



**POW flag presented**

Members of the Veterans of the Vietnam War organization recently presented a POW flag to the Back Mountain Music Company. Shown from left to right Mike Balash, Karen McCoog, and Gary McCoog. (Photo by Linda Shurmaitis)



**BULFORD TERRITORY**—These stately pines once stood over the cemetery on Huntsville Road.

**Bulford descendants hold reunion at Bloomingdale**

The annual reunion of the descendants of John and Rachel Bulford, early pioneers of the Back Mountain area was held on Sunday, Aug. 21 in the Bloomingdale Orange Hall.

A covered dish picnic dinner was held at 1 p.m. Prayer was offered by Foster Bulford. Following the picnic dinner the business meeting was presided over by Gary Miers, president. Treasurer's report was given by Hazel Crockett.

Prizes were awarded to the following: oldest woman, Ruby Elston of Huntsville; oldest man, Paul Crockett of Broadway; youngest, Becky Miers; married the longest, Paul and Hazel Crockett of Broadway; shortest married, Gary and

Pat Miers of Lancaster; traveled the farthest, Lawrence and Jane Moss; largest family, Paul and Hazel Crockett of Broadway; largest family, Thelma Norrie of Trucksville; deaths Ralph Miers and Durwood Splitt.

Among the Back Mountain residents attending the reunion were Ruby Elston, Huntsville; Roland and Dorothy Bulford, Mooretown; Foster and Louise Bulford, Mooretown; William and Jo-ann Sarley and sons, William, Robert and Scott Sarley of Dallas; Helen Franklin, Jackson Township; Frank Coon, Shavertown; Gary and Pat Miers, Lehman; Becky Miers, Lehman.

The next reunion will be held at the same place next year.

**School**

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window of the bus they are to ride. When the kindergarten students arrive at the school, their kindergarten teachers recognize the students by the number of holes in the students tag. One-hole tagged students go to K-1; two-hole students to K-2 and three-hole tagged students to K-3.

Gate of Heaven School will run on about the same schedule as the public school buses in order to cooperate transportation service.

Faculty in-service meetings will be held Tuesday, Sept. 6, prior to the opening day of school.

Student-Parent Handbooks will be distributed to students the first day of class which the students are to take home to their parents.

The handbook contains information relative to absence, attendance, attire, detention, courses, discipline codes, field trips, honor society, insurance, in-school suspension, smoking, textbooks, suspensions and expulsions, guidance and other important information.

Lake-Lehman Senior High School directory for the first day of school is as follows: 0901-from Adams through and including Nancy Evans, Room 19; 0902-Renee Evans through and including Hospodar, Room 20; 0903-Hynick through Lee, room 21; 0904-Letoski through Parise, Room 22; 0905-Park through Shawn Spencer, Room 23; 0906-Tori Spencer through Zier, Room 18.

1001-Adamski through Gearhart, Room 11; 1002-Gorgone through Kuchinski, Room 20; 1003-Laidecker through Munster, Room 13; 1004-Musial through Simonson, Room 17; 1005-Smigelski through Young, Room 10;

1101-Arnold through Farmer, Room 0005; 1102-Fielding through Teena Line, Room 0006; 1103-Koflanovich through Miles, Room 0007; 1104-Miroslaw through Simms, Room 0008; 1105-Skibiski through Zacharias, Room 0009.

1201-Alexander through Jerry Davies, Room 0004; 1202, David Davis through Heacock, Room 0002; 1203-Hess through Maher, Room 0202; 1204-Main through Perrego, Room 0003; 1205-Petruska through Leesa Sorber, Room 0015; 1206-Spencer through Zimmerman, Room 0016.

Despite many of the staff losing their possessions or homes in the flood, they settled their families, worked from 3 p.m.-11 p.m., slept a few hours then came back to work.

One of the volunteers at Saturday's party said it was exciting but also a nice place to work.

"It's wonderful to see such healthy, young men and women and to know that we had a part in bringing them into the world," Ms. Tribus said.

Sister Veronica, who volunteered to assist the hospital staff in 1972, said "I remember making bed after bed after bed. Then I went over to Mercy Center and made more beds. I also did volunteer work at the switchboard, it was chaotic but it gave one a good feeling.

Dr. Davis, Nesbitt Hospital's Chief of Staff said it was a great experience, a lot of friendships were made, and most important, everyone got together and did whatever they could to help.



**Hanson's in 1920**

Shoot-the-shute was a popular ride with the crowd at Hanson's Amusement Park at Harvey's Lake pictured here in 1920.

**Hanson's Amusement Park brings back memories for many**

By SARA J. LUNDBERG  
Managing Editor

Last Saturday night at Harvey's Lake, a dance was held in Hanson's ballroom upstairs from the family's restaurant. The ballroom was filled to capacity with both young and old people looking for a chance to relax and kick their feet up to music from the 1950's and 60's; and experience the atmosphere of an era from the past.

Nostalgia was in the air. Some in attendance may have been remembering past dances at Hanson's Ballroom when big name acts like Chubby Checker and Franki Valli and the Four Seasons graced the stage. For those who grew up with memories of enjoying dances at Hanson's ballroom and days at their old amusement park, the time for remembering and looking fondly back at the way things used to be may come sooner than expected.

Hanson's property is up for sale for \$1.8 million, and when it is sold chances are high that the ballroom, amusement park, and adjoining properties will be demolished.

The property, which includes 690 feet of lake front, has been in the Hanson family since the late 1920's. In 1929 John Hanson joined Nettie Wintersteen in joint ownership of the property, and he later purchased the sole ownership of the park with a

down payment of two park rides. Hanson then proceeded to turn it into a family business.

Among the first features of the property owned by John Hanson included a restaurant, two dances halls, novelty stands, a shooting gallery, bingo stands, bumper cars, and assorted amusement park rides. Past recreational activities operated as part of the family business over the years included a water slide, speed boat rentals, and a roller skating rink.

The Amusement park closed for business in 1984. It was 1984 that an accident at Great Adventures Amusement Park in New Jersey killed several teenagers. As a result of that accident insurance premiums for amusement parks went through the roof. These high insurance premiums made it impossible to operate Hanson's park at a profit.

"Incredibly high insurance costs are driving Mom and Pop Amusement Parks out of business," said Bruce Hanson, grandson of the man who first purchased the property.

Hanson said that he would like to see the property used for commercial or recreational purposes after it is sold.

"The Lake has become more and more private in the years. The next year John Hanson bought one-half of the interest in the property, and he later purchased the very little for people to do for rec-

reation here. If the property isn't used for commercial development there will be nothing left to do at the Lake but go to bars and restaurants," Hanson said.

"In the past few years however, there has been a definite upswing of people buying lots and homes here. The private nature of the lake may rapidly change," he said.

Hanson said that so far there have been no serious offers for the property, but that some parties have expressed interest.

**Laura Gunn, Patricia Covert are cited**

At their recent dinner meeting held in the Imperial Manor and Supper Club, Hughestown, The Luzerne County Association of Educational Secretaries and Office Personnel presented bonds and scholarships to business education students from member school districts. The bond winners were selected on their academic abilities and were honored guests for dinner. Two scholarships were then awarded by random drawing.

Association president, Joan Dennis, Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus, presented scholarships to Donna Higdon, Wyoming Area School District and Patricia Covert, Dallas School District.

Bonds were awarded to Laura Gunn, Lake-Lehman School; and Patricia Covert, Dallas School District.

**Flood**

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Saturday were several families from the Back Mountain, whose children were born in the Misericordia Center during the flood.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Mazur were there with their daughters, Amy and DeeDee. Sixteen-year-old DeeDee, the Hurricane Agnes baby in 1972, was seated at a table enjoying a picnic dinner with her family and other friends listening to their stories of 16 years ago.

"This is a great idea," said Linda Mazur. "It's nice to come and meet the others, families we never thought we would see again. I wasn't here very long in 1972,

only two days, then DeeDee and I went home. We're having a wonderful time."

A few tables away from the Mazur's were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chappell and their son, Mark, also a 1972 baby.

"It's a lot less hectic today than it was then," Mary Chappell said. "I was only here for 24 hours, then Mark and I were sent home. The day I came to the campus, Mark was the first baby delivered. After he was born, eight others followed. He started their work for the day."

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