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STATE WINNERS: Members of the award-winning Lake-Lehman Industrial Arts Club are shown above with their first prize project, walnut clocks. Pictured left to right; Charles James, secretary; Phil Winter, treasurer; Scott Oakley, president; and Byron Race, club advisor. (Dan Walsh photo)

Lake-Lehman Takes States

Organized only a few short months, the Lake-Lehman chapter of the Pennsylvania Industrial Arts Student Association has already proven itself beyond everyone's wildest imaginings. The group of 25 industrial arts students recently returned from state competitions in Cumberland with First Place honors. The club now qualifies to attend the national contest in Houston, Texas, but advisor and industrial arts department chairman, Byron Race said costs are prohibitive at this time.

PISA competition is held on district and statewide levels. The winners who do compete nationally do so under the auspices of the American Industrial Arts Students Association (AISA).

The Lake-Lehman club took its award winning project to Shippensburg State College to capture the district title on Feb. 18. The club

produced walnut, octagonal wall clocks by the assembly line method. The project won in the manufacturing and design category.

Included in the project, aside from actually producing the clocks were written explanations of every step in the manufacturing process, booklet with accurate drawings, flow chart (a diagram of movement through the assembly line), time study, cost analysis and accurate list of materials and tools needed to complete the job.

After winning at districts, the group entered its project in the state competitions on April 8 and 9. "I'm really proud of the job the boys did," explained Race. "Considering we've only been organized for a short time, it's quite an achievement."

To raise money for entry into the competitions, the club printed T-shirts for the volleyball team, and

sold food at high school volleyball games. They also sold a number of beautiful clocs, which was one reason the project received high marks from the judges, the fact that it could be used as a fundraiser. Race noted there are approximately 10 clocks left and these will be sold at \$25 a piece to anyone who wants one.

He also pointed out entry into the competitions could not have been possible without the help of the school district. Race and industrial arts faculty member, Dan Williams started the club as a way to bring recognition to the students in the department, who are least often appreciated for their contributions. From the results of the group's initial entry into the competitive field, it appears the move was a sound one. Attending the state meet were members Scott Oakley, Phil Winter, Charles James and Duane Miller.

Dallas Graduation Changed

By JANE BOLGER

Graduation from the Dallas Senior High School will not take place as scheduled for June 6 with the blame being placed on Mother Nature for dumping 13 inches of snow on the area April 20. The following day, Tuesday, June 7 at 6 p.m. is now the official graduation date for the 241 members of the senior class assuming that nother "snow day" will not close the schools again.

The State Department of Education in Harrisburg was petitioned to allow the graduation, for which the invitations were already printed, to take place on schedule. The emergency petition was denied, according to Dallas School Superintendent Dr. Richard A. Shipe, with the state

standing firm on requiring 180 days of school attendance.

This ruling, which is covered under Section 1501 of Act 80, is necessary to qualify for state subsidy. In the case of the Dallas Senior Class, who were the only ones requesting a dispensation, the sum of money involved would have been roughly \$1300 to \$1500.

Actually as it turns out things could have been worse, had there been five or six or seven snow days during the year instead of only one, graduation would have had to be postponed for a matching number of days. Some questions have been raised as to why an apparently overly optimistic school calendar was adopted by the Dallas School Board last year which allowed for no snow days at all.

In prior years, snow days had been written on the calendar and scheduled to be made up during the Easter recess, but apparently this was felt to be disruptive to vacation plans. Adverse reaction to the change in graduation date has largely come from seniors who have family members traveling long distances to attend or who had made definite plans for graduation parties.

It's apparently too late to accommodate the Class of '83, but some constructive suggestions have been heard that the School Board might want to consider. The best plan suggested seems to be to schedule future graduations for Friday nights, Saturdays, or even Sundays with open school days in the week just prior to that to cover any snow days.



TOM SAWYER: An operetta by Wendolyn Skeens will be presented by the Lake-Lehman Junior High School chorus on Thursday, May 12 (for the school) and that same evening at 7:30 for the public. The performance will take place in the Junior High School gym. The chorus is directed by Jane Morris. (Dan Walsh photo)



A SUCCESSFUL KICKOFF: More than 100 persons enjoyed good food and fun bidding at last Friday's Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction kickoff dinner, held at The Barn at the Magee Publick House. Pictured at the gala affair are: seated, Mrs. Florence Crump, Joanne Freeman, Auction chairperson. Standing, Jerry Fritges, Kickoff Dinner chairman; and Ernest Ashbridge, president of the Library Board. (Mark Moran photo)

Bridge Repairs Set

The bridge over Toby's Creek on North Main Street in Shavertown will be completely replaced this summer, according to Luzerne County Engineer James Brozema.

Bids on bridge construction are expected to go out in July, with the road then being closed for two or three months during the actual building period.

Replacement of the bridge will be financed under the Billion Dollar Bridge Program, a combined federal and state project, which was passed by the state legislature last December.

Damage incurred in Shavertown

during the heavy rains the past few weeks "spurred on replacement of the bridge," according to Kingston Twp. Manager Mark Kunkle.

Damages to the berm were reported when creek waters came over the bridge, washing out the parking lot adjacent to it and flooding both the Shavertown Fire House and the basements of most surrounding properties. The present bridge itself is not structurally bad, according to the county engineer, "but it is hydraulically inadequate, causing it to act like a dam when the waters rise."

Solons Combine Purchases

Every few years plans for consolidation of the Back Mountain municipalities have been suggested. Some, like the ill fated police merger, have even been put into effect for a short period of time, but they have all failed.

The opposite however is true of the behind-the-scenes efforts of Dallas Borough, Dallas and Kingston Twps. which have been quietly working together on their own, minus the official fanfare that blessed most other attempts.

Four years ago Dallas and King-

ston Twps. decided to bid together on all road materials. Dallas Borough joined in two years ago. So the three municipalities are able to make larger volume purchases at a much better price, saving each municipality roughly 10 to 15 percent of the cost, thus saving the taxpayers' money, too.

This same effort, which has been termed "functional consolidation" by Kingston Twp. Manager Mark Kunkle, has also resulted in dual use of the breathalyzer to test drunken drivers. Kingston Twp.

shares the breathalyzer with Dallas Borough and Dallas Twp. who supply their own operators; other surrounding municipalities may use it on a fee basis.

The extremely successful Police Communications Network, housed in Dallas Twp. is another example of a joint effort which has improved life in the Back Mountain by offering coordinated twenty-four hour police protection.

In a less formal manner, with no written agreements, there are other

neighborly "swaps" going on continually. Dallas Twp. lends its paving roller to Kingston Twp. and borrows its paver; Dallas Borough lends its tar kettle and borrows a tractor.

The larger question of formal consolidation has never been settled with some critics claiming that the local municipalities "are willing to share the equipment but are not willing to share the power" and that everyone "wants to be the head honcho."

New Addresses For Kingston Twp

Numerous Kingston Twp. residents will soon have new addresses, courtesy of the U.S. Post Office and the Township which have been at work on an addressing project for the past year and a half. Under the new system every residence has been assigned a house and a street number rather than the formerly used box number or R.D. number.

In the past, new addresses have been forced on residents in certain areas every five or six years as post office routes changed. This was a

continuous convenience to people who, despite the fact that they hadn't moved, found that they no longer received fourth class mail and more importantly that their drivers licenses, automobile registration and other legal documents were incorrect and had to be changed.

In some cases, several years back, even the name of the town was changed, for example when R.D. 5, Shavertown was changed to R.D. 7, Trucksville. Under the new

system, it is suggested that a four line address including the designation Kingston Twp. will provide a better identity.

The project, which has been approved by the Kingston Twp. Board of Supervisors, covers the entire township, but will particularly effect more residents in the Midway Manor and Spring Garden sections where street addresses have not been specifically in use before and some people have elected to use their lot numbers. Another advantage to the addressing

project, according to Kingston Twp. Manager, Mark Kunkle, is that it will also pinpoint exact locations for police, fire and ambulance emergency vehicles.

A list of the new addresses is currently posted in the Kingston Twp. Municipal Building on Carverton Road for anyone interested in determining if they will be affected by the change. In addition, a letter is presently being drafted in cooperation with federal postal authorities which will officially notify residents of the change.

L-J PTA Wins For Third Year

The Lehman-Jackson PTA is proud to announce it has been awarded the "Most Outstanding Local Unit Award in the State" for the third consecutive year.

To receive such a prestigious award for yet another year, reflects the performance and quality of the ongoing activities and services given to the school.

Criteria for judging this award

are based on the publicity the unit receives, the type of campaign used for membership and services to the school, including programs.

A logbook of photos, flyers and newspaper articles is compiled and submitted. This year's logbook was the creativity of publicity co-chairpersons Barbara Cragle and Irene Show; L-J PTA President, Linda Mazur and Past President, Judy

Kmetz. L-J PTA used the theme "Smurf Your Way Into the PTA" throughout the year to increase membership.

The award also represents the cooperative efforts of the fine staff at the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School including the Elementary Principal Mr. Charles James and the PTA members who worked together for the children. PTA

Board members have provided leadership and talents throughout the year in volunteer services.

The award for the State's Most Outstanding Unit will be received at the State Convention in Allentown in October. The logbook will be on display at Summer Session in Williamsport and shared with the other PTA's.

Candidate Defends Athletic Spending

BY MARIA PALLANTE

Lake-Lehman school board candidates are really doing their homework, and athletics appear to be a major topic. Once again, a matter of budget expenditure has been brought to light, this time by Mr. Joseph Boyle.

Boyle, treasurer of Lehman's

Booster Club, has corrected an earlier statement which revealed the club as purchasing footballs in conjunction with the football program. It is the Mother's Club, however, and not the Booster Club, which receives six balls ordered in excess by the athletic department solely for the use of the women. These balls are paid for by the mothers and chanced off at home games.

It is also Boyle's understanding that the Lake-Lehman School Board is doing a very adequate job of controlling the budget. In his research, he has found that present football coach Kirk has utilized only half of the money spent in previous years. Furthermore, Boyle has checked with Athletic Director Rodger Beard and discovered that total student activity expenditure

has dropped significantly since last year. A figure of \$57,267 in 1981-82 has been reduced to \$38,800 for 1982-83. The bulk of this money is used for extracurricular activities.

"I think that the people at Lehman High should be given a pat on the back," Boyle stated. "When they can produce winning teams and manage to keep spending minimal, they're doing a good job."