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Alisa Woicicki

She Swims to Win

By Sharon Skochen
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With summer just weeks away, peoples' thoughts turn to hours spent in their pools swimming. But, Alisa Woicicki thinks about swimming 12 months a year. In fact, she spends much of that time in a pool, practicing and competing. Alisa is a freshman at Clarion State College and a member of the swim team there.

And, all the practice has paid off. In March, Alisa accompanied the swim team and their coach Rebecca Rutt to Long Beach, California where they participated in National competitions. Clarion took an exciting win over the Air Force team in the match. Air Force was leading until Clarion took the final event, the 400 yard freestyle relay to win by six points and take the NCAA (National College Athletic Association) title.

Since Alisa has been on the team, she has won three national plaques.

It takes a lot of hard work to win that kind of awards. Swimmers must be in excellent shape so they do other types of exercises to build up strength and endurance. They run five miles a day and lift weights three times a week. Six days a week, they swim for two hours in the morning and two in the afternoon. They also do pushups, sit ups and land exercises.

With a schedule like that, it is evident that dedication is important, and Alisa is certainly a dedicated swimmer. She's been swimming for 13 years. She started swimming at the age of six because her brother Robert and sister, Laurie liked the sport. She was on the Bishop Hoban team for four years.

This is Alisa's first year on the Clarion team. She plans to compete for three more years. After college, she'd like a career working with computers in the business field. Computer Science is her major. When not away at school, Alisa resides in Trucksville with her mom, Catherine.

School Closings Possible

The possible closing of the Dallas Borough School and the Trucksville Elementary School are presently under consideration by the Dallas School Board. The decision to close either one or both schools would be an economic measure taken to balance the Dallas School District budget and prevent an exorbitant millage increase.

The enrollment at the Dallas Borough School, including Kindergarten is presently 141 students, while 132 others are attending classes that range to the fourth grade at Trucksville Elementary. Both schools are reported to have several empty classrooms. The overall enrollment in the Dallas School District is down, according to Dr. Richard A. Shipe, district school superintendent. Shipe reports the present stu-

dent number is approximately 3,000 which is a decrease of over 500 students in the past five years.

In the event the decision is made to close the schools, these students attending the Borough School on Huntsville Road would be assigned to the Dallas Township School at the top of Church Street with the possibility that some fourth grade classes would move to the Dallas Intermediate School on Hildebrandt Road, presently housing fifth and sixth grades for the entire school district. Students from the Trucksville Elementary School on Oak Street would be transferred to the Westmoreland School on South Lehigh Street, also in Trucksville.

Assorted pieces of information about the possible school closings appear to be known by many people

in the community as if by osmosis. The overall reaction to closing schools does not seem as violent as it presently is in the surrounding areas such as Kingston. This is a change from the furor raised several years ago when, in a surprise move, the Shavertown Elementary School was suddenly closed and the highway property sold to Burger King. Indeed, more than one person has expressed the hope that these schools could be sold and perhaps converted into apartments or nursing home, thereby balancing the budget for years to come.

The budget seems to be the main concern of school district officials, board members and most of all the taxpayers. With the millage presently at 111, and an expensive three year teachers contract signed, tax-

payers are dreading a substantial millage raise when the new budget is presented.

Questions remaining however, if the decision is made to close the two schools now that the baby boom is over. Will a large staff cut be necessary or will it be made up by attrition when teachers retire. Another question compares the cost of busing students, some of whom now walk, to schools that are much further away.

Obviously, the decision is one which cannot be made easily, considering it may adversely affect some people. But nor can the Dallas School District spend more than it is getting and some way must be found to reduce costs. Whether or not this will be the ultimate solution remains to be seen.



BACK MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY RECEIVES FIRST FILM FOR COLLECTION: The Back Mountain Memorial Library has received its first movie film called "Dallas Sesquicentennial-Varieties, Oct. 20-21, 1967." Janet Post wrote the songs and did the directing in the film, which is a musical production in conjunction with the sesquicentennial. The film was presented to librarian, William Frederick, by Janet Post, play director, during a dinner meeting held at the Irem Temple Country Club, where the film was shown to an interested audience. The movie will be available for loan to special groups and information can be obtained at the library. Shown in the picture are, left to right, Janet Post, play director; William Frederick, librarian; Dorothea McCutcheon, library board of directors; and George McCutcheon, chairman of the Dallas Area Sesquicentennial.

Election Results

Results of local races from the May 17 primary election are as follows:

DALLAS SCHOOL BOARD
Republican nominees for five four-year seats on the Dallas School Board are Harry Sickler, Ernest Ashbridge, John George, Albert Pisaneschi and Donald Jones. Losing in their quest for a Republican nomination were Patricia Gregory, Shawn Murphy, an incumbent; William Clewell, John J. Thomas and Reese Finn.

Democratic nominations were earned by Gregory, Murphy, Pisaneschi, George and Sickler. Defeated in their bids on the Democratic ticket were Ashbridge, Thomas, Jones and Clewell.

George was nominated for a two-year seat on both the Democratic and Republican ballots, defeating Richard Morgan and LaRoy Ziegler.

LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL BOARD
While confusion exists in the Lake-Lehman School Board race due to the counting of paper ballots in the Noxen area, official results from Region One were not available at press time.

In Region Two, incumbent Gilbert Tough and Vincent Marchakitus garnered Republican nominations while Kenneth Sorber and Marchakitus, who cross-filed, grabbed the Democratic nominations.

Incumbent Donald Jones defeated Stanley Gierczynski for the Republican nomination in Region 3 while Gierczynski gathered enough votes on the Democratic ticket to earn that nomination.

(More Election Results on p. 3)



GIRL'S MEDALISTS: Pictured left to right, first row; Shannon Cleary, Carla Orlando, Linda King, Cheryl Harding. Second row; Carolyn Dillan, Viki Yencha, Leigh Pawling, Erin Cleary, Karen Vloedman. (Dan Walsh photo)



BOY'S MEDALISTS: Pictured left to right, first row; Mark Wright, Mark Richardson, Steve Brace, Ron Ostrowski. Second row; Paul Burke, Tim Kern, John Sobocinski, Paul Gritman. (Dan Walsh photo)

Jr. Runners Take Districts

The Dallas Junior High Track and Field Team recently concluded its outstanding season with an impressive day at the District II Championships on May 14 at Scranton Memorial Stadium.

The girls' team ended the day as overall District II Champions in the team standings with 52 points to runner-up Meyers' 37 points. Indi-

vidual champions were Linda King in the 400 meter dash, Karen Vloedman in the high jump and Carla Orlando in the triple jump. The girls ended the regular season with an 8-0 record.

The boys' team finished second overall in the district championship team standings to a strong Pittston Area squad. Individual champions

were Mark Richardson in the 800 meter run and the 1600 meter run; Steve Brace in the 110m hurdles and 165 m. hurdles.

For the day, the boys and girls brought home 28 medals, more than any school in the entire District II.

The coaches for this year's team are David Junta, head coach, Bob Mitkus and Lew Isaac, assistants.

Permit Sought For Town House Project

BY JANE BOLGER

A reapplication to build town houses in Dallas Township in the triangular area bounded by Church Street, Center Hill Road and Claude Street has been made by developers Sobeck and Lindquist. The firm, which has an option on the two acre site owned by the Samuels family, has been turned down last March by the Dallas Township Zoning Board on their original request to build on the site.

At that time, 16 two story, three bedroom town houses were planned. The new plan is reported to have been changed to 14 units to comply with zoning regulations. The area where the project, christened "The Park Town Houses at Dallas", will be built, is zoned R-3, allowing for construction of multiple dwelling units despite the fact that the entire

surrounding area is zoned only for single homes.

Access to the development would be from Carden Road, an existing right-of-way running between two homes on Center Hill Road three or four houses up from the intersection of Midland Drive. The proposed road would come to a dead end inside the development with a turn around built between the three clusters of attached town houses.

The approximate cost of each town house, which will be constructed of brick and siding, is estimated to be in the low forties. The revised plans are scheduled to be presented to the Dallas Township Board for approval at its regularly scheduled June 8 meeting. An advertised Public Hearing is not required in this case because of the longstanding R-3 zoning designation.

Clinic Planned

BY JANE BOLGER

Plans are underway to build a new medical clinic housing three doctors on Old Lake Road in Dallas in the vicinity of The Meadows, senior citizen apartment development. Scheduled to have offices in the new clinic, which will be a satellite of Mercy Hospital, are Dr. Harry A. Gallagher, Dr. Clinton Lehman and a pediatrician, yet to be named.

Both Dr. Gallagher and Dr. Lehman presently have private practices in the Back Mountain, the first at 35 Lake Street in Dallas, the second at 242 Memorial Highway in Shavertown. In addition to the three doctors' offices and waiting rooms, the new, one story building will also provide an X-ray facility and a physical therapy section.

The cost of building the 5,400 square foot Group Family Practice Building is estimated to be approxi-

mately \$400,000. Pyros and Sander-son who are the architects and planners of the new facility are expected to present full plans at the June 8 meeting of the Dallas Township Zoning Hearing Board. They are requesting a Special Exemption to proceed with the project.

EARLY DEADLINE

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, Dallas Post deadlines will be moved up one day this week. All correspondents and contributors will note copy must be in the office by Thursday morning so that our staff may also enjoy the holiday weekend.