

# Board

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School, to the Junior High field. Samuel mentioned that the larger field would provide better facilities, increased safety as well as separation from parking lots and moving cars. Board President Ernest Ashbridge moved that the Student Activities Committee chairman and the Property Committee chairman to begin discussion on this project.

Superintendent Gerald Wycallis, announced the planned usage of a 6,000 state grant to improve instruction in the district. Both Lake-Lehman and Dallas were recipients of the grant. The money will be utilized in the planning of seminars, with the help of education consultant Edward Pino; a variety of topics to be presented to teachers and administration. The program, entitled "Project Excellence," was featured on WNEP-TV/Channel 16 Monday evening.

Dr. Thomas Cyphers, Dallas Junior and Senior High School principal, reported on several topics at the meeting. The in-school suspension program (D.E.A.L.), currently under evaluation, was reported to have had two students from seventh grade; 13 students from eighth grade; 12 students from ninth grade; four students from 10th grade; one student from 11th grade and two students from the 12th

grade, for a total of 34 program participants.

Also announced was that the Driver Ed program was under way. Students are required to pay \$30 to participate.

Other announcements were: The District Band will compete in area finals in Shamokin on March 13; the chorus in Bloomsburg and Williamsport and the Region 4 Chorus competition. Lynn Todd, Beth Adams, Victor Liva, Liz Morgan and Carolyn Fagan will attend at Loyalsock Township High School on Feb. 27 to March 2.

Albert Pisaneschi was the only board member to vote "no" to both the resolutions presented by Tex Wilson of the property committee and seconded by Joe O'Donnell to allow Richard Morgan, supervisor of buildings and grounds to attend a training seminar for "automatic temperature controls", to the tune of \$560.00 held on March 5 and 6 at Fort Washington, Pa. and the resolution presented by John Cleary of the student activity committee, seconded by Tex Wilson, to allow Gerald Stinson and Robert Cicon to attend the Pa. State Athletic Directors Association's 18th annual convention in Hershey; March 20-23 at a cost of \$260.00 each.

In other business, local board procedure was amended as follows:

- 1) call to order; 2) invocation; 3) roll call; 4) visitors; 5) approval of minutes; 6) report of treasurer; 7) report of tax collection; 8) communications; 9) report and recommendations of the superintendent; 10) presentation and approval of bills; 11) committee reports; 12) old business; 13) new business. The motion was made by John P. Cleary of the policy committee and seconded by John George.

In reporting on the progress of negotiations of contract settlement in the case of the non-professional employees of the district, John George of the negotiations committee announced that the board and union were close to an agreement. The negotiations have been ongoing since November of 1984 after the P.P.S.A. (Pennsylvania Public School Personnel Association) registered grievances concerning hours cutbacks and unfair labor practices. A state mediator was called in this year to help settle the contract dispute.

Finally, an affiliation agreement was announced between the Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug Services, Inc. and the Dallas School District. The motion, was presented by Dr. William Camp of the education committee, which involves a renewing of the commitment by the district to refer its students to the center.



## Check donated

During a recent board meeting of the West Side Business & Professional Women's Organization, a check for \$100 was donated to the Hoyt Library. Head librarian Jim Hecht accepted the check for the library and stated that the money would be used to purchase books for the library's business collection. From left, seated, are Dorothy Turner, board member; Christine Pagoda, parliamentarian; Janet Beane, treasurer; Dolores Tamanini, second VP; Charlotte Stoehr, board member; standing, Mary Taylor, first VP; Jim Hecht, head librarian; Judith Betti, president; Diane Eydler, recording secretary.

## Women

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expertise in re-locating and must have a house that he or she can resell. Many times I have to talk buyers out of a certain house or property because I know it is not suitable for them."

After she opened her second office, Ruth Smith bought two franchises and joined Century 21, a national organization with approximately 7,000 realtors.

Century 21 has a set of standards such as all agents are trained, and must know as much as they can possibly learn in order to insure good service to people who are transferred and referred to every area in the country. Their program makes it easy for people relocating, for the organization operates like one big family, matching homes to people, taking them on tours of the schools, explaining transportation facilities, cultural activities and other subjects important to the people coming to a new area.

Her business and her family take most of her time and Ruth finds little time for community organizations. Recently, however, she sent in her acceptance to Monsignor Andrew McGowan to help attract new people to the area. She also is interested and active with the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and its work in attracting new industry.

Her ambition for the future is to make sure her salespeople continue giving buyers or renters the service they need.

"The true test of success in our business," said Ruth Smith, "is when the people call you back. It is very rewarding. Every day we meet the nicest people, and nothing can replace that."

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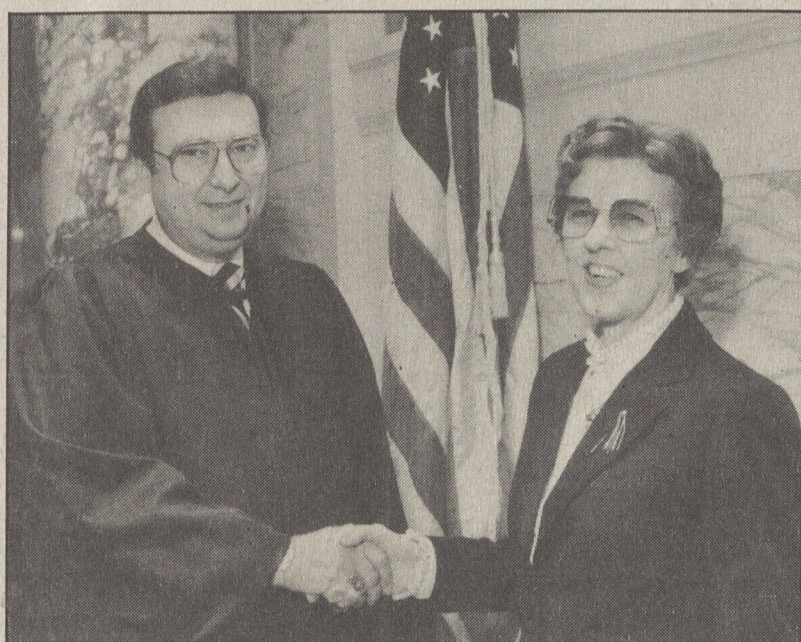
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## Wives

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and something comes up which detains him," Diane said. "Meals are prepared, but by the time he gets home they are either burnt or dried up. Often the children and I are in bed (when he comes home). It's like ships passing in the night."

Diane said the police officer's job is not the glamorous role as shown on television programs. There is very little similarity and the salary is far from sufficient for the risks taken by the officers.

"It's difficult to plan for anything just as it is difficult to go out to a public place, without being criticized or insulted by someone," said Diane. She said when she first married Gary he was a part-time officer and she didn't realize the time and stress involved. "But he likes the work and I would stand by him no matter what occurred," Diane said.

Rita Lyons is the wife of Dallas Borough Police Chief Ed Lyons. They have two sons, Ed, Jr. and Tim.

"I guess you might call me a fatalist," said Rita. "I believe what's to be will be. But then, I'm rather used to uncertainty because Ed was in Vietnam. He never talks about it now, but when he was there, I worried. I have a lot of faith in God and this sees me through."

Rita said the hours are frustrating, but now she speaks up about how she feels where she used to remain silent. She also said that her work in the guidance office at Dallas Senior High School during the day is a big help since Ed works day shift in the department.

The paperwork her husband has is tremendous, according to Rita, but she said that there is nothing she can do to change that. When her husband comes home, she can tell by his mood how the day went. Rita is amazed at the patience he has in dealing with so many people every day.

"Meal planning is the most frustrating," said Rita. "Dinner is ready and, just as we are ready to

sit down, he is interrupted. Then the food gets cold or dried up, but I don't believe it's as bad as it is with some officers."

Rita said the salary of a police officer is not sufficient for the risk and danger involved. The couple's oldest son is in college and one salary would not be enough to see him through which is why she is working.

The boys become annoyed at the many complaints received at the house and Rita admits they (the complaints) are frustrating. She said the boys are "kidded" sometimes about their dad being a police officer, but that they have become accustomed to that.

Rita met Ed in Germany while she was working in the Special Services. After they were married, they lived in Germany for about 18 months then returned to the United States and settled in the Back Mountain.

"Perhaps I don't worry as much as some wives," said Rita, "Because to me it's as though Ed is continuing his career in the service."

Fern Sabol, wife of Kingston Township Police Chief Paul Sabol, said she worries about her husband's safety. However, most of the time he doesn't involve her in his work and she is usually the last one to hear about a dangerous situation unless it is close to their home.

"There's a lot more to worry about because it is getting increasingly dangerous," Fern said. "I believe there is a lot more crime in the community than there used to be."

Fern said her husband was away from the house a lot and it was difficult to plan anything. She explained his hours were as irregular as those of a doctor, making it impossible to plan meals most of the time.

The Sabol's evenings are interrupted by phone calls and, although Paul is scheduled to work day shift, he works on cases many nights as well. Like the other wives, Fern stated the salary is not comparable to the risks involved.

Fern also mentioned stress as a factor, not only for herself, but for her husband. She said Paul never had high blood pressure until he became so involved in police work.

## Best wishes

The Hon. Chester B. Muroski, Judge of the Orphans Court of Luzerne County, extends his best wishes to Anne Vernon of Trucksville, Executive Director of The Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley (Dallas Branch). The occasion was the Proclamation by the County Commissioners of Luzerne County, declaring 1985 as the "Year of the Family" honoring the 90th Anniversary of the Family Service Association, a member agency of the United Way.

It's not a glamorous job, but a lot of hard work, according to her.

Paul and Fern Sabol have been married for 35 years and for 30 of those years he has been in police work, but Fern said that she has never got over worrying about her husband when he goes to work, even though she is also employed during the day.

A fourth wife, Jill Tupper, is the wife of Dallas police officer James Tupper.

A nurse at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Jill and her husband are the parents of a three-year-old son, Brian.

Jill said she does not worry about Jim when he is on duty, but his hours are hard on the family. Jim works either 3-11 p.m. or 11-7 a.m. As his wife, Jill would rather that Jim work from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but he likes his work and that's what is important to her.

When Jim works the 11 p.m.-7 a.m. shift, Jill said they are able to spend some time together and have dinner together, but the 3-11 p.m. shift is difficult.

"The salary is not comparable to the hours an officer has to put in," said Jill. "People have the mistaken idea that police officers make fabulous salaries."

Jim is a good father and spends a lot of time with Brian, according to Jill.

"He's also a good officer and well respected and liked in the community," said Jill.

These officers' wives have several things in common — worry, meal planning, irregular or long hours, insufficient salary. Most important, however, is the fact that all these wives support their husband's work because their husbands are dedicated and know someone must do the job they are doing.

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