

Committee may see positives

After experiencing nearly three years of frustration, members of the Jackson Township Advisory Committee may finally be on the threshold of seeing the fruition of their efforts for the installation of warning sirens throughout the township.

Members of that group met last Friday at the State Correctional Institute at Dallas, along with state and prison officials, including Reps. George Hasay, Stanley Jarolin and State Sen. Charles Lemmond, to discuss the reason for the delays and the completion date of the project which now seems to be set for September of 1986.

Since 1982, the committee, headed by Pat Rusiloski, pressed for the construction of the sirens and locations for them. But, for one reason or another, problems developed causing delays in the plans.

Rusiloski said the final piece of land for development was secured in October of 1984. Officials from GSA (General Services Agency) then assured her that bids would be issued in March and that the committee would have its sirens by August of 1985.

But that date came and went with no official explanation. At Friday's meeting, John Raber, a spokesman for GSA, said problems occurred with the location of the second site, causing the delay. Jarolin lashed out at agency officials, however, and urged them to "get off their butts" in regard to their procedural operations.

Eugene Peters, former Scranton mayor and a representative of the architectural firm handling the project, assured those in attendance that the money allocated for the deal has been approved and that bids should go out by Feb. 15.

"I don't have any bad news, only good news," Peters stated. "The plans and specifications have all been approved. We should be receiving bids around March fifth. After that bids will be awarded and the project will start there. From that point it should be completed within six months."

Committee members, fearing yet
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A nation mourns

The American flag at the Lake-Lehman Senior High School building flies at half staff last week in honor of the seven-member crew of the space shuttle Challenger that perished during a tragic explosion shortly after lift-off.

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After shuttle disaster

L-L teachers remember their fallen comrade

By JOHN HOINSKI
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Teachers at Lake-Lehman High School will conduct special lessons in the near future to honor their fallen comrade, Christa McAuliffe, who died tragically along with six other crew members of the space shuttle Challenger shortly after lift-off last Tuesday.

Although no official date has been scheduled for the two-part lessons, teachers in both the science and social studies departments say they will begin the sessions some time soon. The objective will be to give students a better understanding of the space program in general and the benefits from it, along with discussing the role of McAuliffe, who subsequently gave her life for what she said was the chance to "humanize the technology of the space age."

The 37-year old school teacher from Concord, New Hampshire, was chosen from 11,146 applicants to be the first "ordinary" citizen to venture into space. But, just 75 seconds into the mission the craft exploded, making the tragedy the first in-flight disaster in the 25-year, 56-launch history of the United States space program.

McAuliffe was to conduct two 15-minute lessons from space with the help of the PBS television network which would have beamed them to 25 million students in schools across the U.S. and Canada.

Because of the involvement of McAuliffe, who was a social studies instructor, teachers from around the nation felt a special bond with her, and feelings at Lake-Lehman were no different.

"When she died I think, a part of every teacher in America died, too," said Bob Roberts, chairman of the Lake-Lehman social studies department.

"I felt a special kinship to her,"

Two among applicants

Wayne Hughes, an environmental science teacher at Dallas Senior High School, said he never liked space science in his earlier days. But his interest had changed so drastically that he was one of thousands who applied to fly aboard the space shuttle Challenger.

"I originally sent in my application and they sent me some
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added Christine Kopcho, chairman of the Lehman science department.

Now, in a tribute to her (McAuliffe), Kopcho said she will attempt to explain to students the importance of space exploration.

"The first lesson will be routine," Kopcho said. "We will talk about some of the things they would have routinely been doing like eating and sleeping habits, that sort of thing. The second phase will deal with the actual benefits from the program."

We have a pamphlet of the technological advancements as a result of space travel.

"We hear a lot about the space adventures but not much about how we have benefited from them," she added. "This pamphlet is loaded with information on what we have accomplished and it is very enlightening."

Roberts will focus his two-part lessons on the demystification of space and the chronological history of the space program.

"We are going to talk about all the firsts in the program," he said. "We'll talk about Sputnik and some of the Russian flights. And we will talk about all the risks involved."



LT. GOV. WILLIAM SCRANTON III

Reporter remembers Scranton as editor

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Having left the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Airport after officially announcing his candidacy for the governorship of Pennsylvania, Lt. Gov. William W. Scranton, III, son of the former Gov. William W. Scranton and one-time owner of The Dallas Post, was greeted by friends from the Wyoming Valley and Back Mountain area.

Conservatively attired in a dark business suit, white shirt and tie, with neatly styled hair, was this young man, laughing and chatting with friends and acquaintances he knew from his years as publisher of the Greenstreet News, the same individual I knew and worked with 16 years ago.

That Bill Scranton, then a "child of the 60's" was not a "hippie," not a radical, but a social activist — a young man with the courage of his convictions, a man down-to-earth, who treated every one the same. If this Bill Scranton of 1986 has the same ambitions and goals as he did then, he is a man I am proud to know.

I first met Bill Scranton in a local hospital room where, with several

other Dallas Post employees, he came to visit the same person I was visiting. Wearing a cast-off, too-large Air Force overcoat, his hair tied in a pony tail, he was unconscious of any impression he might have on a stranger. In the company of persons ranging in age from 21 to 70 plus, he was very much at ease and had that rare gift of putting everyone else at ease.

It was several months later, that unexpectedly I became an employee of The Dallas Post, only one of three papers owned and published by that same Bill Scranton, young Yale graduate, and it was there that I came to know him.

Seeking to establish his own individuality, he had no time for custom-made clothes, large homes, new sports cars or money, all of which were at his fingertips. In faded jeans, denim jacket, shoulder length hair usually tied in a pony tail and wearing "clod-hoppers," a large Irish Setter always at his side, he moved quietly, but noticeably from one day into the next.

Yes, Scranton was a "child of the 60's" but not a radical. There were no sit-ins, no demonstrations, no protests. He was a man seeking the "gold" at the end of the rainbow —

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Former Post editor

Bill Scranton announces candidacy

By JOHN HOINSKI
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Basing his campaign on economic renewal and human development, Lt. Gov. William Scranton III, officially announced his candidacy for Governor of Pennsylvania Monday night before a large throng of supporters and well-wishers at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport.

Scranton made the announcement following a whirlwind tour that began early that morning in Harrisburg and then through Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Erie before stopping

in his home town. Following his statements, supporters held a rally for the 38-year old GOP nominee at the Sheraton Inn, Scranton.

Scranton told those who gathered at the airport that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania faces a challenge that comes once a century and that we are a state determined to succeed.

"We have created a remarkable record," Scranton said. "But a record is something to build on, not to stand on."

The former Yale graduate, now in his second term as Pennsylvania's lieutenant governor, said his cam-

paign will be based on the two issues of economic growth and more jobs.

"My economic strategy for Pennsylvania will emphasize investment and growth," Scranton said. "Investment in rebuilding the old, not abandoning it. Economic growth is the state's highest priority and our people must be partners in change not its victims."

"In my seven years in public life, I have worked with a government that has made new things possible. A government that has lowered taxes where before taxes only went up. A government that has kept

spending below the rate of inflation. And a government that has rebuilt our highways, bridges and water systems," he continued.

"In the past three years we have created over 400,000 new jobs and record high numbers of Pennsylvanians now working."

Scranton also touched on other issues at the conference, including the Gramm-Rudman bill and the abortion issue for which he has taken a Pro-Choice stance.

With a group of Pro-Life demonstrators awaiting his arrival at the Sheraton, he was asked where he stood on the controversial issue.

"I think there are too many abortions," Scranton said. "I have supported Pennsylvania law, but the final decision is not with the government, but with the individual."

Scranton, who is not expected to have any opposition in the May 20 primary, recently selected Allegheny County Sen. D. Michael Fisher as his preferred running mate for lieutenant governor — a choice that GOP officials said they would probably agree with.

Appearing with the younger Scranton at the press conference were his wife, Coral, his father, William, W. Scranton, who was governor from 1963 to 1967, and newly-elected Scranton mayor Bob Wenzel.

Among those in attendance from Luzerne County who showed their support were commissioner Jim Phillips and State Sen. Charles Lemmond from the Back Mountain.



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Senator joins students

Catholic Schools Week opened officially Monday at Gate of Heaven School with Pennsylvania State Senator Charles Lemmond proclaiming the efficacy of Catholic Education. He also spoke of the history of Catholic Education in the United States, beginning over 100 years ago up to the present day, with 7900 Catholic elementary and secondary schools and colleges. He then presented his official proclamation to the student body. Immediately following this, he, along with the students, released 300 balloons with messages about Gate of Heaven School. Senator Lemmond is shown here with the students as the balloons are released.

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