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SCOUTS HONORED - Members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 624 of Dallas who recently received awards for community service are shown here. From left, first row, Amy Manneer, Stacy McCuen, Lisa Goldsmith, Heather May, Kim Stager, Jessica Oravitz, Amy Yanalunas, Lisa Murphy. Second row, Lisa Vozniak, Tracy Hunter, Tracy Shelley, Dodi Dodson, Meagan Wega, Ellen Smaka.

Dallas Releases Enrollment Stats

By JANE C. BOLGER
Post Correspondent

Since 1977, the decline in the number of elementary students in the Dallas School District totals approximately 393 with the projection for 1983-84 increasing that number to 438 elementary students. These figures are the latest released in the district by Gerald Wycallis, superintendent in charge of curriculum in Dallas School District.

This declining enrollment played a major role in the recent decision by the board of directors to close Dallas Elementary, Huntsville Road, Dallas; and Trucksville Elementary, Oak Lane, Trucksville. The closing of these two school buildings will amount to a total savings of approximately \$55,000, according to Wycallis.

"Closing of Dallas Borough Elementary will mean a savings of at least \$28,000," said Wycallis. "It will cut the cost of fuel, utilities, maintenance, secretarial expense and supplies. Closing of the Trucksville building will mean a savings of about \$27,000, again because of the cut in the cost of fuel, utilities, and other similar expenses."

"Students from Trucksville will be transferred to Westmoreland and students from Dallas Elementary will be transferred to the Dallas Township building. Fourth grade students from both buildings will be transferred to Dallas Intermediate where they will be placed in classrooms in one wing. This plan will give the district much more efficient use of its buildings."

Wycallis explained that the class

size in nearly all instances will decrease. According to projections, the number of students in the first, grades will be reduced from 25 in 1983 to 21 in 1984; second grade from the present 23 to 22 in 1984; third grade classes will remain about the same, 27 students in each third grade; fourth grade will increase from 23 students in 1983 to 27 students in 1984. (Wycallis said this figure would go up whether or not the schools closed); fifth grade class size would be reduced from 24 to 22 students in 1984; and sixth grade from 27 in 1983 to 24 in 1984. Kindergarten classes, according to Wycallis, will remain about the same, 22 students in each class.

Wycallis explained that before any action was taken by the board, meetings were held with the PTO's at both schools and other interested parents.

"Contrary to recent reports," he said, "There were only two or three parents at each school who voiced objections to the closing of the buildings."

"All of the elementary teachers will be retained. The only one we are losing is by attrition," said Wycallis. "In all probability retiring teachers will not be replaced. There is a possibility that some programs may be eliminated and only part-time teachers needed but not at the elementary level. I do not believe any definite decision has been made on that subject."

In answer to the question about the future of the buildings, Wycallis said he did not believe the board had made any decision to date, that it was a subject to be thoroughly

evaluated.

The approximately \$55,000 expected to be saved by the closing of the two buildings combined with an end of the year balance of \$444,000, an expected increase in state subsidies and additional taxable real estate, encourages the Dallas School District board of directors to believe that they can continue the tax millage at 111, the same as last year. Director Al Pisaneschi was absent from the meeting due to illness.

In response to the question whether or not a millage increase would be necessary for the school year 1984-85, Wycallis stated that was impossible to predict.

"All school districts are in the same predicament," he said. "No one knows what the economy or school financing situation will be a year from now. The best we can do is deal with what we have and know now."

The \$444,000 balance amounts to nearly 14 mills. According to Dallas Business Manager Sandra Rohrbach, the balance includes money owed to the district for a three-year-old state transportation subsidy, a non-estimated reimbursement from the Westmoreland School project, \$143,000 in salaries saved in legal services and \$100,000 earned from increased investments.

The 1983-84 expenditures are projected at \$8,824,096 or an increase of 24.9 percent over the 1982-83 budget of \$8,608,000. According to that budget \$11,500 is allocated for administrative increases in salaries.

Feminist Issue?

School Board Race Will be Interesting

By JANE C. BOLGER
Post Correspondent

A tough fight is predicted in the race to elect five Dallas School Board Directors with some new battle lines being drawn just weeks after the Primary Election. There is apparently a feminist issue surfacing since the two women candidates Shawn Murphy and Patricia Gregory, both of whom are on the present school board, were slightly overwhelmed by the male vote getters with each of them winning only spots on the Democratic ballot. A direct appeal for women voters to unite is expected as a result.

Although both will appear on the Democratic ballot, only Mrs. Gregory is a member of that party with the results being dictated by candi-

dates cross filing with no party designation. This points to one of the other issues coming to light which seems to be "Find The Hidden Democrat." This is a reference to alleged party switching among certain other candidates to appeal to traditional Back Mountain Republican voters. It seems definite that a concerted effort will be made to inform voters just who is a Democrat now, who used to be and why they changed.

Whether this is just not The Year Of the Incumbent, which was also apparent in other area election results, is also being fanned into an issue since newcomers to the Dallas School Board made such an excellent showing. Some feel that the hefty three year teachers contract voted in by the incumbent school board directors just weeks

before the election went against them at the polls. If this is true, then the same incumbent directors should be very popular after their unexpected vote this week not to raise the tax millage at all. The minus side of this plus being the closing of two elementary schools and the feelings of some voters in these neighborhoods.

These issues and maybe more, such as a reported "jock coalition", are becoming apparent but the deciding factor may still be the pure mechanics of ballot positions. Only three of the candidates Harry Sickler, Johnny George and incumbent Al Pisanescki captured spots on both the Republican and Democratic ballots.

Sickler, the top vote getter on the Republican side, also amassed the largest total number of votes.

L-J PTA President Resigns

Lehman-Jackson PTA President, Mrs. Linda Mazur, has regrettably submitted her resignation, explaining her intent to resign following completion of one year of her term.

At the May PTA meeting, a new PTA President was appointed to fill Mrs. Mazur's term. He is Charles James, the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School Principal.

In appointing Mr. James as president, the past presidents of the organization noted that he was always supportive of the PTA. The past presidents noted that having a school principal as their president is probably the best form of leadership available.

Mr. James will continue working with the current officers. They are Mrs. Martha Andrusis, vice-president; Mrs. Paula Walp, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Louise Schwartz, Treasurer; and Miss Jane Cornell, Corresponding Secretary.

Church Plans Garage Sale

Shavertown United Methodist Church, corner of Pioneer Ave. and West Center Street, will hold a Super Garage Sale on Saturday June 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the church social rooms. Items such as jewelry, knick knacks, baked goods plants, toys, small appliances, furniture, household items, mens and women's accessories and refreshments will be sold.



SCOUTS RECEIVE AWARDS - Girls who received awards at the recent Court of Awards held by Junior Girl Scout Troop 624 of Dallas are shown here. From left, first row, Stacy McCuen, Dodi Dodson. Second row, Tracy Hunter, Tracy Shelley.



Dotty Martin

Martin Named to Editorial Post

Dotty Martin, of Forty Fort, has been named Associate Editor of the Dallas Post, as was recently announced by Rick Shannon, Associate Publisher and Editor.

Martin, 28, is a graduate of Wyoming Area High School and a 1977 graduate of Wilkes College where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English with a concentration in Journalism.

The daughter of Mr. David Martin of Forty Fort and the late Kathryn Martin, Martin began her newspa-

per career at the Sunday Dispatch where she served as sportswriter and general assignment reporter for five years. Following a year-long stint as Public Relations Director for the Luzerne County Unit of the American Cancer Society, she was most recently employed as a sportswriter and copy editor for The Wilkes-Barre Times Leader.

Martin's duties at the Dallas Post will include responsibility of the editorial content of the newspaper.

RD 3 Is Eliminated

If you live in Kingston Township and your address is now R.D. 3, Wyoming you will have a new address effective June 11.

Residents of Mt. Zion Road, Bodle Road and 8th Street will be dropped from Rural Delivery Route 3 and will be required to use their actual house numbers from now on as well as an additional line identifying Kingston Township.

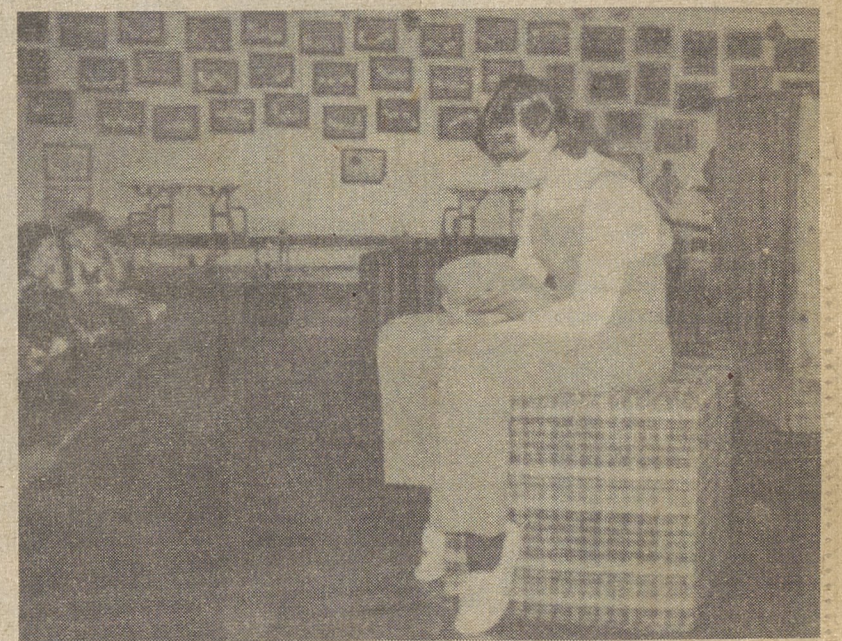
These new house numbers have been designated under the recently completed Kingston Township Addressing Project with official notification to the homeowners being provided by the U.S. Post Office. Mail in that particular part of the township formerly called R.D. 3 is sorted in the Pittston Post Office and delivered out of Wyoming whereas mail delivery to residents of Shavertown and Trucksville is sorted in Wilkes-Barre and routed through the Kingston Borough Post Office.

The next two areas in Kingston Township to be effected by the Addressing Project will be R.D. 5 and R.D. 7.

These two rural delivery areas are also scheduled to be eliminated which will mean address changes for all residents living on Harris Hill Road, Midway Manor, Crane Road, Manor Drive and Timothy Road.

These new address procedures were planned as a permanent solution to the continuing cycle of changing addresses as rural delivery areas become too large for one mail carrier to handle.

Another advantage, according to Kingston Township Manager Mark Kunkle is that by using a fixed address better service can be provided by police, fire, ambulance and delivery services.



CHILDREN PERFORM - "Norma" contemplates the idea of taking a vacation in the Holiday Show recently performed for students in the Dallas Borough and Westmoreland Elementary Schools by the Children's Repertory Company. (Joan Kingsbury photo)

Fairmount Fire Co. Plans Annual Bazaar

The Fairmount Twp. Vol. Fire Co. will be holding its annual bazaar June 17, 18 and 19.

The bazaar will begin on Friday evening at 6 p.m. with plenty of good food, including homemade halushki, bean soup, pierogies, potato pancakes and many others.

"The Cadillac Cowboys" will entertain from 8-11 p.m.

Area chain saw competitors will compete to see who is the fastest and the best on Saturday at 3 p.m.

The annual Fire Men's Parade will begin at 6 p.m. followed by a log sawing competition. Trophies will then be awarded.

"Legend" will entertain from 8-11 p.m.

Horseshoe Throwing Competition, open to both men and women, will begin Sunday at 3 p.m.

"The Cadillac Cowboys" will entertain from 6-9 p.m. and at 9:30 p.m., all winners will be announced.