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Lake Lehman schools

## Parents concerned about bus issue

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It was only a minority of parents who voiced concern at last week's board meeting over the elimination of four bus runs by the Lake-Lehman School District.

These parents voiced concern about their children spending extra time going to and from school because of the elimination of the bus runs. Because of this, the school directors agreed to review the possibility of reinstating these four runs.

Reinstatement, however, could cost the District an additional \$16,000 to \$17,000 per year in transportation costs. This money would have to be taken from the budgetary reserve of only \$30,000 for the entire school year. According to the Lake-Lehman District's business manager, Raymond Bowersox, this could present a problem since the school year has just begun and unexpected expenses could develop throughout the year.

Bowersox explained that over the past number of years, classes of the district were dismissed at 3 p.m.

Buses would go to Vo-Tech School and would arrive at the Lake-Lehman School at 3:30 p.m. The Vo-Tech School bus and three other busses would then do a post-school run one taking students to Lake-Noxen, one to Loyalville, one to Sweet Valley and one to Jackson Township.

Students on those busses used to leave for home about 3:15 to 3:20 p.m. on those four runs. Now, all of the children from an area travel on the busses at the same time and actually most are getting home just about the same time.

According to Bowersox, the classes still begin at the same time as in the past, 8:10 a.m., and dismiss at 3:15.

Lake-Lehman District no longer own and operate any of their own busses. Transportation is provided by Leon Emmanuel, Jack McManus, George Sabulsky, and Dick Sutton and Bob Slimak partners, who purchased the busses previously owned by the District. These two men provide bus transportation on the routes formerly run by Lake-Lehman.



Joe Kravitz

Front page news

## He never won anything before

By JANE C. BOLGER  
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"It's really hard to believe! I've never won anything before!" said Joe Kravitz of Sweet Valley when he was told he had won "Front Page News" contest, sponsored by The Dallas Post in conjunction with the 1983 Luzerne County Fall Fair.

Hopefully, winning the Sony AM-FM stereo-cassette player, dinner (\$50 value) at Picketts Charge Restaurant and this newspaper interview will be just the start of a big winning streak for Joe.

It should be, since Joe is active in so many organizations that he regularly buys two or three chances a week for worthy causes. He also works for them - you may have seen Joe selling balloons at the Shriner's Circus or playing the tambourine with the Trem Temple Oriental Band as he will be doing this week at Wildwood, New Jersey.

Or maybe you knew Joe when he was Commander of the Dallas American Legion Post or Commander of the Harveys Lake Post or President of the Bowling League at Bonomo's. Joe is not just active on a social level, but he also carries his energy and big smile into the Native Textile Plant in Dallas where he has worked for the past 35 years.

Joe has been Manager-Treasurer of the Natona Employees Federal Credit Union at the plant for over 10 years. He was also President of Union Local 1824 for six years and President of the Keystone Joint Board, which

governed 40 unions, for another six years.

A native of Larksville, Joe grew up in Edwardsville where his mother still lives, and is the father of two daughters, Rosemary and Carol Ann. In his spare time, he takes his 22-foot camper that sleeps six people to Cedar Point, New York or to Tobyhanna State Park. He can also be found watching football games, rooting for the Philadelphia Eagles, or going out to eat which is another of his favorite things.

Fortunately, The Post guessed right on that and awarded Joe a dinner.

"I'll take a friend to Picketts and probably have a steak or lobster tail," Joe said adding, "I like to have a good time, I really enjoy it!"

He plans to have many more good times after he retires next May. "I'm going to live it up; enjoy it," he said. "I might even end up in California."

Wherever he goes, Joe is sure to have a great future as he takes along the enthusiasm he expressed when he was presented with the stereo by Peggy Poynton, receptionist at The Dallas Post who is being held responsible for talking her former neighbor into entering this contest.

"I'll treasure this; it is the first prize I've ever won," Joe said with a big grin. Hopefully it won't be his last big win even if he did say "If I ever won the lottery, I'd faint," something he fortunately did not do for The Dallas Post prize.

## Gabriel case is hot issue

By JANE C. BOLGER  
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Public interest in the case of John Gabriel who was "twice fired" as Building and Grounds Supervisor for the Dallas School District has turned the matter into the hottest campaign issue in years for the seven Dallas School Board candidates.

Four of the candidates - Ernest Ashbridge, Patricia Gregory, Shawn Murphy and Al Pisaneschi are incumbents who are presently sitting as "judges" at the Public Hearings for Gabriel that began last week and will continue Sept. 27.

### Analysis

The other three candidates, Johnny George, Donald Jones and Harry Sickler are not presently on the board although both Jones and Sickler attended the first Gabriel hearing. Only eight of the nine school board members were present at the first hearing. Absent was Harry Lefko who even now is considered "a lame duck" since he is not seeking reelection and will be off the board shortly.

An attempt is apparently being made by Atty. Charles Lemmond, Special Counsel to the School Board, to limit the hearings to three. Definite ground rules have been set governing the times of each hearing to a 7 p.m. start with a break at 8:30 and continuing only until 9:30 p.m.

Prior to the beginning of the case, Atty. Arthur Piccone, who represents Gabriel, had estimated that there could be "10 to 15 hearings... maybe 40 hours of testimony and cross-examination." If this does turn out to be the case, the Gabriel hearings could continue well until election time and beyond.

Election Day is Nov. 8 - five weeks from the next scheduled hearing. The reorganization of the

Dallas School Board when the old directors leave office, which, in this case, will include at least two judges in the Gabriel case, will take place four weeks later.

Another factor further confusing the issue is that last week at its September meeting, the Dallas School Board "fired" John Kundrat, another custodial employee. The manner of firing Kundrat was similar to that used when Gabriel was fired at the August meeting except that the charges against him - "neglect of duty and acts of improper conduct" - appear to be more specific than those against Gabriel.

Kundrat has also been given the option of having a Public hearing before the Dallas School Board. The starting date announced for his hearing is Oct. 5 which could put the school board in the position of conducting two trials at the same time, further limiting the probability of finishing either case prior to election.

The election itself apparently could be influenced by the Gabriel case or, more specifically, by the manner in which he was fired. Voters are questioning not just the procedures, but how much the double legal fees will ultimately cost the taxpayer. This is an issue that is reportedly being fanned into life by more than one candidate.

There are also political rumblings being heard about who voted how and more importantly why, who has a vendetta going, who lives next door to whom, who is waiting in the wings for Gabriel's job and predictions of what the final outcome will be. The Gabriel case has had political overtones from the very first - a fact of which some candidates are apparently taking advantage.

Obviously, the Dallas School Board "judges" have their work cut out for them. The pressure is on them not only for a fair trial but for a fast one.

## Conservation program is underway at Dallas

The first project funded under the Resource Conservation and Development Program (RC&D) in Luzerne County is under construction at the Dallas Area Senior High School.

The purpose of the project is to provide drainage for the track which surrounds the football field, and provide drainage for the baseball field and practice football field. A secondary benefit will be providing an outlet for a future drainage system which may be needed when a vacant field is developed for other athletic fields. During the process of installing the drainage system, the entire track is being resurfaced. The baseball infield will receive new surface material and much of the area will be reseeded because the existing vegetation will be destroyed during the process of installing the drainage system.

Dr. Shipe, Superintendent of Schools and school maintenance personnel, stated that several track meets and baseball games were either forfeited or moved to different fields over the past few seasons, because of wet conditions on the athletic complex.

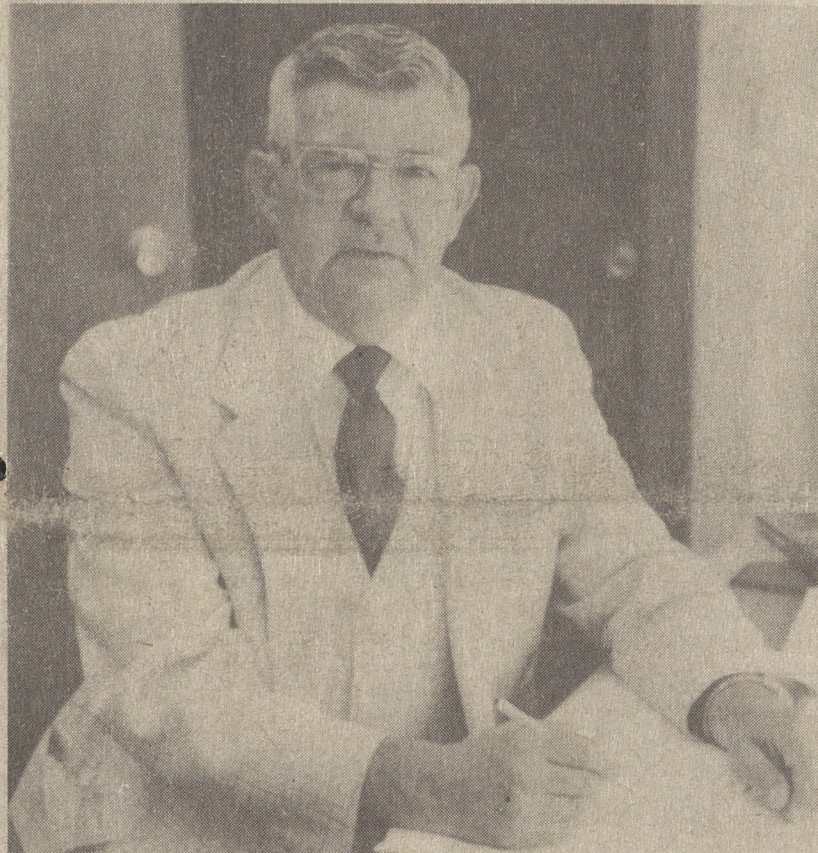
The project, initiated by John Gabriel, Supervisor of Building and Grounds, Dallas School District, is funded by the Dallas Area School Board with 50 percent of the funds for the drainage measure coming through the RC&D Program funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service.

Phillip Sheets, District Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Nanticoke explained that the RC&D Program offers technical and financial assistance to local governments and non-profit organizations to develop and protect their natural resources for the benefit of the community.

High priority types of projects include treatment of critical erosion areas and flood control. Other eligible measures include land drainage, public water based recreation developments and public water based fish and wildlife developments.

The county commissioners and county conservation districts in Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Pike, Monroe, Schuylkill, and Carbon Counties are sponsors of and direct the Pocono Northeast RC&D Area. Applications for assistance are accepted through the local conservation districts and may be made by townships, cities, boroughs, school districts, state governments, industrial development groups, YMCA's and other non-profit community oriented organizations. Applicants in Luzerne County to date include Black Creek Township, Kingston Township, Hunlock Township, Ecumenical Enterprises, Wilkes-Barre Industrial Fund, and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

For further information, contact Phillip Sheets, Soil Conservation Service or Ruth Ann Balla, Luzerne County Conservation District at 735-8700, or write to Agricultural Service Center, 71 North Market Street, P.O. Box 148, Nanticoke, Pa. 18634.



EDGAR HUGHES

## Middle States officials visit Dallas schools

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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Dallas High School was visited by the chairman and assistant chairman of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools Evaluation Committee last week to make sure preparations were well underway for the school's evaluation in October.

Chairman Ralph Rizzolo, vice principal of Pequannock High School, Pompton Plains, N.J. and Assistant chairman William Linnane, Susquehanna High School in Glen Rock, Pa., spent last Wednesday doing preparatory work with Edgar W. Hughes, Jr., Evaluation Consultant.

In order to be an accredited high school, every school must go through a self-evaluation and must be visited by a committee assigned by the Middle States Association. Hughes is former principal of Dallas Senior High School and familiar with the evaluation procedure, having served as a committee member three times.

The value of the entire process is the preparation because it involves the entire faculty. The evaluation includes insight into the entire program, the school facility, faculty and everything related. This must be done every 10 years.

The evaluation is based on the philosophy and objectives of each individual school. The departments within the school are formed into committees and all necessary forms are prepared. The Middle States Association Committee will study the ratings of the committees and increase or decrease these as they believe necessary.

Prior to the Middle States Committee receiving the forms and self-evaluations, the committee studies them, Hughes goes over them, then Hughes and the faculty review them together.

Each committee receives an Evaluation Handbook and the Middle States Association Evaluation Handbook. (See MIDDLE, page 10)

## The emergency room: A fascinating place

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In observance of Emergency Medicine Week, Sept. 18-24, Dallas Post Staff Correspondent Joan Kingsbury spent an evening in the emergency room at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston. Her observations of what actually takes place in a hospital emergency room follow.)

By JOAN KINGSBURY  
Staff Correspondent

I had always pictured an emergency room as one small room equipped for medical emergencies. And I had always wondered what it would be like to work there, and how doctors and nurses managed to control their emotions in an emergency situation and why patients sometimes have to wait for what seems to be an eternity.

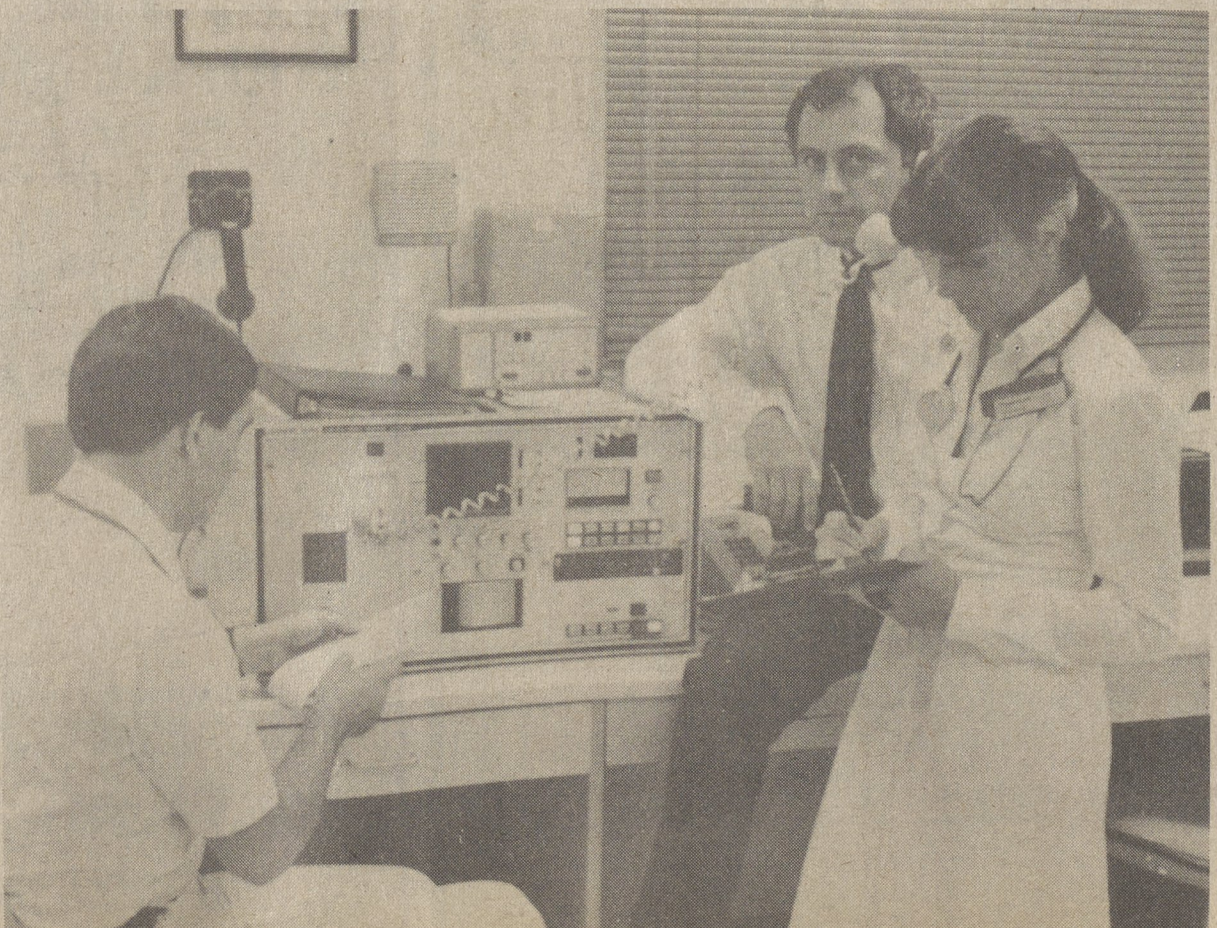
My ideas of an emergency room have changed, however, and my

questions have been answered after spending an evening last week observing in the emergency room at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital under the supervision of Dr. A. Anthony Anzalone.

The one small room I always pictured as an emergency room turned out to be five minor trauma rooms, one major trauma room, a gynecological room, an ear, nose and throat room, an endoscopy room and a holding area with four beds.

All my wild dreams of what it would be like to work in a real "ER" were brought to life as I watched the hospital staff members perform during what they termed a "slow night." They treated a woman who had injured her hand in a fall, a boy who had been involved in a motorcycle accident, a woman

(See EMERGENCY, page 10)



Advising paramedics

A. Anthony Anzalone, M.D., talks with paramedics, using a radio unit. Assisting Dr. Anzalone were Henry C. Novroski, paramedic and Sharon Birosak, R.N. C.E.N.

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