

# Investigation of school sale continues

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The Dallas School Board's recent approval of Aspects Associates \$116,500 bid for the Trucksville Elementary School apparently met with someone's disfavor, in light of the investigation being conducted by the Pennsylvania State Police.

Aspects Associates, a subsidiary company of Smith Miller architectural firm in Kingston, was one of three

companies who submitted bids on the two-story seven-room building on the corner of Oak and Grove Streets, Trucksville. Frank Donnelly, Wyoming and Landfarm Inc., Cambria, Pa. were the other two who reportedly submitted bids for approximately \$65,000 and \$75,000 respectively.

It was first confirmed by Lt. William McGlynn of the Pennsylvania State Police that an investigation was being conducted by the criminal unit of the State Police at the request of District Attorney Robert Gillespie.

It has been reported that State Trooper Dale Culver

and Cpl. Thomas Sartori are investigating the possibility that a school director spread a rumor about a bid being submitted in order to increase the amounts of bids coming in for the property. The two officials are currently interviewing persons connected with the district.

Last week, officials interviewed Dr. Richard Shipe, Dallas superintendent of schools. Shipe said he explained the method used by the district in advertising and conducting the sale of the building.

"I showed them copies of the advertisements for the bids, the bids submitted and reviewed the process and

procedure which was conducted at the open board meeting on April 9," Shipe said. "I told them that we would cooperate as much as possible to resolve the matter. I heard the rumor that a Pittston businessman was going to submit a bid for about \$100,000, but that bid never came in. But, everything I heard was hearsay."

Aspect Associates is interested in buying the building only if zoning permission is obtained from Kingston Township officials to convert the structure into apartments for the elderly.

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## Directors honored

At its April 10 meeting, the Lake-Lehman Board of School Directors recognized, as part of the observance of the 150th anniversary of "School Directors' Day", many former school directors and administrators who had served the District over the past quarter century. A proclamation acknowledging public and community service was read by President Joseph "Red" Jones. President Jones also outlined several accomplishments and matters of pride in the areas of curriculum and instruction, buildings and grounds, athletics and activities, and fiscal management, in which Lake-Lehman takes pride; and he credited the former board members with the foresight and wisdom to initiate many of these ideas. The Junior High Chorus entertained with several musical selections, and

refreshments were served by the Junior High School Home Economics Department. Shown above, from left, first row, are Gilbert Tough, Paul Crockett, Lester Squier, Ronald Fielding, Joseph "Red" Jones, Earl Crispell, Franklin Patton, Barbara Vivian, Wilfred Ide, Richard Hogoboom, Calvin McHose, Edward Mark. Second row, Robert Sorber, Sheldon Ehret, John Fielding, Robert Belles, Carleton Kocher, Daniel Hudzik, Thomas Williams, Anthony Marchakitus. Third row, Ellis Hoover, Richard Stroud, Richard Ide, Kenneth Williams, Allen Sorchik, Martin Noon, Bing Wolfe, Donald Jones. Fourth row, Robert Kunkle, Charles James, John Oliver, Charles Williams, John Zaleskas, Arnold Garinger, Allen Keiper and David Preston.



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## Flag presented

Members of the Back Mountain Little League Senior Softball League are shown here during the presentation of the sectional flag which they won last year. The presentation was made last Saturday during opening-day ceremonies at the Little League. From left, Frank Joyce, president; Jack Tinner, vice president, equipment; Lori Lopasky, Cindy Slocum, Kelly Wandel, Billi Jo Sber and Michelle Sweitzer.

## Ever think of buying earthquake insurance?

Last Sunday's "earthquake" in our area, which recorded a few points on the Richter scale, has prompted at least one area insurance agency to advertise the sale of earthquake insurance.

Michele T. Boice, a licensed insurance agent with the Hartman Insur-

ance Agency in Lehman Township explained that most people don't realize a basic homeowners insurance policy excludes the coverage of any damage caused by an earthquake.

Ms. Boice explained that earthquake insurance, which can be added to a basic insurance policy, is not expensive. For example, a wood structure that is insured for \$50,000 can also be insured against earthquakes for as little as \$10 per year.

Boice, who advertised the sale of earthquake insurance for one day last week, received a few calls from people requesting information. She said she also ran the advertisement in October, 1983 when our area felt a tremor and received several calls about the insurance then, also.

## This dog's a hemophiliac

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The old adage of "dog being man's best friend" has been successfully passed on down through the generations of mankind. Not many people, however, realize that there's another proverb, just as ancient, that states, "Man is dog's best friend."

Maybe such a proverb doesn't really exist, but in the case of Dr. and Mrs. Mark Stair and family, of Trucksville it well should.

The Stair family is the proud owner of a two year old, pure breek Chesapeake Bay Retriever. So what, right? Well, if the story ended there, you would be correct in seeing nothing special about this Man-Dog relationship. The story doesn't end there, however, because this dog is a hemophiliac!

Hemophilia is a hereditary disease of the blood. It causes its victims a tendency to imperfect coagulation, and, therefore, to uncontrollable bleeding from superficial cuts or even spontaneously. It affects humans once in a while, but it is very rare for a dog to be born with it. After receiving the puppy as a gift, the Stairs decided to name him "Curly." However, after learning of his condition, the family nicknamed him "Hemor." Mrs. Stair explained how they first became suspicious of Hemor's condition.

"When we got Hemor, he had a hemotoma (bleeding under the skin) on his head," she said. "We were told that he must have bumped his head, so we didn't think much about it. After a while, though, he became sluggish and actually began to die on us. My husband, who is a veterinarian, tried everything, but nothing seemed to work. Finally, some blood was taken from Hemor's mother and injected into the ailing canine. That seemed to perk him right up."

Because of the rarity of the disease, however, Dr. Stair still refused to believe the dog had hemophilia.

"Hemor began to loose his baby teeth," said Mrs. Stair. "When this started, he began chewing everything in sight like all puppies do. One day he chewed the bottom of

## Older Americans Month

# At 90, Rev. Ridall is still preaching

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: The month of May has been designated as "Older Americans Month". The Dallas Post has decided to honor these individuals by featuring an Older American in each week's issue during the month of May. We hope to show that there is life, quality life, after 65. We have chosen Reverend Archie Ridall of Harveys Lake as our first honorary "Older American.")

Rev. Archie Ridall, who celebrated his 90th birthday this past January, is the pastor of the Outlet Free Methodist Church, Outlet.

Rev. Ridall claims his first calling came at the age of four when he proclaimed to his parents that he was to become a minister. After that, he didn't do much about it until he was 21 years old.

It was at this time he traveled to Zarephith, New Jersey to stay at a camp for those who followed Alma White and the church, Pillar of Fire. However, after arriving there, he realized Miss White taught some things he didn't agree with, so early one morning, before anyone else was awake, Rev. Ridall fled the camp. Fearful the people from the camp may try to bring him back, Rev. Ridall decided to cross the canals instead of taking the road. When he reached the train station, he bought a ticket and returned home to Beach Haven, Pa.

Soon after arriving home, Rev. Ridall met his future wife, Hazel. To this day, he thinks she's pretty special.

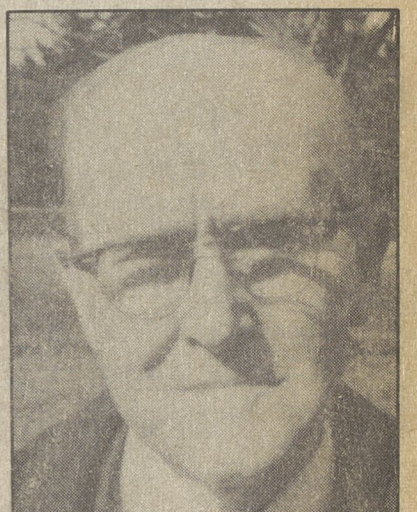
"I believe my wife has been God's gift to me," he said with a smile.

The two courted for only a short time when Rev. Ridall was called to serve his country. He was stationed in France for 18 months as a cook.

When he returned from France, Rev. Ridall married Hazel on June 10, 1919.

Then, at the age of 25, Rev. Ridall decided to settle down on a farm with his new wife. He admits he knew what God wanted him to do with his life, but since he loved to farm, he chose to put the call to preach on the back burner for a while.

He bought a 77-acre farm where the Berwick Nuclear Plant stands today. There, he farmed the land and made it a profitable business for the 10 years he was there.



REV. ARCHIE RIDALL

However, one day, while out in the fields alone, Rev. Ridall says that God met him.

"I didn't see any visions or even actually hear any voices, but it was impressed on my soul what God was saying," he said.

It was at that point that Rev. Ridall decided to sell the farm and enter the ministry, a very difficult decision to make. Difficult because he not only had a wife to support, but also four small children.

"I knew I just had to trust the Lord," said Rev. Ridall.

Rev. Ridall and his family spent the next 13 years traveling from seminary to seminary in three different states. After receiving degrees from three different seminaries, Rev. Ridall was ready to preach.

It was difficult at first to find a church, because Rev. Ridall had to compete against younger ministers. However, he soon found a church that needed a minister. After that pastorate, he served at eight other churches in 25 years, before he was forced into retirement at the age of 72.

He then started out on his own to find a church. That's when he was told of the Outlet Free Methodist Church. The congregation accepted him, and so, at the young age of 75 years, he became their pastor on August 2, 1969.

Now 15 years later, Rev. Ridall is 90 years old, and still the pastor of the Outlet Church.

He regularly has services three times a week, no matter what the weather.



'Hemor' the hemophiliac dog

my refrigerator and cut himself in the back of the throat. Blood was everywhere on my kitchen floor. I told my husband then that I thought Hemor could have hemophilia, but he didn't think so. That same day, I took him to my girlfriend's house when all of a sudden the wound began to bleed again. I rushed him to the Trucksville Dog and Cat Hospital where my husband works, and told him (jokingly) that I was going to sue for malpractice. He

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## Hey, kids! Is your Mom special?

Attention elementary students!  
The Dallas Post wants to help you pay tribute to your mother for Mother's Day. In our May 9th edition, we will publish your poem or your story about Mother's Day so that not only your Mom, but Moms all around the Back Mountain can enjoy.  
Any student from kindergarten to sixth grade may submit their poem or their story for publication. Simply drop it in the mail to The Dallas Post, P.O. Box 366, Dallas, Pa., 18612, or bring it to our office located in The Jean Shop Building, off Route 415. But remember, we'll need it by noon on Friday, May 4. There is no charge to have your story or poem published.  
Show your Mom how special she is by publishing your special tribute to her.

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