

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Intimidation tactics have no place in school budget talks

This space has been used many times to extol the virtues of education and to recognize those who have achieved unusual distinction as students, athletes or educators. We value the benefits of a good education, both because an educated person is more likely to become a productive member of society and because intellectual curiosity leads to a more satisfying individual life.

But it's time to recognize that there are limits to the opportunities public school systems can provide for students, especially in times of tight budgets. It appears that some teachers in the Dallas School District don't understand that point, nor do they care to maintain a reasonable discussion of the pressures bearing on the upcoming school year budget.

Worse, in some instances they have stooped to using unprofessional tactics in an attempt to bully the public and school board into supporting a 16 percent tax increase for local property owners. At a recent meeting, a petition was presented that supposedly was signed by residents who backed the higher budget figure. But included in the 361 signatures were many teachers—some of whom do not live in the district—and even students who had been solicited on school property, a clear violation of school district regulations. The intimidation tactics didn't stop there; several students have told The Post that teachers warned them of disastrous consequences should the tentative budget, which includes an 11 percent increase in expenditures, be passed. Students also found flyers carrying the same message had been placed on their car windshields one day last week.

As Charlotte Denmon's story in this week's Post points out, these tactics were discouraged by the president of the Dallas Education Association, the teachers' union.

What is going on here? Are conditions in the Dallas School District so awful that teachers genuinely believe a tight budget will cut important programs? Or do some teachers believe that they should be exempted from having to share in the belt-tightening that is so clearly necessary this year? That seems more likely, especially when you remember that the present salary contract will expire June 30, and unlike other years, the teachers have yet to make their demands known. It appears they may be waiting, hoping the larger budget will be adopted so that they can ask for bigger raises.

More important, what lesson are these renegades teaching their students? Unfortunately, it's one that says the rules don't apply when your own selfish interests are at issue, and that you shouldn't do anything you don't get paid for. That is a clear formula for failure, and one that students should reject if they hope to become real successes in life.

Teaching can be the most rewarding of professions and surely the majority of teachers in the Dallas system are able to separate their own desires from their students' needs. In their demeanor and concern, they present positive role models. Others, by attempting to manipulate students and the public, are giving a black eye to the profession. It is to be hoped the true professionals will maintain control of the teachers' organization as we enter a difficult time for our schools.

Letters invited

The Dallas Post encourages readers to share their opinions with the community by writing a letter to the editor. All letters for publication must be signed and include a telephone number so that we may verify their authenticity. We will not publish anonymous letters. Send letters to: The Dallas Post, P.O. Box 366, Dallas, PA 18612. Letters received by Noon on Monday may be included in that week's issue.

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Property transfers

Property transfers recorded at the Luzerne County Court House from May 31, 1991 to June 5, 1991. Prices are extrapolated from transfer taxes paid. Money transfers are exempt from tax, so no amounts are shown.

Ardeth J. Dale to Ardeth J. Dale, 8 Carr Ave., Dallas, property L103, 104, 106, Bellevue, Carr Ave., Dallas Twp.

Geoffrey L. Lee to Joseph A. Maza, 127 W. Union St., Nanticoke, property LR40059, Jackson Twp.

Dean A. Long to Timothy W. Davis, RR 2, Box 2036, Sweet Valley, property L34, 1/2 L35, Kitchen Heights, Cook St., Harveys Lake.

Estate Dorothy E., John D. Roberts, al Sicher Jr. Ext., to E. Kay Simon Martin, 1 Worthington Rd., Shavertown, property Sutton Rd., Jackson Twp., \$162,000.

Woodside Homes Inc. to Robert A. Rogers Inc., 134 Highland Ave., Trucksville, property Highland Rd., Kingston Twp., \$287,000.

Paul F. Hession Jr. to Lee S. Piatt, RR 4, Box 417A, Oak Hill, Dallas, property Hemlock Dr., Lehman Twp., \$112,000.

Lakeside Construction & Management Inc. to Terry DeFrain, 31 Circle Dr., Harding, property LR 4024, Ross Twp., \$43,000.

Edward Miknevlch to Sebastian J. Trapani, 30 Kingswood Dr., Dallas, property Kingswood Dr., Dallas Twp., \$150,000.

Peter A. Thomas to Thomas G. Peters, 12 Kingswood Dr., Dallas, property Kingwood Dr., Dallas Twp., \$121,000.

Menzen E. Dunn to Menzen E. Dunn Trustees, 12092 Drynkle Lane, Garden Grove, CA, property Ross Twp.

Georgette S. Ellman to Gary Grandinetti, 42 Lower Demunds Rd., Dallas, property Demunds Rd., Dallas Twp., \$75,000.

Robert L. Hart to Wm. J. Space, 368B, RR 1, Viewmont Acres, Dallas, property 1.07 acs., Dallas Twp., \$91,000.

Kelly Realty Inc. to Harry M. Vivian IV, 225 W. Center Hill Rd., Dallas, property Fawn Dr., Dallas, \$36,000.

George L. Ruckno Jr. to Richard D. Tattersall, RD 1, Box 355, Harveys Lake, property L95, 124, 127, 131, 162, Higgs Plot, Dallas Twp., \$250.

Catherine McAfee to Catherin R. Bolsar, 206 Pennewill Dr., Leedham Estates, New Castle, De, property Benscoter Ave., Ross Twp.,

Michael Kovich to Michael Kon, 15 Woodside Dr., Dallas, property Clemson Dr., Dallas Twp., \$186,000.

D & H Wesley Construction Co., Inc. to Pamela J. Rowan, 794 Coxton Rd., Duryea, property 1.04 acres, Ross Twp., \$6,760.

Stephen I. Morris to Ruth P. Davis, RD 2, Box 197, Dallas, property 2.42 ac., Dallas Twp.

Spring growth

Auction antiques are now on display at the library

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The display case at the Back Mountain Memorial Library is showing a collection of antiques which will be sold over the block at the 45th annual Library Auction during the July 3-7, 1991 auction. Ernest Ashbridge, antiques chairman, has purchased many unique and interesting items for this year's auction and we are displaying some of them.

Included in the display is a hand painted pink bristol rose bowl; a miniature highly decorated rose bowl; a pair of hand painted limoges slot dippers; a paper mache bunny rabbit; a DL&W railroad lock; a miniature Mary Gregory amber cup; an Irish Slipper, used in Ire-

land to heat one cup of water; when the base is filled, then it is placed on stove and left to heat;

A Rubina Verdi goblet, which is very rare; a green salt shaker with hand painted trimmings; a cigar cutter, circa 1920; a green agate ware drinking cup; a small draw knife, wood working for fine detail work; a button hook for shoes.

There is one additional item on top of the display and the question is, what is it? We would like to have people come in and submit their thoughts of what they think this item was used for.

There is also draped on a chair in front of the display, a quilt made by people from Huntsville Methodist Church in 1915 which has many prominent Back Mountain names

embroidered on it. This quilt is a very rare item. All of these items will be sold at auction over the block between July 3 and 7.

The 3rd annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction Horse Show will be held Sunday, June 23, at the Luzerne County Fair Grounds beginning at 8:30 a.m. The NPHA Steward will be Nancy Honeywell. The judge of the show will be Ray Francis. Schooling will be held until 8:15.

Divisions include Children's Hunter; Short Stirrup; Junior Equitation; Senior Equitation; Beginner Rider Division; Adult Hunter; Special Hunter; English Pleasure; Pre-green Hunter; NPHA Medal Class and Low Hunter Division. A special class is the Hunter

Triumph Pairs, which will feature the Back Mountain Memorial Library Challenge Trophy & Six Ribbons. Breakfast and lunch will be offered at the show.

The library Casey's Cash Crunch project has reached completion with \$410.00 collected; which money has been used to purchase new books for the library collection.

There was this lady who missed her plane the other day because she was so engrossed in reading a book. It had to be a very engrossing story.

Thanks to Lois Noble and her program in horticulture at Penn State, whereby she planted red and white begonias and blued ageratum flowers in the library flower boxes.

Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - June 19, 1931
DEMOLITION TO TAKE PLACE FOR NEW BANK

The demolition of the Reese building on Main Street property is moving ahead at a rapid pace to make ready for the new bank structure.

A new quail club has been organized at Alderson and the grounds laid out along Harveys Lake Highway and the club now ready to play other clubs.

Local Girl Scouts are preparing for a joint picnic rally to be held at Farmer's Inn next Wednesday.

Idetown swamped Dallas by the score of 11-3 last Saturday in the local league.

Nesbitt Hospital Auxiliary held its annual picnic Friday, June 12, at the home of Mrs. W.R. Hawkes, Holcomb Grove.

Tomorrow is the biggest clam-bake ever held by the Dr. Henry D. Laing Fire Company.

Wed - Mildred A. Edwards and Edward L. Eckenrode.

50 Years Ago - June 20, 1941
HIGHWAY BRINGS NEW BUILDINGS TO AREA

Hazleton firm will use the Adleman property as headquarters as they start new construction on the

Lake Road.

Four members of the regular Dallas Post Office staff will receive a salary boost with the new rating.

Building boom hits Back Mountain Area as the new modern highways open.

Dallas homing pigeons win despite bad weather.

Wed - Phyllis West and Donald Veitch; Arline Frantz Gage and S. Victor Eiben; Ruth C. Walters and Paul Shouldice.

40 Years Ago - June 15, 1951
KIWANIS OBSERVE 24TH ANNIVERSARY

Dallas Township to have first motel which will be built across from the Township School.

Air Force calls Dr. R.E. Crompton into active service at McGuire AFB.

Dallas Kiwanis Club observed its 24th anniversary Wednesday with a dinner at Brokenshire's at Harveys Lake.

Engaged - Polly Lou Cooper and Cpl. Frank G. Mathers 3rd.

Wed - Paulina and Elmer Wyant; Mary Elizabeth Day and William Murry Morley; Shirley Cook and Lt. W. George Reynolds.

Joanne Lewin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Lewin wins the Curved Bar in First Class Girl

Scouting.

Marine Sgt. Alden A. LeGrand returns home from Korea.

Irem Pool will open tomorrow and dances will start next week.

30 Years Ago - June 15, 1961
DALLAS BUDGET CALLS FOR 13 MILL INCREASE

Dallas School Directors passed a budget calling for \$1,975,250 Tuesday with an increase in millage from 65 to 78 despite protests by citizens.

Ribbon cutting for new A&P will be Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the new market located at 125 Memorial Highway, Dallas.

The second jail break in less than five weeks from the new institution brings public demands for relay signals.

Little League to conduct doorbell night Monday.

Beaumont nips Falls by 6-5 score Sunday.

Engaged - Patricia Ann Hemenway and Robert E. Harrison, Sr.; Wilma Jean Lyons and W. DeWayne Weiss; Phyllis Crocker and Robert Edwards.

Wed - Jane Kay Newell and Harry Edward Freeman; Susan Dell Corcoran and John Donovan Taylor.

Idetown volunteers learn how to

fight fire at the State sponsored fire school.

20 Years Ago - June 17, 1971
DR. WERKHEISER IS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Lehman School Board asked the teachers to cooperate with the Board and that the Board will bend over backwards to help them after the teachers signed a one-year contract.

The new Dallas Superintendent, Dr. Linford Werkheiser officially attended the first meeting of the school board June 8.

Dallas and Lake-Lehman graduates 346 seniors, 229 from Dallas and 117 from Lake-Lehman.

Dallas Borough Recreation Park will open June 21.

Moon Lake Park will open officially June 12.

East Dallas and Dallas lead the Teeners League in the second week of play.

Engaged - Nancy Bergman and Wayne H. Harvey; JoAnn Theresa Linker and George A. Stolarick; Margaret A. Reese and Peter R. Congdon; Lois Jane Ritter and Jeffrey C. Townsend.

Wed - Martha Julia Saypack and Daniel Parise; Donna Lynn Kohler and Timothy Paul Drugate. Dr. Thomas Borthwick graduates from Jefferson.

Historical society slates gala for June 14

The Wyoming Historical and Geological Society is hosting its Second Annual Pre-Auction Gala on Friday evening, June 14 at the Glen Summit Casino in Mountain-top, according to Society President Frank E.P. Conyngham.

Chaired by Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Hughes III, the event is being held in anticipation of the society's 14th Annual Auction which is scheduled for Saturday, August 10. Guests will dance to the big band sound of the popular Herbie Green Orchestra beginning at 7:30 p.m. Coscia's Catering will serve complimentary hot and cold hors d'oeuvres throughout the party with a cash bar available.

To get into the spirit of the Auction, party guests are being encouraged to bring an item to donate to the annual auction.

Tickets for the gala evening are available by contacting the Society's office at 49 S. Franklin Street. The cost is \$20.00/person and reservations are limited. Proceeds benefit the Wyoming Historical and

Geological Society.

The Wyoming Historical and Geological Society is one of the nation's oldest historical societies. It maintains the Bishop Library as a resource center of local history, a Museum with 15,000 artifacts

documenting the history of Luzerne County, and the Swetland Homestead - site of the annual auction and an historic house mirroring the growth of the Wyoming Valley since 1797.

Lady Toby Lodge visits the Lady Esther Lodge

Lady Toby Lodge #514 went to visit Lady Esther Lodge #74 on May 22 at Tunkhannock. Lady Esther Lodge #74 was host for Sister Mary R. Rose, president Rebekah Asembly of Pennsylvania and her staff.

Lady Esther Lodge #74 was opened in due form with acting assistant Noble Grand, presiding.

At this time, at the request, President, Sister Mary R. Rose took charge and presided to give her thanks to all the Sisters attending

which included 12 Lodges amounting to 61 Sisters present including the president and her staff. Sister Rose recognized all District Deputy Past Presidents responding with their name.

Highlight of the evening, Sister Rose assisted by her Marshal Sister Myra McCorkle repeated the written work reading it, with explanation.

Assisting, Noble Grand of Lady Esther #74 Lodge closed the meeting in due form.

(Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)