

# Senior trip just may result in suspension

By JOHN HOINSKI  
Staff Writer

Several Dallas High School Seniors planning to vacation in the Bahamas later this month may be slapped with a suspension and possibly have their graduation jeopardized if they go ahead with their idea, the Dallas School Board announced Monday night.

According to the Board, the school will only recognize the scheduled Senior class trip to Montreal, Canada, for the week of May 25-30, the same time the unchaperoned trip to the Bahamas is scheduled.

Reading from a letter, of which copies had been sent to the parents of the students planning the Bahamas vacation, Dallas High School Principal Dr. Thomas Cypher said any student who goes on the trip would have the days counted as illegal and unexcused and that disciplinary action in the form of a short-term suspension will be taken.

The Jewelcor Travel Agency, the company the group organized the trip through, sent a letter to the Dallas School District, stating the trip would be educational. The letter also contained the names of the students who signed up for the trip.

In other matters, several teachers voiced their concern over the possible cutbacks of programs, including the forensics and in-house suspension, because of possible financial problems the district may be facing. "This school district has always maintained the highest quality of

education," Don Hopkins, Chairman of the English department, said. "The school should not be served by cutbacks but by educational quality."

Teachers would like to meet with board members to discuss next year's scheduling and other problems such as teacher overload and assignments that may have an effect on the educational program.

Board president Donald Jones said he believes the problem is really an administrative one, but said that he and the rest of the board members would be happy to meet with concerned teachers if the problem is not ironed out.

In still other business, the board failed to re-hire the accounting firm of Parente and Randolph and instead replaced them with the outfit of Albert B. Malone and Company.

Board member John George, along with Directors Al Pisaneschi and Thomas Landon who voted against the move, argued that for 18 years the job performed by Parente and Randolph had been exceptional, including last year when overtime work estimated to be at \$3,000 was done at no expense to the school district.

Board members agreed, but because of the financial crunch the district may be facing and even though many of the people working with Parente and Randolph live in Dallas, they decided to go with the low bid received by Albert B. Malone and Company. The firm will be paid a fee not to exceed \$5,900.00.



JOHN MILIAUSKAS

# Lehman band takes to the road again tomorrow

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The Lake Lehman High School marching band will take its award winning show on the road tomorrow when it departs for the Festival of Music competition at Virginia Beach.

Approximately 150 band members and two bus loads of parents will leave from the school at 5 a.m. and arrive at their destination at approximately 3 p.m.

The group will take part in the two-day exhibition, along with 28 other schools from across the eastern seaboard, Minnesota and Canada, and then travel to Williamsburg for a day at Busch Gardens and a tour of Colonial Williamsburg.

Officials would not disclose how much money the trip would cost, only that band members and the Band Association have worked on a number of projects to help raise funds.

Over the years, the group has been recognized as the premiere band in the area and they have the credentials to prove it, including over 600 trophies. Three times they have won International championships, along with numerous national titles, and in 1984, the Lake Lehman band won the State Championships in Cavalcade Competition and the Atlantic Coast Championship in Tournament of Bands.

"What people don't realize is the pressure these kids are under," said

Band Director John Miliauskas. "There are some bands that come in and participate in only one category. We participate in a number of different phases."

Miliauskas says the band prepares every day and ultimately it's up to them as to how well they perform.

"They always do their very best and that's all I can ask from them," he said. "But it's also very educational for them. They learn a lot from these trips."

Among some of the places the band has traveled to include: Maryland, Rhode Island, Florida, West Virginia, Georgia, Virginia, Kentucky, Washington D.C., New York, New Jersey and Montreal, Canada.

They have also been cited by the Pennsylvania State Governor and the White House and received a proclamation from the Pennsylvania State Senate.

Following their afternoon arrival on Thursday, the band will have concert rehearsal that night before offering a concert performance Friday morning, followed by a field rehearsal and performance in the afternoon.

Saturday's activities include: band front events, a parade and awards ceremonies. From there, the band will then travel to Williamsburg where they will spend the entire day at Busch Gardens. On Monday they will tour Colonial Williamsburg and return home that night, arriving at approximately 10 p.m.

# Project discussed

By KATHY SUDA  
Staff Correspondent

An announcement on the closing of the financing package for the Oak Hill Sewer Project was made at the regular monthly meeting of the Lehman Township Board of Supervisors.

The financial package which is being handled through Merchants Bank should be ready for closing late this week pending signatures of Secretary Alvin Cragle and Supervisor Doug Ide. The council also announced the board is still unable to find an insurance carrier for the project.

The board turned down an option to be included in a Community Service Program which would allow a District Magistrate to allow summary offense and misdemeanor offenders to work an established number of hours in community service in order to avoid obtaining a record. According to Ide, problems with the project in connection with Lehman Township involve the lack of personnel to coordinate the program and also to supervise individuals in the program. Also, Ide added, the liability would be on the shoulders of the township in case of gross negligence.

# Sorokas is candidate

Eileen (Pipech) Sorokas, Wilkes-Barre, announces her candidacy for re-election as a member of the Democratic State Committee. She will be seeking her third term representing Luzerne County.

College. A member of St. John's the Baptist Church and Altar and Rosary Society, she is employed by Pittston Fashion and a member of the I.L.G.W.U.

She has received the endorsements from the Luzerne County Democratic Executive Committee, Wilkes-Barre City Democratic Organization, West-Side Democratic Club, Swoyersville Democrats, Mountaintop Democrats, Edwardsville Democratic Club.

Mrs. Sorokas is a member of various organizations including the Greater Wilkes-Barre Democratic Club, West-Side Democratic Club, Mountaintop Democrats, American Legion Auxiliary, Polish Club of Hudson, Donegal Society, General Pulaski Memorial Committee of Luzerne County, served as vice-president of the Wyoming Valley Hearts Basketball Association, Servicemen Club of Plains, and the Wyoming Valley Crime Clinic.

Eileen is a graduate of St. Joseph's Parochial School, Wilkes-Barre Twp. High School, and United Way Union Counseling Course. She is continuing her education at King's College, Penn State Lehman Campus and Luzerne Community

College. She is a volunteer worker for Cystic Fibrosis and the American Heart Association.

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# Participation approved

Jackson Township supervisors voted to participate in the Luzerne County Police Information and Retrieval System at the May 5 meeting, as recommended by Township Police Chief Donald Jones. Jones explained that the system is countywide and will increase police efficiency by providing a central clearing house for information.

Twenty three municipalities presently participate in the program, according to Chief Jones, and cost for enrollment is based on individual per capita rates. Jackson Township's fee would amount to \$205.

Director of the system is to be appointed by the Luzerne County Commissioners. The commissioners would be reported to on a regular basis concerning the program.

The supervisors also voted to purchase office furniture and police equipment at a total of \$3,500. This equipment will be used to furnish two offices and a waiting room, and also office supplies and a police scanner radio, in the police trailer which was purchased last month for \$4,600 from Leo Rakowski, West Nanticoke.

— CHARLOT M. DENMON

# Obituaries

## Claude Turner

Claude S. Turner, a life-long resident of Noxen, died May 12 in the Leader West Nursing Home.

Born in 1903, he was last employed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. His wife, Nina Brown, preceded him in death.

Surviving are daughter, Nancy Kreidler, Pikes Creek; six grandchildren; brothers, Clarence, Kenneth and Russell, all of Noxen; sister, Doris Mings, Noxen. Another sister, Florence Schooley, died in 1985.

Funeral services will be held May 15 at 11 a.m. from the Nulton Funeral Home, Beaumont, with the Rev. Theodore Lorah of the Maple Grove Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be in the Orcutt Cemetery. Friends may call today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

## Leo Chase

Leo M. Chase, of 41 Pinecrest Ave., Dallas, died May 11 in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Plains Township.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he had resided in Dallas for the past 32 years. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a graduate of Hanover High School and Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. He had owned and operated the Dallas Drug Store on Lake Street, Dallas, until his retirement in 1970.

He was a member of the Luzerne County Pharmaceutical Society, the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Society and the DAV Wyoming Valley, Chapter 9. He was a

member of the Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jane Greenfield; daughters, Mrs. Jane Shultz, Dallas; Mrs. Mary McGlasson, Baltimore, Md.; sons, Leon J., Trucksville; Charles R., Rome, Italy; brothers, Stanley and Casimir Czajkowski, both of Lee Park section of Hanover Township; Theodore Czajkowski, Ashley; Dr. Raymond J. Chase, Pipersville, Pa.; five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held today at 9 a.m. from the Kopiccki Funeral Home, 263 Zerby Ave., Kingston, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 from the Gate of Heaven Church. Interment will be in St. Nicholas Cemetery, Shavertown.

## Denton Updyke

Denton Seebol "Ducky" Updyke, 71, of 59 Whitebirch Village, Dallas, died May 10 in the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born in Courtdale, he had resided in Whitebirch Village for the past 14 years, prior to residing in the Back Mountain area for many years. He was educated in Courtdale schools and Luzerne High School.

Before retiring, he had been employed as a security guard for the First Eastern Bank, Wilkes-Barre. Previously he had been employed by Bertels Metalware, Wilkes-Barre, for 25 years. He was a member of Courtdale United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ann M. McDyer; sons, Ralph, Johnson City, N.Y.; Daniel, Dallas; daughters, Mrs. Loretta Monka and

Cathy Trudgen, both of Dallas; Mrs. Charlotte Jones, Chenango, N.Y.; 12 grandchildren; brothers, Lawrence Parrish, N.Y.; Marshall, Sarasota, Fla.; sister, Lyda Miller, Courtdale.

Funeral services will be held today at 11 a.m. from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, Inc., 672 Memorial Highway, Dallas, with the Rev. Gregory Myers, pastor of the Courtdale United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Shavertown.

## Warren Sutton

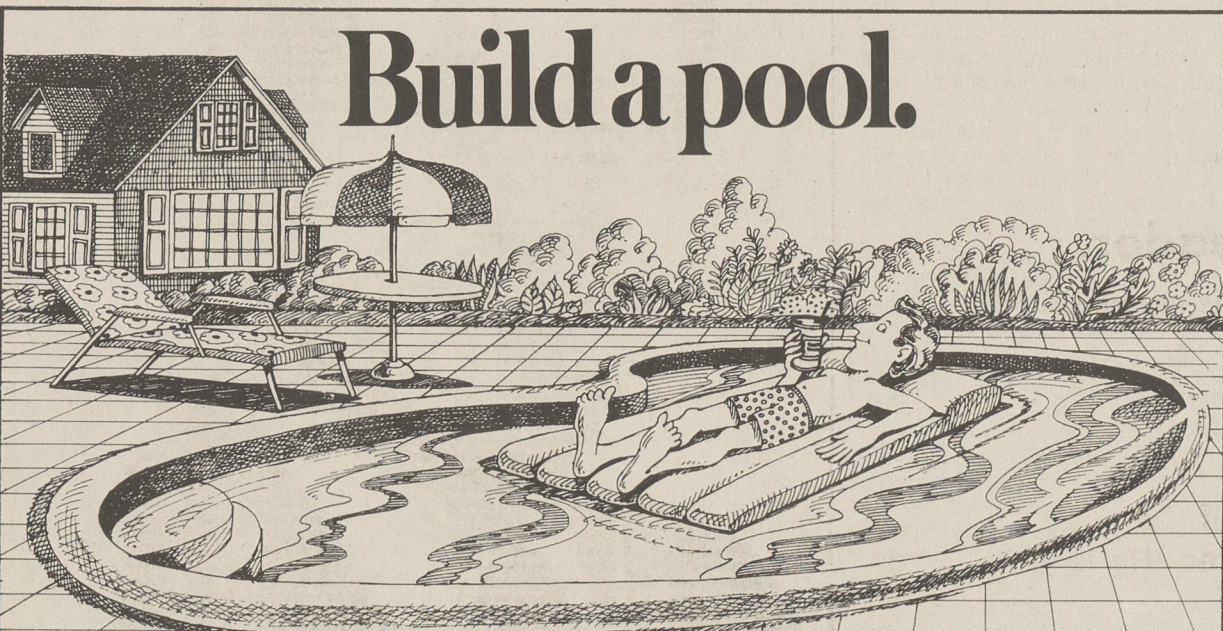
Warren H. Sutton, 63, of 71 Hillside Rd., Shavertown, died May 8 in the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, following a brief illness.

Born in Harveys Lake, he had been a life-long resident of the Back Mountain area. He had been manager of the Conyngham-Hillside farms for 40 years.

He was director of the Columbia-Luzerne County Holstein Association, Pennsylvania Holstein Association and Eastern Pennsylvania Supply Company Profit Sharing Plan.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of George M. Dallas Masonic Lodge and Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg.

Surviving are his wife, the former Erma Rhone; daughters, Mrs. Louise Arnold and Mrs. Erma Stark, both of Shavertown; Tammie, at home; son, Warren G., Shavertown; sisters, Mrs. Helen McClellan, State College; Mrs. Beverly Wilcox, Towanda; brother, Allen, Shavertown; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.



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