

New school

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Sims stated that room for additions would be put into the main plan once designing commenced.

The public also shared their opinions. Ellen Smith of Shavertown commended the board for their discussion and inquiry concerning the sites.

Andrea Balavage, Kingston Twp., was curious about the impact of all three schools on the main campus considering the Back Mountain is a growing community. "I don't want to see us confined to the main campus if we're not going to be able to hold all the kids," she said. The final decision will be made next week.

In other business, Dr. Gilbert Griffiths, assistant superintendent reported that the results of the PA Assessment test were within the national average except for sixth grade writing, which scored 1260 out of the average band which is between 1280 and 1350. "We've done well as compared with similar schools with similar demographics," said Griffiths.

He also said that measures were being taken to strengthen the sixth grade's writing skills. "We are instilling more writing into the new curriculum. This will include building critical thinking skills," he said.

Also, Maureen Banks, board member, asked if in light of the recent cancellation of parent/teacher conferences at the high school, school officials would make it known to parents that they can call teachers and possibly set up evening appointments. Griffiths said he would look into the idea.

Offset builds addition

Offset Paperback Mfrs., Inc., the second largest manufacturer of paperback books in the world, continues to increase its manufacturing capabilities. Currently under construction is a 15,000 sq. ft. addition to its Dallas plant which will house a new Mueller Martini 21-pocket binding machine. Scheduled to be fully operational by January of 1997, the new binder is one of six high-speed perfect binding lines which enables the company to produce in excess of one million books per day.

Emmanuel Assembly holds performance

Emmanuel Assembly of God Church, Church Road, Harveys Lake, invites everyone to hear "The Singing Christmas Tree" present the Christmas cantata entitled, "Bethlehem's Light," Dec. 22, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 24, 6:30 p.m., annual candlelight service will follow a second presentation of "Bethlehem's Light".

Pastor L.D. Reed and the congregation of the Emmanuel Assembly of God Church invites you to join us for an evening of praise and worship. For additional information please call the church office, 639-5858.

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Dancers

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Edward and Arlene Crafts are one of several Back Mountain couples who practice the art of ballroom dancing.

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Her husband Edward, General Manager of Mid-States Lumber, says, "At one time I wouldn't have given you two cents a dance. But then I married Arlene, and to please her I started going to the dances, even taking lessons, and now I really enjoy it. It's a great evening out with congenial people sharing a common interest."

USABDA members get together once a month for a dinner dance with live music, usually at the Mayfair Supper Club on Rt. 315. Members say the floor there is great ("wood, not tile!") and the food, not the main incentive, but nevertheless "pretty good."

The next bash is December 14 and will honor Paul Lannack, long-time and well-known dance teacher who founded and ran the "Imperial Society of Dining and Dancing" on Penn Avenue in Scranton for over 40 years. Chapter Historian Eleanor Barone, who has been dancing for 67 years says, "We've got attendees from college age to super-seniors, like the man who is 97 and still at it."

The present chapter was started

about four years ago by Joan Phillips of Overbrook Avenue. She sent her dues to get a dance magazine and the association's national president called and asked her to start a local branch. She did, with 30 members and they've been growing steadily ever since.

Both Shavers of Harveys Lake are enthusiastic chapter regulars. Joey, in sales for WARM, says, "This is something we both enjoy doing together. Besides, it definitely is great exercise." Wife Judi prefers swing dancing and says, "He likes to tango so we compromise doing the mambo!"

Dance studios show up all over but not all are teaching the kinds of dances association members practice. One of the area's most famous teacher-dancers, Bob Niznik, thinks this will change soon. "Ballroom dancing is definitely coming back," he says. "And it should. I'd like to be part of it but I just retired. My legs gave up after too many years of dancing."

Niznik explains ballroom dancing as "structured and beautiful to watch. Nice to know and fun to

do. It is not difficult to learn and if you work hard at it anyone can become good. It all depends on the time you spend on it. It is also excellent exercise. Just make sure you have a good teacher."

He adds, "When I taught in colleges and at Boscov's years ago, ballroom courses were always the first ones filled. It deserves rejuvenation and it is going to get it."

Coincidence or not, the Castle Inn on Memorial Highway has started featuring "Frank and Judy" on Friday and Saturday nights. Frank plays association tempos and Judy provides the vocals. The Shavers have tried their new policy and almost hope it doesn't catch on, for Judi Shaver said, "With only three other couples, we almost had the floor to ourselves. It was heaven!"

If your feet feel the urge and you want more info...like how to join USABDA, date and time of next dinner-dance, etc.-call Arlene Crafts at 675-8553 or Barry Juda at 725-7182.

Let's dance!

Firehouse

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years since the first one was built. The whole area is growing and we're just reflecting that growth," he said.

The building on Main St. currently only has one garage for three pieces of equipment. In its new home, there will be six garage bays for easy access.

Main Street's growing traffic problem is affecting the department. "Getting off of Main St. with its severe traffic problem is quite

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Brett Slocum
Dallas Fire & Ambulance

a difficult task," said Slocum. "Also, there is not enough available parking near the station."

The area for the approximately 6,000 to 7,000 square foot building is at an intersection with considerably less traffic. It also will be able to adequately house meeting and training rooms. "The new facility helps us to improve emergency service for the people," said Slocum, who is looking forward to the next decade.

The fire department is 100% volunteer run and is always looking for new volunteers.

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