

Dallas Elementary

# School Closes, But Memories Live On

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This year when school begins, the Dallas Elementary School on Huntsville Road will not open its doors. For the first time for as long as many of us can remember, there will be no classes in session, no school busses going back and forth, no children happily playing at recess.

The closing of this landmark leads people to its history and the development of this elementary school is quite interesting. By the early 1900's Dallas Borough School was well established. Prior to building the three-classroom white wooden building which was located next to the present school, students attended school in a one-room school house on the corner of Franklin Street and Huntsville Road.

According to one local resident who graduated from the white school in 1910, every student walked to school, including those who lived 1 1/2 miles away. Almost all students went home for lunch. A pump in the school yard provided water for the students. Although the school was heated by a furnace in the basement, the school still didn't get very warm.

Maude Bulford Splitt was teacher for the primary grades, Marjorie Jones taught the intermediate grades while Asa Lewis taught high school. Music classes were held upstairs with all classes combined. Students marched into

the room to the tune "March of the Wooden Soldiers", played by their music instructor Minnie Bealer.

At recess, students enjoyed frolicking in the ample leaves, playing tag and ball during the autumn while sleigh riding was the popular winter sport. With no cars and few horse and buggies, sleighing was the ideal activity.

At Christmas, entertainment was provided by the students but, for the most part, holiday programs were not held. In the spring, books were packed away and the school was closed for the summer.

Dallas Borough school grew through the 1920's and 1930's. By 1933 the school had a PTO. Officers were: president, James Ayer; first vice-president, Calvin McHose, who was principal of the school at that time; second-vice president Theodore Dix; secretary, Mrs. Joseph Schmeur; treasurer, Ralph Brickel.

The 1940's saw many male teachers answer the call of their country. Caddie LaBar, local sporting goods dealer, left his teaching job for military service. Teachers salaries seemed amazingly small compared to today's standards as they ranged from \$1,400 to \$749 per year.

During the 1950's, Dallas Borough High School joined with Kingston Township High School, forming Westmoreland High School. Dallas Borough School was retained as a neighborhood elementary school and renovated

during the 1970's. One nice, friendly touch was the painting of Sesame Street figures throughout the school's halls. This work was completed by art students from Dallas High School.

Many area residents feel a definite loss concerning the school closing.

Mary Chappell, a former PTO president said, "Its going to bother me to look over there and not see the children. I had two kids who went to school there and I spent a lot of time there as PTO president."

Molly Burke, whose children also attended the school said, "I feel sad about the school closing. I liked the idea that the school was close to home. It will seem funny driving down the street and not seeing the children out at recess."

One resident pointed out that she felt the move was for the children's benefit. Another resident would like to see the school maintained as a community building, preserving one small room as a museum to the area featuring clippings, pictures and other memorabilia of Dallas.

By 1983, the Dallas Elementary School had come a long way from the early 1900's. Of course, the school then had indoor plumbing, playground equipment, a cafeteria and a library.

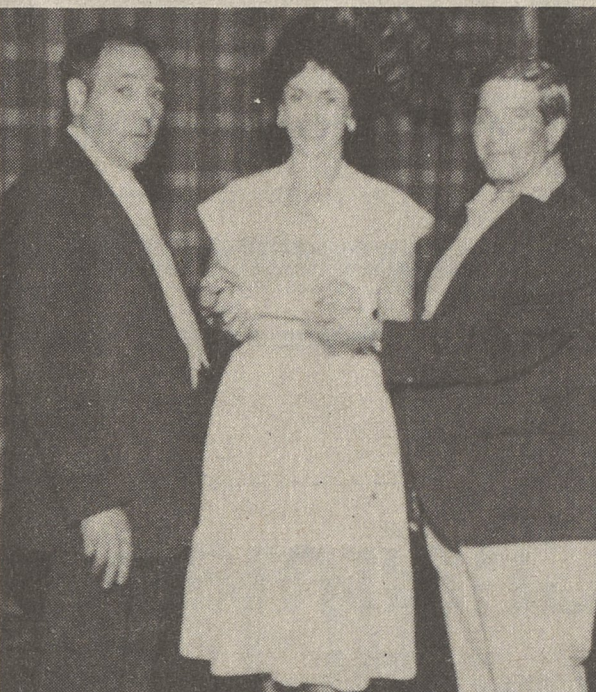
Although former students may feel sad at the school's closing, the values and memories they obtained there will remain with them forever.



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## Reading Party

The children who played the "Reading Game" this summer at the Children's Annex of the Back Mountain Memorial Library were entertained at a "Book Buck Fair" and party on the lawn of the library recently. Shown here at the party are, from left, first row, Cindy Maier, Megan Stair, Paul Hopa, Tony Baldo, Michelle Lankwarden, Karen Kocher, Lindsey Wetzel, Stephanie Dwinchick, David Holdredge, Corrinne Reed, Karen Kaleta, Howard Long, Charles Stockage, Danny Hosey and David Deidel. Second row, Karen Zier, Terry Rittenhouse, Harry Haas, Emily Shonk, Jimmy Gralanella, Joan Ide, Tiffany Klamovich, Roy buckman, Douglas Roberts, Katie Kaleta, Kris Kaleta, Dean Evans, Dennis Miller, Ricahrd Long, Clive Landwarden, Danny Lukasavage, Angela Hosey, Tammy Hopa. Third row, Kim Kaleta, Megan Lukasavage, Kim Barber, Nancy Barber, Ronald Hoyt, Kerry Fosko, Hilary Weisbaum, Amy Barinola, Andrea Brinola, Melanie Evans, Patricia Roginski, David Fosko, shawn Scavone, Kim Donlin, Joseph Bobeck, Lauri Long, Jay Wilk, Stephanie Stockage, Christopher Kozher. Fourth row, Megan Hardikly, Brian Jordan, Tracy Rittenhouse, Nicole Kingsbury, Nancy Kingsbury, Daniel Holdredge, Jonathan Ross, Benji Lawrence, Yvonne Hardo, Kristen hardisky, Andy Wilk and Matt Lawrence.



## Check Presented

The Ladies Auxiliary of UNICO recently presented a check in the amount of \$100 to the UNICO chapter. The auxiliary raised the money through its fund-raising efforts. Shown above at the presentation, held at the Pinebrook Inn, Dallas, are, from left, Tom Dana, Dallas, past president of UNICO; Mary Rice, Dallas, president, Ladies Auxiliary of UNICO; and Bill Falzone, Dallas, incoming president of UNICO.

## Environmental Books Available

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# Dallas Starts New Lunch Program

Rainbows will be evident throughout the cafeteria at The Dallas Senior and Junior this Fall, but students won't have to search as far as Dorothy and Toto did, thanks to an innovative school lunch program by ARA Services designed to create nutrition awareness and better eating habits.

According to Mary E. Reistetter, local food service director for ARA Services, manager of the school lunch program for the Dallas School District, the "Rainbow" concept is a color-coded program that permits students to select their own food items to form a Rainbow of colors on their trays.

"By choosing one item from each of the four groups of color tagged foods, a student automatically makes a well-balanced meal that fulfills government nutrition requirements," Mary said. "The idea is to teach good nutrition habits while having some fun with daily school lunch routine."

Mary explained that food selections are divided into red, yellow, green and blue groups. The red group consists of protein rich, body-building foods such as

meats, fish, eggs and cheeses. Bread and rolls are served with these foods to supply carbohydrates. Each day, ARA will offer students a choice of hot and cold "red" items.

To complete the "Rainbow", students are encouraged to select one item from the yellow group, Vitamin C abundant vegetables, fruits and juices; the green group, vegetables and fruits high in Vitamin A; and blue group, skim, white or chocolate milk.

And here's something new for the Dallas Intermediate students:

Beginning Sept. 30, the Dallas School District Intermediate students will be able to choose a Type A lunch from their regular double entree selection and from the all new "Corner Deli." Students can enjoy assorted hoagies, and cold sandwiches and deli-like ala carte items everyday, along with famous Dallas pizza.

These optional menus are being made available to the students so that they can select their own food items for an even more nutritious lunch.

## Noxen News Notes

**GARY LYNN MORRIS, JR.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Morris of Noxen, was honored at a birthday party at his parents' home on Aug. 2 when he observed his fourth birthday.

Many birthday gifts were received by the hon-

ored guest and the topic of conversation proved to be a "Batman" shaped birthday cake.

Gary has two-year-old twin brothers, Jayson and Justin. His grandmothers are Mrs. Liva Harris and Mrs. Beatrice Mulligan, both of Noxen.

**ARTHUR BLIZZARD**, whose help and support of the Noxen Athletic Club has merited thanks and praise from club officers, was honored at a joint birthday and appreciation with more than a score of members and friends

attending.

**ROBERT P. GRANT**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Grant, RD 1, Box 192, NOXEN, will begin studies in Aerospace Engineering at Penn State University-Lehman Campus next month.

# Wilkes College Acquires Sloan Painting

The Advisory Commission for the Wilkes College Sordoni Art Gallery recently announced the acquisition of the John Sloan painting, "Girl Back to the Piano," for the col-

lege's permanent collection.

Sloan (1871-1951) was born in Lock Haven and worked during his early career as an artist-reporter for Philadelphia

newspapers.

Members of the commission are: Robert S. Capin, Aleta Connell, Patricia Davies, Richard Fuller, Dr. Thomas Kelly, Paul Mailloux, Marilyn Maslow,

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