

Construction doesn't slow Dallas opening

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Dallas School District say that the opening days of school ran smoothly despite the renovations that have been underway during the summer months.

High School principal Frank Galicki said that moving the ninth grade students to the senior high went without any problems.

"There were a few minor problems with scheduling for some of the students but they were resolved without difficulty. The public address system is working, the carpeting will be put down in the library within a week and the books will be moved into the library shortly. We do have 130 students doubling up on lockers but this will be resolved by the beginning of October," Galicki said.

The school principals gave their reports at the school board's monthly meeting September 10.

Gil Griffiths, principal of the Middle School, reported that classes moved smoothly without any fanfare and commended the custodial staff for the fine job they did before school opened.

"Our schedules are working fine and the administrative intern is

working out well," Griffiths said.

Ruth Tetschner, Dallas Elementary principal, told the directors everything worked out fine.

"The teachers came in during August and got their rooms ready," said Tetschner. "That helped everything move smoothly. We have 681 students in kindergarten through fifth grade and all is going well."

Superintendent Gerald Wycallis reported that he went down to Westmoreland Elementary opening day at 9:10 a.m. and everybody was in classes and working on schedule. He also reported that the cafeteria participation was low the first week but that was normal.

"The first few days of school usually show low participation," Wycallis said. "This year, in addition, it will take the high school students a little longer to get used to the ala carte meals but they seem to like the idea."

In other business, Ms. Nancy Miller was appointed as a long-term substitute instructional-clerical aide to the guidance department for the 1990-91 school year to replace Mrs. Rita Lyons who is on an approved leave of absence.

The board also appointed Carol Harding as a part-time professional

employee at the Westmoreland Elementary School at an hourly rate of \$15. per hour for 10 hours per week for the 1990-91 school year.

In other business, the board:
• Approved a contract with the Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug Services Inc. for a prevention/education specialist to provide prevention sessions two days per week with students as designated.

• Approved payment of \$74,962.86 for electrical work to G.R. Noto & Son Inc.; \$117,157.77 for general construction to Wolanski Construction; \$9,512.10 for plumbing to Contractors Group Inc.; \$50,813.38 for heating, ventilation and air conditioning to Bognet Inc.; \$1,273.71 for electrical work in the chemistry lab to G.R. Noto & Son Inc.; \$2,116.98 for heating, ventilation and air conditioning to Keystone Mechanical Systems; \$6,466.75 for general construction to Somerville Construction; \$1,687. as final payment for asbestos work to Wyoming S&P Inc.; and \$36,600. for purchase of two modular classrooms located at Westmoreland Elementary School, to Celco Space.

• Accepted the resignations of Ms. Patricia O'Neill as part-time

elementary guidance counselor; Ms. Charlene Koons as part-time long term substitute Spanish teacher; and Ms. Dolores Ostrum as elementary aide at Westmoreland Elementary School.

• Appointed Francis Kopko as instructor for the anti-smoking clinic for the 1990-91 school year.

• Appointed Ms. Carol Keefer at Westmoreland, and Ms. Gertrude Matley at Dallas, as computer aides at the rate of \$5.00 per hour to work 22.5 hours per week.

• Appointed Edward Nashus as elementary guidance counselor at Dallas at the rate of \$14 per hour for 20 hours per week.

• Approved revisions to Drug Awareness policy and to Purchases Subject to Bid policy for second reading.

• Entered into a three-year lease purchase agreement for band instruments with Country Music at a total bid price of \$14,239.98 or \$4,746.63 annually.

• Appointed Robert Mitkus as sophomore class advisor for the 1990-91 school year.

• Appointed William Wagner and Ms. Michelle Wagner as newspaper advisors for the Dallas Senior High School.

School Enrollments

LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

	1989-1990	1990-1991
Ross Township	132	133
Lake-Noxen	430	433
Lehman-Jackson	645	691
Sub-Total	1207	1257
Junior High	329	376
Senior High	629	641
Sub-Total	958	1017
TOTAL	2165	2274

DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

	1989-1990	1990-1991
Dallas Elem.	661	689
Westmoreland	449	476
Sub-Total	1110	1165
Middle School	557	576
Senior High	692	667
Sub-Total	1249	1243
TOTAL	2359	2408

Shocks

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Father John was a great teacher and educator. Some of his students became so involved in the Campus Ministry they didn't want to leave.

"That was a struggle for him," said Scott Gulick, dean of students. "He had to make them understand that part of their life was over and they had to go on with the rest of their life."

"God got a good man today," said one of the students.

It's difficult for the freshmen on campus to understand the reactions of the other students be-

cause they did not know Father John, but they will miss a great opportunity.

His position on campus will be filled but there will never be another Father John. He was his own person, he had no problem letting anyone know what was right. Quiet, gentle, yes, but he said what he had to say when it was the right thing to say.

The Rev. John Petrasko has gone to better places but he will not be forgotten. He will live in the hearts of many for time eternal.

Borough brings charges against former manager

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Dallas Borough has brought charges against former borough manager Gary Allabaugh.

A summons was served on Allabaugh, charging him with theft by deception, forgery and misapplication of funds. More than \$1,000 is said to have been missing after Allabaugh suddenly left his position in 1989.

Allabaugh is to appear before District Magistrate Earl Gregory, September 24, at 10:30 a.m.

Borough manager Milt Lutsey reported that the application for a wig-wag light on Route 309 re-

quested by PennDOT has been mailed to the agency at their Dunmore office and the borough engineer is in the process of completing a diagram requested by PennDOT.

"When we receive our written bid for the light from Kuharchik, hopefully the problem with the rumble strips will be resolved in the near future," Lutsey said.

Crossing guards requested by Gate of Heaven School representatives have been hired and everything has been going smoothly in that area, according to Lutsey.

"The school personnel are very pleased so at least we have that problem resolved," he said.



Heppding named Employee of the Month

Shirley Heppding, R.N., has been named the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center Employee of the Month for September. A graduate of the Pittston Hospital School of Nursing, Heppding joined the GWV team in 1981, after six years of nursing experience at the former Pittston Hospital and Moses Taylor Hospital, Scranton. She is presently employed in the telemetry unit at Geisinger Wyoming Valley.

For being selected the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Employee of the Month, Heppding received a \$25 cash award, a personalized desk clock, a ceramic GWV coffee mug, has her name added to the employee recognition wall located near the hospital cafeteria, and has access to the special Employee of the Month parking space located near the employees' entrance.

Heppding resides in Dallas with her husband, Joseph, and their children, Joseph and Derek.

Fire at Offset Paperback met with large response

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A fire which apparently originated in the water recovery unit at Offset Paperback September 6 at about 9:50 p.m. brought approximately 70 firemen from Dallas, Shavertown, Trucksville, Kunkle, Kingston and Edwardsville to fight the blaze.

An official at the plant said there was more smoke than flames when the fire started smoldering in the bindery.

As a safety factor all employees were evacuated from the plant and the third shift was not called in until Friday night. The plant's maintenance personnel worked throughout the night and were able

to repair the unit temporarily so the plant could work over the weekend, the spokesman said.

The plant official also said the unit would be repaired permanently over the weekend.

"We were concerned at first," said Dallas Fire Chief Ted Wright. "The huge clouds of smoke billowing from the plant made it look worse than it was. What happens is that the paper is shredded and baled and used for heat in the winter. Some of it jams and builds up in the unit. We've been there three times now. We can't take any chances with a big operation like that."

"Everything went well and we had great cooperation from all the companies," Wright said.

Newell

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taking turns sending 'Care' packages to Michael. In addition to stamps, goodies, and lotions or such, they also send magazines or papers.

"The men enjoy letters and packages from home and look forward to mail call," said Mrs. Newell. "They like games or cards and when they receive magazines or books they pass them around. In his next package I'm going to send Chinese Checkers. Six persons can play that at one time so it will give them something to do. If anyone else has any magazines or paperbacks they would care to send, they could send them care of: Sgt. Michael Newell, 164483290, 9SRW/OL-CH, A.P.O. New York 09017, Mrs. Newell said.

"The men like anything to keep them occupied, but the magazines cannot contain any body-building photos or pictures of partially clothed women. They are prohibited in Saudi Arabia," she explained.

Back Mountain bowling lanes get new management

There will be bowling as usual in the Back Mountain this season but under new management.

Colonial Lanes took over management of the Back Mountain Bowl, Memorial Highway, Dallas,

Tuesday, September 11, under Ron Salvatore and Tony Rasimas. Those leagues uncertain about the status of the lanes this year may now continue with their plans to bowl locally for the 1990-91 season.

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