior year, they can take additional courses in areas leading toward their vocational pursuits.

Throughout the district, students will find traditional features, familiar faces, as well as new programs, new faces and new opportunities. The administration is looking at all changes and innovations as a step toward increased quality education.



Lake-Lehman school buses stand inspected and ready to go on the first day of school.

### Inspections complete

## School buses ready to haul area students

On Sept. 1 a long line of big yellow monsters will be seen either flying or crawling through the highways and byways of the Back Mountain. Close to 6,000 school age children will people the mass transport, on their way to another year at Lake-Lehman, Dallas, Wyoming Seminary, Bishop O'Reilly, West Side Vo-Tech, Gate of Heaven, or Ross Christian Academy.

Much though and preparation goes into the process of moving the student body on a daily basis. Qualified bus drivers are obtained, bus driving schools are held and lists of rules and regulations are distributed to the students and their parents. Throughout the month of August, State Police can be seen, out and about, wherever school buses are stored, providing a semi-

annual inspection of the critical safety features. Buses are checked in 13 different areas, including steering, suspension, brakes, tires, wheels, windows, exhaust system, fuel system, lights, body condition, doors, frame and seats. The inspection is particularly important because of the value attached to the cargo.

At Lake-Lehman, 2,400 students will be transported daily on a total of 35 buses. Seven district owned buses were inspected on August 10. With the sale of Francis Stolarick's bus business, the major transportation contract has been split three ways.

George Sabaluski provides eight routes; John McManus, seven; and Michael Stolarick, one. Leon Emmanuel has three Lake-Lehman

routes.

Emmanuel is also responsible for carrying over 3,000 Dallas students in 26 daily routes. His buses are scheduled for State inspection on Aug. 23 and 24. The cutoff date for State Police bus inspection is Aug. 27.

Both districts utilize cars, vans and station wagons for taking small numbers of students to and from various schools. And Lake-Lehman provides additional runs for athletic practices and special programs.

Maybe the pupils themselves won't be too eager to see the dot of yellow winding its way across Dallas, Lehman and Harveys Lake on Sept. 1, but district spokespersons have made assurances the buses will indeed be ready to roll, bright and early.

## Dallas Township eyes property for parking

Dallas Township will either purchase or condemn a 100 foot stretch of land running on the north side of the municipal building to Upper Demunds Road. Township solicitor Frank Townend explained he is hoping Commonwealth Telephone Company will come up with an equitable price for the land so that a purchase can be made.

The township needs the ground

for parking and Townend said a right of way for the telephone company will be traded as part of the purchase. The land belongs to property on which the Dallas Drive-in is situated. Townend said the theatre only uses it to let weeds grow.

Commonwealth Telephone president, Bill Umphred, explained the company is presently studying

the proposal to "see how we can work it out."

"We have to determine the impact in terms of the entire parcel of land," said Umphred. But, he noted, the company is considering the interest of the township and wishes to avoid condemnation. He said C.T. will have a response to the township's request in the very near future.

## Dallas teachers consider early retirement offer

The announcement of Clint Brobst's retirement last Friday has raised speculation throughout the community about some of the other Dallas District teachers eligible to retire under the newly-passed Act 152 allowing early retirement for teachers 55 years of age or over with at least 25 years of service.

Rumors were that Senior High School Principal Edgar Hughes, Junior High School Principal Fred Case, Senior High School Phys Ed Instructor Mabel Jenkins and Senior High Nurse Jennie Hill would submit their retirement notices this week. In an attempt to confirm these rumors the Post contacted the above persons.

Case stated that he is studying the possibility since the Board passed the incentive program at the Aug. 9

meeting. "However, that is all that I have done," said Case. "To date I have not even contacted the State Retirement Board for an estimate of my retirement payments."

Hughes said that as of this week his intentions are to stay through June, 1983. "This is an important year," said Hughes. "We have innovations in the curriculum, new staff members and Mid-Atlantic evaluations coming up. My eye is healing fine and barring the unexpected, I'll be at the school for another year."

Miss Jenkins said that she was submitting her retirement Tuesday morning. "After 37½ years, I decided to give it up and take life easy. I'm looking forward to the free time. Let someone else take over and do the job," she said.

Contrary to rumor, Miss Hill has

no intention of retiring. At least she didn't as the Post went to press.

There was no indications on Monday that others in the District eligible for retirement were planning to do so.

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