

Building

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cipal, all their teachers and their classmates. With all the negative stimuli from peer pressure, we'll lose our children in a larger school, no matter what we do at home."

Her husband, Craig, added that breaking up neighborhood schools also causes the community to break away from the school.

"Parents feel more like a number in a larger school," he said.

"You put too many children in the same age together and you end up with confusion and discipline problems," said Beverly Retzena.

"Parents must give more input on these things," said Carol Hadsall. "We need more public meetings to discuss them with the board."

"With tuition vouchers coming in Pennsylvania, we must maintain the quality of education in the public schools," said Ellen Smith, adding that she had gone to a very large school in New York. "It was like a factory. I'm glad my daughter has the opportunity to attend a smaller school where she knows all the other students."

PTO vice-president Maggie VanKuyk said she isn't opposed to relocating the students to a new building if Westmoreland can't be brought up to codes and standards. But she wants the Westmoreland children in a separate school, which will maintain the close atmosphere for both students and teachers.

"I was pleased to see a school designed in line with the current research in education by one firm's educational consultant," said Chapter I teacher Rita Mundy, who is studying for her doctorate at Temple University. "The emphasis now is on the family, with smaller schools housing several grade levels, similar to what we have already."

Forman and Bashford of Manheim, PA was the only firm to offer an estimate of how much different school renovation projects would cost the district.

Their first option is to add 19 classrooms, an office, two teachers' rooms, a multi-purpose room, a music room, an art room and a separate library to the middle school where the present garage and loading dock are located. The entire project would cost or \$4,435,412, according to representative Phillip G. Foreman.

Estimated state reimbursement for construction would be 45 percent, or approximately

\$2,687,100, he said.

An alternate which calls for the addition of a new administrative office to the middle school's Conyngham Ave. end, would add \$846,400 to the tab, with \$102,000 reimbursed by the state.

The second option is to build a separate new elementary building with an estimated total cost of \$5,5016,760, with 39 percent of the cost (\$2,687,100) reimbursed by the state, Foreman said.

The third option is to renovate Westmoreland, adding an elevator, moving the library to the first floor, upgrading stairwells and bringing the 60-year-old building into compliance with all building codes.

Although it's the cheapest, the estimated \$2,852,500 project would also require special variances from the state Department of Education if the building has a wooden frame, Foreman said. The state would reimburse 43 percent, or an estimated \$1,743,300 of the renovations unless the building has wood joists, which disqualify it from any state reimbursements.

"The state doesn't like to reimburse districts for renovations if they cost more than 60 percent of the building's replacement value," Foreman said. "The state would rather see you build new schools."

A fourth option calls for extensive renovations to the middle school, which would also be enlarged to house grades four through eight and the administration's offices. It would cost an estimated \$12,181,812, of which \$7,479,900 would be reimbursed by the state, Foreman said.

The other four firms, Quad Three Groups of Wilkes-Barre, El Associates of Harrisburg, Gilbert Architects of Lancaster and GSGSBH of Clarks Summit, also offered ideas to develop the vacant area behind the high school into baseball and soccer fields, but didn't provide any cost estimates for either the fields or building renovations. They prefer to wait until a district-wide feasibility study has been done, they said.

While Westmoreland presents structural and traffic problems, its historic character must also be considered, noted Paul Degillio of Quad Three Groups, Dallas Elementary's structure — modular units with a brick veneer and more classrooms added — must also be considered, he added.



POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE
THREE INJURED — Ambulance personnel prepare to transport Shawanese resident Iva Wall to the hospital following an accident which tied up Carverton and Dug roads in Kingston Township for nearly an hour May 11.

Two-car crash sends 3 to hospital

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP — Traffic was slowed on Carverton Road near the Checkerboard Inn May 11 shortly before 3:30 p.m. by a two-car accident which sent three women to the emergency room.

Police said a 1982 Dodge Aries operated by Iva Wall, 68, of Shawanese and a 1989 Chevrolet Caprice operated by Molly G. Bronsberg, 37, of Franklin Township collided in the Dug Road intersection, sending the Wall vehicle into a culvert.

The Wall vehicle, traveling north

on Dug Road, had stopped at the Carverton Road stop sign, then pulled out into the intersection, police said. The Bronsberg vehicle, traveling west on Carverton Road, was unable to stop in time to avoid the collision although Bronsberg told police she had immediately hit her brakes when she saw the Wall vehicle, police said.

The Bronsberg vehicle left 44 feet of skid marks before the point of impact and 21 feet of skid marks afterwards, while the Wall vehicle

travelled 95 feet from the point of impact to its final resting place in the culvert, police said.

Wall was cited for failure to obey a stop or yield sign, police said.

Both drivers and Catherine Masaros of Swoyersville, a passenger in the Wall car, were taken to area hospitals by ambulance.

Assisting police at the scene were Medic-1, Medic-302 and ambulances from Kingston Township, Dallas and Jackson Township.

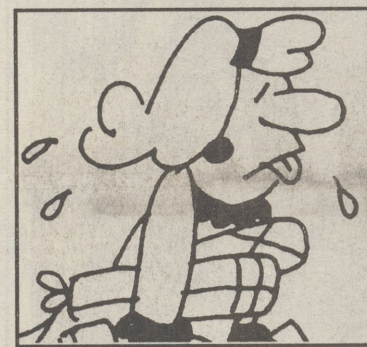
Correction

A line of copy was inadvertently omitted from last week's listing of new memorial books donated to the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The article should have read:

In memory of Ann Giannone, "The Big Wave," presented by Theresa Musto.

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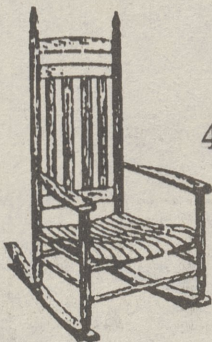
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Ralph J. Conti, et ux, to Richard C. Gardner, Lot 15 Bluff Pointe, Dallas Twp., \$85,000.

Frank T. Bernosky, ex ux to Carol A. Keefer, Lot 29 Midland Drive, Dallas Twp., \$88,000.

Russell E. Race, Sr., to Shawn J. Kravitsky, et ux, 2.23 acres Race Manor sub., Franklin Twp., \$80,125.

William R. Davis, to Brenda L. Davis, Lot 10 & 11, Maple Brook, Harveys Lake Bor., \$17,665.

Bahram K. Houssein, to Silvio Gagliardi, Jackson Twp., \$1,000.

Hill Brook Corp., to Eli Shapiro, et al, 4.60 acres Hillbrook Farms, Kingston Township, \$80,000.

Eric J. Kranson, et ux, to Joseph Gomba, Jr., et ux, Warden St., Kingston Twp., \$96,500.

Freda M. Snyder, Estate, to Suzanne C. Stearn, Pt. Lot 7 Evergreen Ave., Kingston Twp., \$42,000.

George A. Baird, et ux, to Daniel K. Silverstein, et al, 2.71 acres, Kingston Twp., \$230,000.

Space named employee-of-month

Nancy Space has been chosen Employee of the Month for March by her co-workers at Ecumenical Enterprises, Inc. (EEI).

She has been employed at the Meadows Nursing Center for almost nine years. She was promoted to her current position as activities and charting assistant and previously was nursing assistant and activities assistant.

Space was awarded a complimentary dinner and theater tickets for two and will receive a paid day off from work.

Mrs. Space resides at Lake Silkworth with her husband, Tom, and son, Roy.

Early deadlines for May 31 issue

The office of The Dallas Post will be closed all day Monday, May 29 for the Memorial Day holiday. All news and advertising copy for the May 31 issue must be submitted by 4 p.m. Friday, May 26. The office will re-open Tuesday, May 30 at 8:30 a.m.

Prison will test sirens May 18

Superintendent John Stepanik announced that the State Correctional Institution at Dallas will be conducting a sound test of its siren system May 18 between noon and 1 p.m.

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