

Three Dallas High School teachers turn in their chalk

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Staff Writer

Three faculty members with a combined total of 90 years of dedication to students will be missing from the staff when Dallas High School classes resume in the Fall of 1991.

The three teachers who will retire at the end of the current school year are William Baran, history; Gerald Stinson, athletic director and Margaret Johnson, science.

WILLIAM BARAN

William Baran, a teacher in the district for 34 years, taught one year in Sayre before coming to Dallas. He first taught Pennsylvania History to freshmen at the Dallas Township School before moving up to the senior high where he has taught for the past 20 years. He taught driver's education for many of those years until the training was changed to after school and weekends about six years ago. Since then Baran has been teaching World Culture and United States Culture.

A resident of Forty Fort, Baran graduated from Penn State University and received his Master's degree from Temple University. He now has decided to retire and spend more time with his wife doing some of the things they enjoy.

"We have bought an RV and plan to travel across the country and visit some of the historical places we have always talked about seeing," said Baran. "When we return at the end of the summer, I plan to become involved in some kind of activity. I'm not sure yet."

Baran said he knows he is going to miss the school and the people. "I never minded coming to work, I enjoyed it and looked forward to coming to Dallas. The district has been good to me and I tried to serve it the best I could. I'm going to miss



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the kids and the faculty most. I will miss meeting the new kids every year. They keep you young," he said.

MARGARET JOHNSON

Margaret Johnson of Dallas is retiring after 26 years as a science teacher.

"My position at Dallas was my first and only teaching position," said Margaret (Peg as she is better known to most).

"I have been chairperson of the department for the past several years. I love teaching but my husband is retiring and he convinced me that I should retire and we will be able to do some traveling. I am also involved in several other community activities and my church," Johnson said.

"In the future we plan to visit such places as New Mexico and other southwestern areas." A graduate of College Misericordia, Peg pursued higher education courses at Wilkes University and Temple. She has been advisor of the National Honor Society for about 12 years and served as senior advisor for eight years.

"My greatest satisfaction while teaching has been my relationship with the young people; seeing them as they come through and as they improve and graduate. My teaching has been a wonderful experience. I'm going to miss my association with the students more than anything else; I've enjoyed them so



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much." Peg said she is openminded about her future but if opportunity presented something she was interested in she might take something part-time.

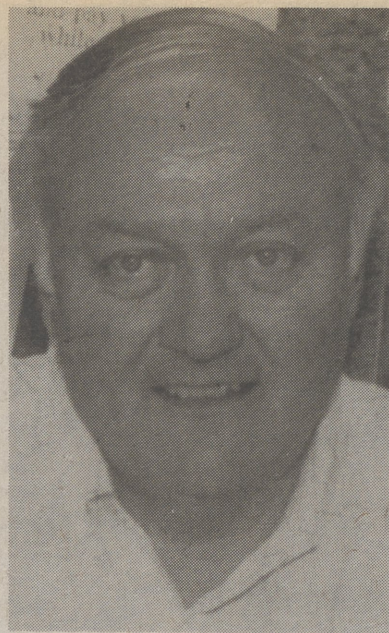
GERALD STINSON

Like Peg Johnson, Gerald "Gerry" Stinson's first teaching position was at Dallas. A graduate of King's College in 1961, he came to Dallas in the fall of the same year and taught 10th grade American History. In 1964, he was appointed athletic director, a position he has held ever since.

Stinson lives in Wilkes-Barre with his wife and family and did his graduate work at Bloomsburg University of Scranton and Rutgers University. "I decided it's time to retire and do some of the activities I've always wanted to have time to do," said Stinson. "I'm going to enjoy my sons and daughter and my two granddaughters. My wife and I also plan to do some work in recreation and athletics. You'll see me on the sidelines of the football games in the fall when weather permits."

Stinson said the most rewarding experience in his career has been the confidence of the kids and their exchange of ideas in the classroom.

"I'm going to miss the kids and the people in athletics most. I have no regrets in coming to Dallas. When I was interviewed for the



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position I said if I could have two lives, I would make money and I would teach. I have only one life so I took teaching. I will miss the classroom but in the future I may substitute."

Stinson is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Recreation Board and is in his 34th year on the board.

"I gave the district the best that I could every day and the district has treated me well throughout the years. I hope my successor is treated the same way. I will miss a lot of the people at Dallas; they have been great to me."

The three teachers were in agreement that education has changed over the past three decades. Among the differences they cited the attitude of the student population, the drastic change in the students' dress code, greater diversification of courses, the increasing number of sports programs and the increased expectations by parents and administrators from the teachers.

"The increase in the variety of courses creates problems for the students and is a strain on them because they have so many things to do and so much is expected from the teachers that they no longer have the time to get together and discuss school activities or programs," Stinson said.

The community expects too much from both students and the teachers in today's society the three teachers agreed.

Memorial Day services scheduled around the area

DALLAS BOROUGH SLATES ANNUAL PARADE MAY 27

Among the Back Mountain communities planning Memorial Day parades are Dallas Borough and Sweet Valley.

The Daddow-Isaac American Legion Post 672 will hold its 56th Annual Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 27, beginning at 9 a.m.

The parade will form at the Post Home, Memorial Highway, Dallas and proceed to the Honor Roll in the center of Dallas, where Past Commander Stuart R. Oakley will open the service with a few brief remarks followed by The Rev. William Cusick, pastor of Gate of Heaven Church, who will deliver the Honor Roll Prayer.

The Dallas Senior High School Band directed by Todd Hunter will play an appropriate selection after which Boy Scout, Girl Scout and Little League representatives will place the Memorial wreath on the Honor Roll and lead the participants and people on the sidelines in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following Taps played by the high school band, the line of march will regroup and proceed to Woodlawn Cemetery where The Rev. Michael Bealla, pastor of Dallas United Methodist Church will offer invocation. After a selection by the high school band, Legion member John Sheehan will speak followed by remarks by Past Commander Oakley.

Rev. Bealla will give the benediction, then the Legion Firing Squad will give the Memorial Day Salute in tribute to the War Dead, followed by Taps and the National Anthem.

All fire, ambulance and emergency units have been invited to participate as well as Little League members, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Legion members and Legion Auxiliary members, Poppy Girls, Dallas Mayor Paul LaBar and Police Units.

Legion member Gus Shuleski is parade marshal, Stuart Oakley, assistant parade marshal. John George is commander of the drill team.

After the parade, Dallas Legion will hold services at Chapel Lawn Cemetery.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

A memorial service, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company, will be held at the fire hall honor site on Saturday May 25th at 2:00 p.m.

Deacon Jim Feerick of the Blessed Sacrament, St. John the Baptist Church in Miners Mills will precede with the invocation, a

memorial prayer and the spiritual message. OIC 1st Lt. Kevin Miller, Battery B 109th Field Artillery, will also be a guest speaker.

NCOIC, SSG. Paul Antosh will conduct members of the Firing Squad from Battery B, 109th Field, Sgt. 1st Class Steven Stempien is the coordinator of the battery.

The program will be in honor of the departed service men and women who made the supreme sacrifice for their country and community.

The auxiliary will present a memorial wreath to be placed at the granite monument.

Brent Bernstein, bugler, will sound "To the Colors," "Taps," and "Retreat." During "Taps" a reading of the Desert Storm casualties for the state of Pennsylvania will be read.

HARVEYS LAKE

American Legion Post #967 will be holding a brief Memorial service on Monday, May 27 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Legion Home.

SWEET VALLEY HOSTS PARADE AND FAIR

The Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company is again planning their Annual Memorial Day Weekend Parade and Fair.

The fair will open on the fairgrounds behind the Ross Elementary School, just off the Main Road in Sweet Valley, Friday, May 24, from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m., Saturday, May 25, from 5 to 11 p.m., and Monday, May 27, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., after being closed on Sunday.

Free parking and entertainment will be provided throughout the weekend. The local band, TAZZ, will play Friday at 7 p.m., the newly-added Pet Parade will start the evening off Saturday at 5 p.m. which the fire company hopes will become a successful event of the weekend as the kids parade their pets dressed and decorated and Tim Johnson will provide the country sounds of Nashville from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The fairgrounds will reopen Monday at 10 a.m. with entertainment by the Al Hess Family offering their special music beginning at 11 a.m. up until the parade begins at 1:30 p.m.

Anyone wishing to enter the parade is requested to call 477-5346 or 477-3240.

The firemen's Bucket Brigade will follow immediately after the parade and a kids drawing for children under 12 will be held at 4:30 p.m. Joe Stankey and his Cadets will play from 6:30 until 10:30 p.m. There will be food, rides, games and exhibitors throughout the weekend. Exhibitors interested in space may call 477-5239.

Lehman district moves to handle own special ed

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In the face of cuts in state funding, the Lake-Lehman School District has decided to take over special education for its students.

School board members at their regular meeting May 14, approved the district applying for Chapter I, Chapter II, and Title II federal grants from the Federal Program

allocations which will be used as follows: Chapter I monies for serving educationally disadvantaged students in reading and math; Chapter II for specific needs identified by the district and Title II for specifically designated teacher retraining, inservice and staff development in math and/or science.

Superintendent Nancy Davis congratulated the industrial arts

students who participated in the Technology Student Association competition in March at Seven Springs, who brought honor to themselves and the district, also congratulated Mike Sholtis who received \$8,000 worth of computer software for the district with his first class architectural drawings.

The superintendent also congratulated the seventh grade gifted students who recently participated

in the John Hopkins Talent Search. All of these seventh grade students qualified for the SAT's designed for 11 and 12th grade. Three students, Heather Barsh, Jeffery T. Castellano and Erin E. Toole received certificates of distinction.

In other business, the board: • Appointed Fred Tennesen as an eight hour custodian at the high school to replace Alfred Zeglin who resigned last month.

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