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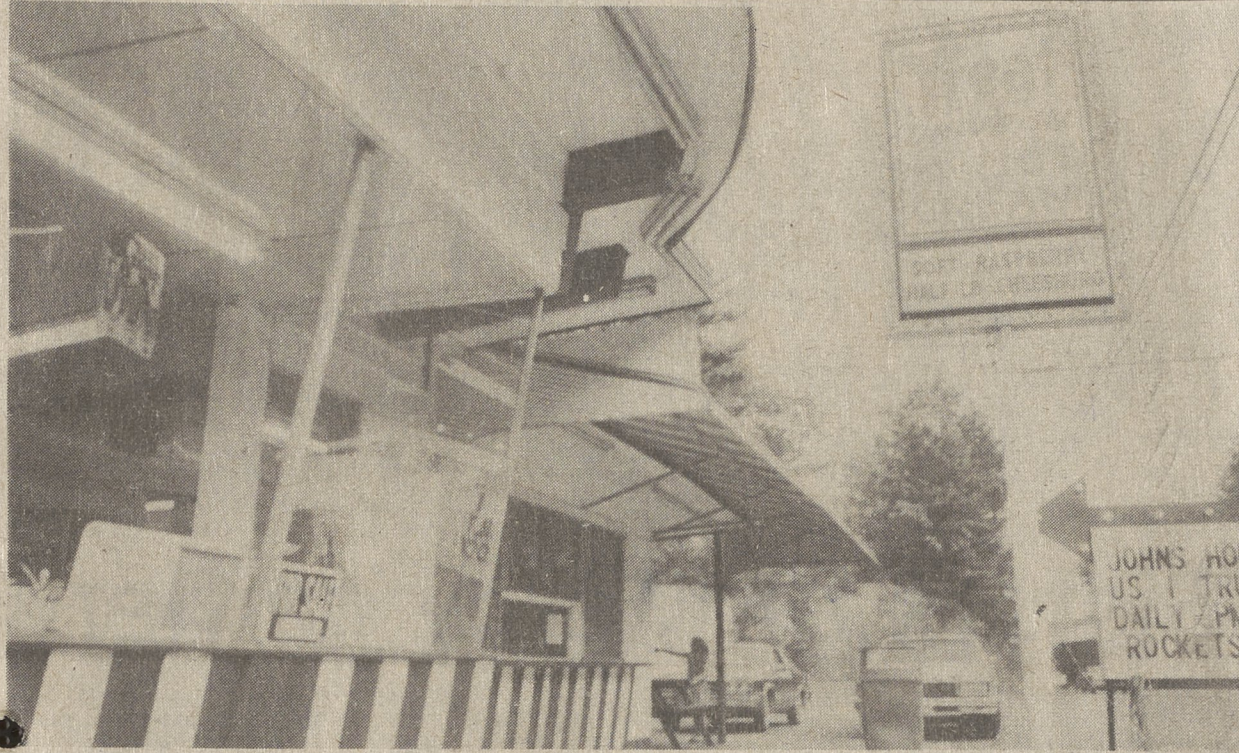
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Treat for sale?

At first glance, passersby may think Treat Drive-In, Route 309, Dallas, is for sale. Back Mountain ice-cream lovers need not fret, however. John Baur, proprietor of Treat, is seeking a new owner for the Treat Drive-In in West Nanticoke but will continue to operate the Dallas establishment.

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Kenneth Sorber resigns from Lehman board race

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Correspondent

Kenneth Sorber of Lake-Lehman School District announced last week that he was withdrawing as a candidate from the Middle District for the Lake-Lehman School Board. Sorber reportedly withdrew because of business responsibilities.

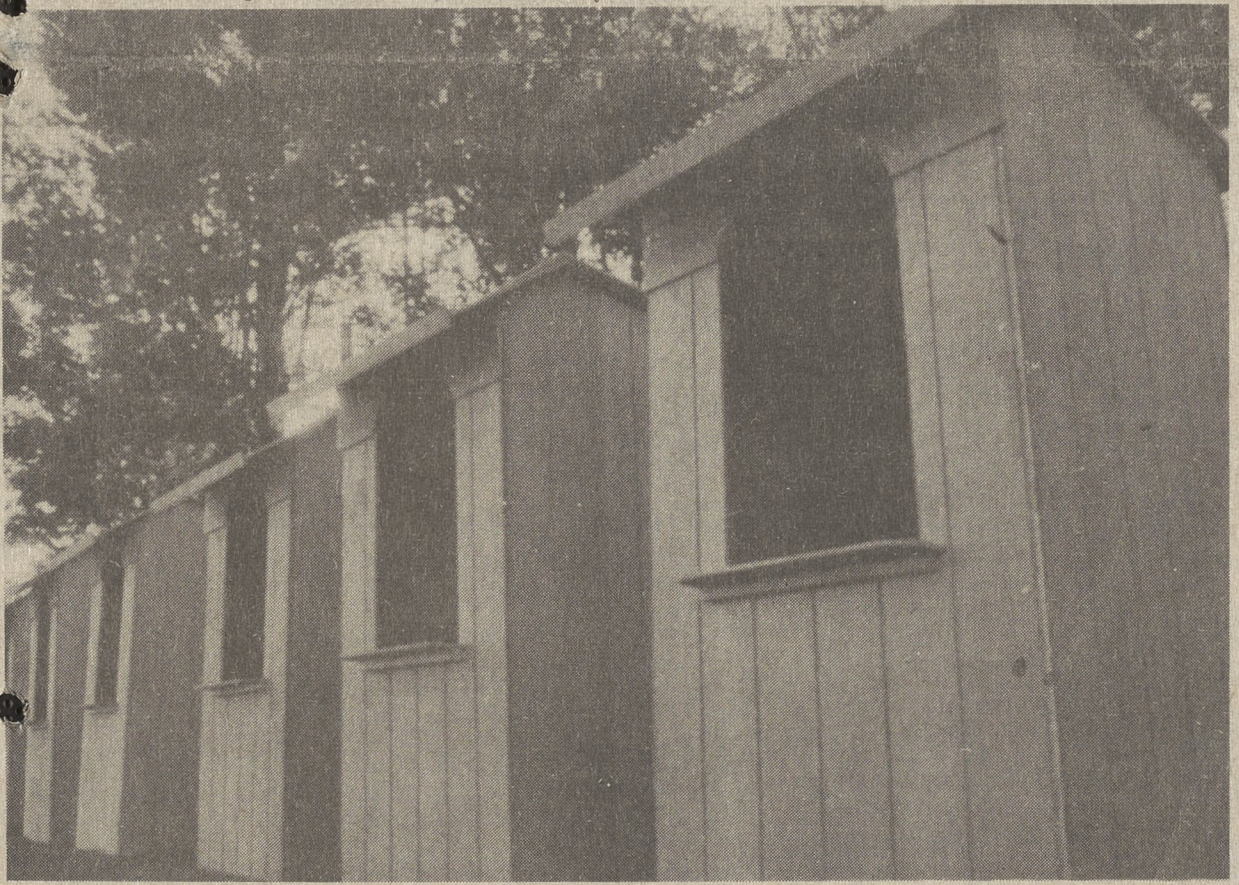
The candidate from the Middle District, which is comprised of Lehman Center, Lake Silkworth and Sweet Valley, received the nomination in the May Primaries along with incumbent Gilbert Tough and Vincent Marchakitis. Republican Ray Hillman, of Lake Silkworth sought the nomination but lost by

approximately 80 votes.

Democrat Charles Nafus, also a candidate in the primaries, is seeking endorsement of the Democratic party to place his name on the ballot for the General Election.

"I would like to see some changes on the board," said Hillman. "We need some fresh blood and some young people. If Nafus receives the Democratic endorsement, I will back him and Marchakitis all the way."

"I hope that the people who backed me and Sorber will now back Nafus and Marchakitis. We need some new faces, new ideas and a complete change. I wish these two gentlemen success in the upcoming election."



Waiting patiently

The newly constructed ticket booths, a new feature at the Luzerne County Fall Fair, stand at the fair grounds on Route 118 in Lehman, patiently awaiting the opening of the 1983 Fair. The booths, built by members of the Kingston Township Lions Club, will be in use during the fair, which runs from Sept. 7-11.

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Beginning January 1

We'll all pay more under new Compensation Law

By JANE BOLGER
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Come January 1, 1984, you will be "paying more and receiving less," under the new state Unemployment Compensation Law. If you are employed, you will personally contribute \$1 for every thousand dollars you earn. If you are unemployed, you will receive five percent less in your weekly benefits check.

Employers will also pay more with the base pay on which unemployment taxes are paid being raised to \$8,000 plus a penalty for the number of people laid off. The new law, which first saw the light as State Senate Bill 706, was enacted with bipartisan support to balance the unemployment insurance fund which has a deficit of billions of dollars.

"If you earn \$10,000, this new tax on your gross pay means you will pay \$10 a year into the fund," according to figures obtained by Dallas School District Business

Manager Sandy Vidlicka. With the school district being one of the largest employers in the Back Mountain, Mrs. Vidlicka is already making plans for revisions.

She stated, "We will have to redesign our payroll checks and change the program in the computer to show the new deductions."

The amounts deducted will also have to be reported on quarterly returns according to an official in the State Tax Office. It has been projected that the additional amount paid by employers alone will add approximately 1.5 billion dollars to the unemployment fund according to Randy Kuzminski, Administrative Assistant to State Senator Frank O'Connell. No estimates are available yet as to what the new employee deduction will add to the fund.

"The bill had strong support," according to Kuzminski who mentioned particularly the sanction of "the AFL-CIO and the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce."

The reason for the support of the

unions is believed to be the current 12 percent unemployment rate and the necessity to keep the unemployment fund solvent.

However, it will not just be those who are working who will be out money as the unemployed will lose an estimated \$7 from their benefits. In addition there will be a one week waiting period to collect benefits which will be paid over a 26-week period rather than the current 30 weeks. Eighteen weeks of work will be necessary to qualify for 26 weeks of benefits and 16 weeks to qualify for 16 weeks of benefits.

The bill, which is being heralded as "a give and take on both sides" solution to the state's financial problems, is reportedly supported by business, labor, industry and the legislature.

When \$10 or the \$20 of the \$300 comes out of each individual's pocket on pay day and less goes into the coffers of the unemployed, it will be obvious who is actually supporting and paying for this new law.

Gate of Heaven closed

Students transferred to old Dallas school

By JANE C. BOLGER
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Students at Gate of Heaven School, Dallas will not only be starting school one week late but will be attending the former Dallas Borough School until the asbestos problems in their own school building are permanently repaired.

The Gate of Heaven Church will be closed the same amount of time - approximately five or six weeks - as the school with arrangements currently underway to hold regularly scheduled masses for parishioners in other area churches.

The decision to go the route of physically removing and replacing all areas of the combination church and school building that could possibly be hazardous to health was made by Rev. William Cusick, pastor of the parish. The announcement was made at a public meeting attended by several hundred concerned parents and parishioners, all of whom appeared very supportive of the measures being taken to correct the asbestos problems. The asbestos problems were revealed during a recent EPA mandated inspection.

The actual reconstruction costs, which are as yet indefinite since the project is still out on bid, will be negotiated through a loan from the Diocese of Scranton to Gate of Heaven Church and School. The complete support of the Diocese and Bishop O'Connor's concern for the health and safety of the children was expressed by Msgr. Paul Terracciano, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, who was present at the meeting.

The cost to Gate of Heaven for temporarily leasing the former Dallas Borough School on Franklin Street will be one dollar, made possible through arrangements negotiated between Father Cusick and the Dallas School District.

No bus transportation problems are expected since

the two schools are only a block and a half apart but Father Cusick explained it will be necessary for the students to "brown bag" their own lunches due to the lack of cafeteria facilities. However, milk will be provided at the temporary facility.

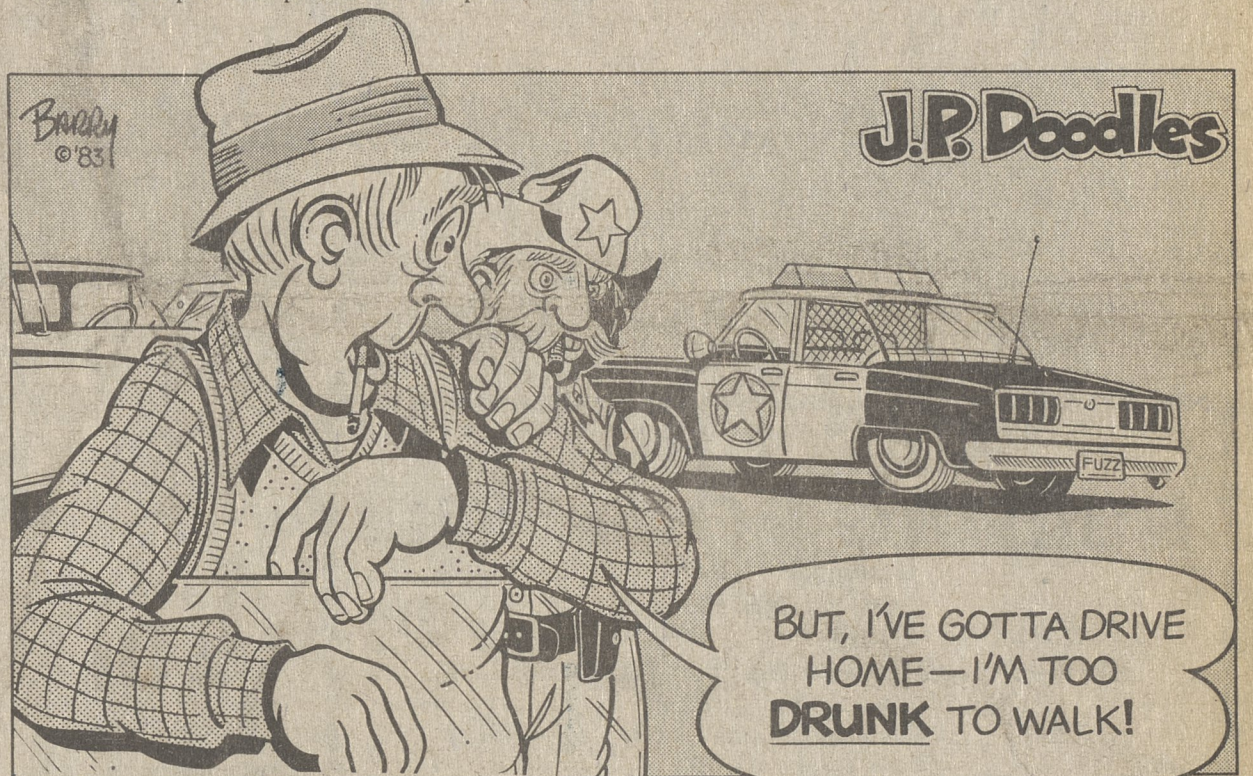
The physical movement of school books and equipment to and from one building to the other will be under the supervision of Sister Davida Morgan who was recently appointed as new principal of Gate of Heaven School. Sister Davida, who was formerly at Holy Child School in Plymouth, was introduced at the meeting as were the members of the school faculty.

The technical aspects of the asbestos problems were explained by Arthur Nielson, an Industrial Hygienist who is acting as consultant on the Gate of Heaven rehabilitation project.

Nielson, who heads Nielson Associates of West Chester, stated that there is no health hazard present yet, but due partially to the rapidly deteriorating 30-year-old roof, the degree of airborne asbestos could become serious.

Nielson also stated that due to concern for the safety of both the school students and the parishioners the choice to remove all the asbestos ceilings in the building was the most practical. Two other less expensive options that had been considered were erecting barriers to seal off the ceilings where asbestos is present and spraying the affected areas with encapsulating paint. Both were termed as only temporary short term solutions.

"Something must be done" was definitely the mood of the meeting extending from church and school officials to parents and parishioners. A comment from a father in the audience - "Our children's health is at stake. Do the job! Get it Done!" - was greeted with applause and a seeming willingness of people to volunteer and work together for the good of the church and the school.



New Drunken Driving Law not working well in this area

By JANE BOLGER
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When the new and stricter Drunken Driving Law went into effect last January, it was predicted that drivers would reform their drinking habits or not combine the two.

This however does not seem to be the case. Instead, arrests in the Back Mountain for "Driving Under

The Influence" have better than doubled. One example is Dallas Township where Police Chief Carl Miers stated "Drunken Driving arrests have increased 125 percent so far this year."

District Magistrate Earl Gregory confirmed the increase, noting that "As of August 15 there have been 25 arrests in my district for Driving Under The Influence as opposed to 18 arrests for all of last year."

A breakdown of the individuals

brought into magisterial court revealed that two were females in their 20's while the males ranged in age from 20 to 58 with the average age of all those arrested being 31 years old.

There are some who interpret the dramatic increase in drunken driving arrests as a sign that the new law has not been the deterrent that it was hoped it would be. This is difficult to believe since more than one local person has spent the mandated 48 consecutive hours in jail for a first drunken driving offense and paid fines ranging from a minimum of \$300 to a maximum

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Early deadline

Due to the Labor Day Holiday next week, deadline for copy for the Sept. 7 issue of The Dallas Post will be Thursday, Sept. 1 at noon.

The staff of The Dallas Post thanks you for your cooperation in helping them to meet their press deadlines.

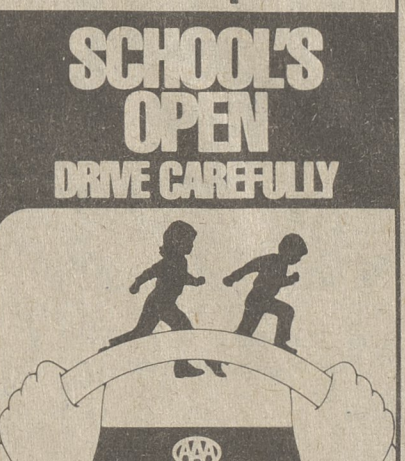
Remember: school's open

"A responsible driver cannot always expect young children to act appropriately in the traffic environment," stressed Charles J. Spitale, Executive Vice President of The Valley Automobile Club. "It is the motorist who must stay alert and be aware of the potentially dangerous situations."

The AAA spokesperson explained why children form such a large part of the accident picture. "The 'dart out' action - a child suddenly dashing into the street, often at midblock and from between parked vehicles - is the single most common young pedestrian behavior resulting in an accident," he said.

"Youngsters may show little or no concern when moving vehicles are near," Spitale added. "They simply assume a motorist will see them and act accordingly. In addition, their height, short attention span and natural exuberance are factors that place the major burden of responsibility for safety on the driver."

Spitale pointed out that the first few weeks of school mean greater exposure and thus greater risks for children. "Many of them walk to and from school, and some will be doing so



for the first time. School zones, bus loading and unloading areas and residential street intersections all demand extra alertness. Remember - a careful driver is the first step to an accident-free school year."

AAA's School's Open - Drive Carefully message is conveyed across the country by AAA clubs in a variety of formats, including posters, bumper strips, placemats, newspaper, magazine, milk carton and shopping bag proof reproductions, TV slides, and envelope stuffers. A total of 1,392,746 pieces of material will be distributed during the 1983 campaign.

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