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**Fixing up**

Members of Dallas Fire and Ambulance, Inc., are shown here as they make renovations to the Dallas Fire Hall, located in the Dallas Borough Building on Main Street. Renovations include paneling, a drop ceiling, and other

improvements. Shown in the top photo are, from left, Bob Besecker, fire chief; Bob O'Konski, Tim Carroll, Paul LaBar, mayor, Dallas Borough; and Chris Purcell. The bottom photo shows Tim Carroll and Chris Purcell as they lay paneling in place.

**Sewage project is priority**

Rep. George C. Hasay said recently that a \$32.8 million sewage construction project for the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority is on a preliminary project priority list for federal sewage construction grants.

According to an announcement from the Department of Environmental Resources, funds will be used for the project which Pennsylvania expects to have available from the Federal Clean Water Act.

Hasay said that the federal share of sewage construction projects will drop from 75 to 55 percent beginning with grant awards made after Oct. 1.

"The governor has proposed a budget initiative in 1984-85 to help local governments adjust to this change by providing \$9.3 million in a new state program to help make up for some of the loss of federal support," Hasay said.

*At Dallas*

**Members of school staff honored**

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Friends and fellow workers held an outdoor barbecue recently honoring Thomas Dickinson and Al Williams, both of whom retired last month from the Dallas School District.

Dickinson, a resident of East Dallas, retired after 32 years as a member of the maintenance and custodial staff, where he served as assistant supervisor since 1968.

"I enjoyed working at the school and will miss the many persons I came in contact with daily," Dickinson said. "Most of all, I will miss the kids. There have been many changes in the district since I first started, not all of them for the better but, in general, the kids were a good bunch. There were problems once in a while, but they were usually resolved."

Dickinson retired on the number of years worked in the district rather than age, stating that he believed 32 years at one place of employment was long enough.

A native of the Back Mountain, Dickinson graduated from Dallas Township High School and in June, 1940, enlisted in the United States Army for two years. Following his discharge from the service, Dickinson worked at several places including the American Stores Warehouse and Endicott Shoe Factory.

In April, 1952, he accepted a position on the custodial staff of Dallas Township School. This was prior to the jointure of the districts, but Dickinson continued as a member of the custodial and maintenance staff until his retirement this year.

When the Dallas Senior High School was completed in 1961, Dickinson was transferred to that building under John Paul, who was appointed as supervisor. At the time Dickinson was offered the position but refused, preferring to work as assistant. He was offered the position a second time when Paul retired from the district but Dickinson again refused preferring to continue as assistant supervisor.

"There were a lot less headaches as assistant," said Dickinson. "I enjoyed working as assistant and preferred to continue as such." Dickinson is married to the former Helen Tkach of Glen Lyon who is a registered nurse at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. They have two daughters, Jean Dickinson Mekeel, supervisor with Head Start and Susan, in her final year at Bloomsburg where she is majoring in education of the hearing-impaired.

Dickinson said he plans to enjoy his leisure time this summer, working in his large garden and doing his other yard work. He and his wife recently returned from the World's Fair in New Orleans where they also visited Bourbon Street. They are also members of a mixed bowling league at the Dallas Lanes.

Al Williams, who has resided in the Back Mountain since 1945, worked as a member of the custodial staff for 10 years.

He first worked as a member of

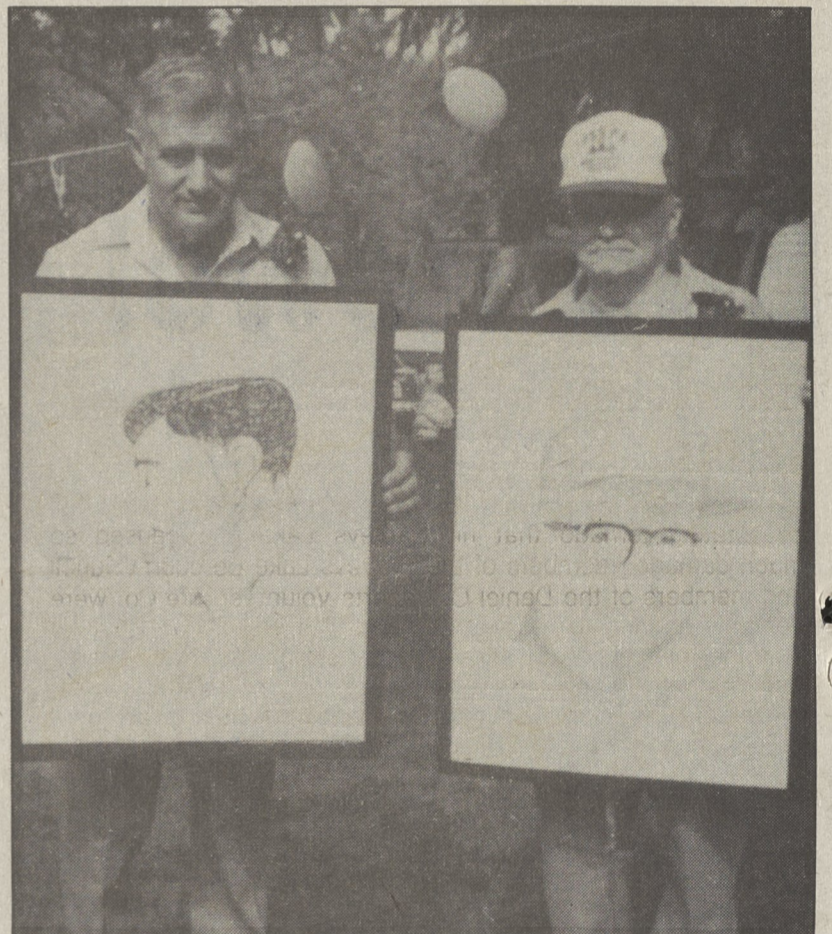
the night shift at the senior high school then transferred to Westmoreland until he was assigned to the day shift at the high school.

Williams is a graduate of Coughlin High School but his two sons graduated from Dallas High School. His son Harold resides in Kingston. His younger son, Albert, is with the

United States Air Force.

Now that he is retired, Williams plans to travel to various campsites throughout the state and go freshwater fishing.

Both men received plaques and portrait sketches done by members of the senior art class in recognition of their years of service to the district.



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**Retirees honored**

Shown here with pen and ink portraits of themselves are, from left, Thomas Dickinson and Al Williams. Dickinson and Williams recently retired from the Dallas School District and were presented with the portraits by students in the senior art class.

**Obituaries**

**ELIZABETH CADWALADER**  
Mrs. Elizabeth Cadwalader, 55, of RD 5, Huntsville Road, Chase, died July 5 at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Surviving are sons, Gary and Bruce, both at home. Her husband, Albert, died in 1975.

Funeral services were held July 7 from the S.J. Grontkowski Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Harriett L. Santos, pastor of Huntsville United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment, Lehman Center Cemetery, Lehman.

**CLARA GROSS**  
Mrs. Clara Gross, 98, of 75 Woodlawn Drive, Dallas, died July 9 at her home.

Surviving are sons, Donald, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Robert, Forty Fort, Harry, Iselin, N.J.; daughters, Mrs. DeVoe Arbest, Enola; Mrs. Virginia Beckwith, Jamestown, N.Y.; Mrs. Marion Lee, Dallas; Mrs. William Moss, Tunk-

hannock; Mrs. Edgar Hoffman, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Mrs. Wayne Harvey, Dallas; Mrs. Clare King, at home; 25 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral was held July 11 from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, Dallas, with the Rev. Robert Myrant, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Dallas, officiating. Interment, Warden Cemetery, Dallas.

**EVALYN LONG**  
Evalyn Long, 93, died July 6 in the Carpenter Nursing Home, Harveys Lake.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Mary Keller Snyder, a guest at Meadows Nursing Home, Dallas; two step grandsons.

Funeral was held July 10 from the Swanson Funeral Home, Pikes Creek, with Gary DeSanto, pastor of Sweet Valley United Church of Christ, officiating. Burial, Bethel Hill Cemetery, Fairmount Township.

**CLARENCE LAIDLER**  
Clarence M. Laidler, 86, of 126 Overbrook Ave., Dallas, died July 8 at Meadows Nursing Home, following an illness.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ester Mott, daughter, Mrs. Sandra Valenti, Dallas.

Memorial services were held July 10 at the Shavertown United Methodist Church with the Rev. James A. Wert officiating. Private interment was conducted in Hollenback Cemetery.

**JOHN ZEINER**  
John J. Zeiner, 70, of 151 W. Center Hill Road, Dallas, was pronounced dead on arrival at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston on July 10 after being stricken ill at home.

Surviving are his wife, the former Adele Kuchta, daughter, Mrs. Janice C. Flory, Sunbury; Miss Bette Zeiner, at home; three grandchildren.

Funeral was held July 13 from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, Dallas, with interment in Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.



**Center opens**

The Geisinger Family Health Center in the Dallas Shopping Center, Dallas, was officially opened with ribbon cutting ceremonies recently, according to an announcement by Dr. Richard Somma, Medical Director of the Geisinger Medical Group in Wilkes-Barre. The Health Center features family medical care, general examinations, comprehensive inpatient care, minor injury care, X-ray, EKG, laboratory services, pulmonary testing, and hearing testing along with seven day a week coverage as well as day and evening hours. It was also announced that the telephone number at the new facility is 675-2000. Principals at the ribbon-cutting ceremony are shown here. From left, Eugene Gorski, Geisinger Family Health Center physician; Stuart Heydt, M.D., President of the NPW Medical Center Geisinger Affiliate in Wilkes-Barre; Henry Hood, M.D., President of the Geisinger Foundation; Richard Somma, M.D.; and Phillip Seroska, M.D., Geisinger Family Health Center physician.

**Fireworks attract hundreds**

The annual fireworks display sponsored by the Dallas Recreation Center on July 5 attracted hundreds of on-lookers. The aerial show proved to be a huge success even with poor weather conditions. Two evening programs are on the

schedule. Wednesday, July 18, from 7-9:30 p.m. is Everybody's Birthday Party. Children are encouraged to bring a small gift to exchange. There will be a professional magician show and snacks served. The Christmas in July celebration

will be Wednesday evening, July 25. Arts and crafts is held every Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. For information call 675-4736.

**Meadows Nursing Center needs volunteers**

Volunteers are needed at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, in the following areas:

Dining rooms: Daily 12-1 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Friends visitors: To wheel and walk residents outside daily 11 a.m.-12 noon, 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Activities: Exercises 10-12 daily, bingo, Tuesday and Friday, 2-4 p.m.

Please call Director of Volunteer Services 675-8600, extension 115.

**Clarification made on photo caption**

In a recent photo published of a check presentation, some pertinent information was inadvertently omitted. The Lehman Volunteer Fire Co.

Ladies Auxiliary donated money to the fire company in memory of Joe Johns, former president of the fire company.

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