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Catching up on 40 years of news, members of the Dallas Township High School class of 1958, from left, first row; Ruth Roberts, Mae Rome, Mary Ann Goble, Brenda Hoke, Bradley Updyke, Jay Elston. Second row; John Sidorek, Jerry Lancio, Marian Williams, Ray Strazdus. Third row; Wayne DeRemer, Monica Polachek, Sandy Dymond, Patty Knight, Judy Gramly. Back row; Jim Finn, Fred Gansal, Clark Lewis, Dave Roberts, Don Rome, Ben Weaver.

Last from old school meets after 40 years

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DALLAS - Looking over the scrapbooks full of black and white photos showing bright-faced teenagers at school dances or just goofing around, Marion Williams, Mae Rome and Ruth Roberts laugh and remember.

The three joined 15 of their Dallas Township High School classmates who graduated in 1958 at the 40-year class reunion held at Irem Country Club on July 25. The Class of 1958 was the last to graduate from the school, which closed down the next year.

As the women looked over the pictures, they continued to catch up with each other's lives. "It seems like yesterday. I can't believe it's 40 years ago," said Ms. Rome of Dallas, as she leafed through the albums.

One picture showed three young girls in their white ruffled nighties, which were common for the time, posing with cigarettes. "Oh, everyone smoked back then," explained Ms. Williams.

The next picture showed three boys with bandanas across their faces, looking more like bank robbers than teenage pranksters. "There are the boys raiding the party. It was a party raid," said Ms. Rome.

Ms. Williams told the story about how Mr. William Prader, the English teacher, would make students put gum on their noses if caught chewing it. The juvenile offenders would also have to scrape all gum off the floor with a putty knife.

The other two women could not remember the punishment. "It must've only happened to you," they said together, laughing.

They reminisced about school dances, such as the May Pole dance and prom. "We made all of our own decorations," said Ms. Brown, as she pointed to a nicely crafted homemade invitation to one of the dances.

Everyone enjoyed catching up with their childhood chums. "It's good to come in and see everyone," said Raymond Strazdus, who lives in Dallas. "Some you see often, some you only see at the reunions. It's too bad more local ones don't show up."

Strazdus, Wayne DeRemer, now of Laceyville, and Clarke Lewis of Dallas, laughed about hiking to the old shop building for class. It stood where the new Dallas Fire Hall was built at the corner of Center Hill Rd. and Church St.

"We used to plug the sander in

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Mae Rome
Dallas, Class of '58

on the floor and let it go until the chord came out. You remember that?" said Mr. Strazdus. They also recalled taking field trips to State College for Future Farmers of America competitions with Mr. Sheldon Mosier, the shop teacher. Patty Knight, now of Brownfield, Texas, made this 40th reunion her first. She moved out west after college and has not been back in many years.

"I've really enjoyed seeing all my old friends. All their personalities come through and friendships are easily renewed," she said.

What really surprised her was how much the area has changed. "I didn't recognize anything but the high school. There are more homes and shopping malls around," said Ms. Knight. "But, it's gratifying to see the old homes kept up and renovated."

Ben Weaver, who also moved out of the area after college, said the Back Mountain has gone through a rebirth. "There seems to be more industry and much better roads. I remember Dallas

as a nice little country town."

Members of the last class to graduate from Dallas Township High School remember the old school in different ways. Ms. Brown thought it sort of drab with its hospital-like pink and gray walls and oiled wood floors. "It was not a beautiful atmosphere," she said.

But, others look back at the brick building, which still stands next to the Little League fields, fondly. "I loved the school building. We used to be allowed to dance at lunch time," said Ms. Williams, although she too admitted it was a little dreary.

Mr. Weaver, who now lives in Wesley Chapel, Florida, enjoyed attending the school from kindergarten until he graduated. "At the time the school seemed to be very modern to me," he said, with a smile.

Ms. Knight said her classmates reminded her that she lived the closest to the school (Church St. and Center Hill Rd.), but was always late. "You know we walked to school in those days," said Knight.

There were 54 students in the Class of 1958. Six are now deceased and 18 showed for the reunion. A frame displayed senior pictures of the six who passed away. "You can really remember them. Having a picture means more than just listing their names," said Ms. Rome.

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the company is working with the county to improve the system. When asked about three Jeeps purchased to travel the roads of each municipality and name and number streets, O'Donnell said that work has been finished.

"The Jeeps are for the data control department. They went block to block and took address ranges," he said. Address ranges is the recording of numbered buildings in a section. For example from Street A to B is the 300 to 400 block.

"Now we are checking with C-Tech for validity of information and entering it into the computer." He said many rural routes were given ghost addresses, but that municipalities have the main responsibility of naming the majority of rural routes.

Hagenbaugh said his only other problem with the county 911 is that he has trouble hearing the "tone code" on his beeper, which alerts him to emergencies. "But, I do have to give them credit. They are trying to work with the units back here. It hasn't been too bad. We knew there would be some problems," explained Hagenbaugh.

Carl Miers, Dallas Township police chief, said every system has its growing pains. "Eventually when they have the enhanced 911 totally up and running they should have all the bugs worked out," he said. Miers also thinks the county needs to come up with solid ghost addresses for rural routes.

"I understood that it was not going to be the same as dealing with our own center. It's all going to take time," Miers said.

Time is what James Balavage, Kingston Township police chief,

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Howard Kocher
Lehman police chief

intends to give the new system before he gives his opinion. He believes everyone has to get used to the new system. "The biggest problem is the feeling that everyone needs to get used to the new system. There is discomfort that everyone feels toward the new way of doing things because it's at odds with the way we did things at the comm center," explained Balavage.

He did say that certain items promised to Back Mountain units have not been met. "We thought there would be a CAD system, enhanced 911 and the same level of work done by Luzerne County as was done by the Back Mountain Communication Center. We thought there would be Mobile Data Computers (MDC) in police cars. So far we're waiting to see when and if those things will ever occur," he said.

O'Donnell said the county is working on getting MDC's in police cars through a grant with Dallas Township. Incident reports can be sent directly to police cars with the MDC system.

County 911 systems are not mandated by the state except for general standards, training and data-base standards, said Marko Bourne of Pennsylvania Emergency Management. Bourne said the state strongly recommends countywide emergency systems.

but does not force counties to do so. "Centralized dispatching is a tremendous resource," he said.

Brian Johnson, Trucksville fire chief, said the county system is not all it could be. "Now, there are delays in dispatching. I've heard calls come in and it seems like it takes quite some time to be dispatched. They should have waited until the CAD was up and running," he said.

The county maintains that it is just a matter of time before the CAD or enhanced system will be in service for most Back Mountain addresses. "You cannot always rely on auto location. It is important for us to double check the information that comes up on the screen (when we get a call)," explained O'Donnell. "The Back Mountain Communication Center did a great job without it."

Not everyone has criticisms of the new system. Howard Kocher, Lehman Township police chief, thinks the quality of service has been maintained through the transition.

"I know they are making progress. It just takes a little adjustment. The communication has been very good," Kocher said. "We didn't have an enhanced system prior to this and I know they are working on it."

But another police official, who asked not to be identified, worried that someone might get seriously hurt or die due to precious time wasted.

"Addressing is a problem in the Back Mountain."

Norbert O'Donnell
Director, Luzerne Cty. 911

Kingston Township will get voice mail system

Both the Kingston Township administration and police offices will get new voice mail systems.

After a heated debate at a special meeting Monday, the board of supervisors unanimously voted to purchase a voice mail system for a one-time cost of \$2,600 from Commonwealth Telephone. The system will handle non-emergency calls for the police department and provide an answering service for those calling the administration office after hours. Shirley Moyer, supervisor, supported the system for the police, but was

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Shirley Moyer
Kingston Twp. supervisor

hesitant about purchasing a system for the administration.

"I can see having voice mail for the police department, considering the circumstances. Kingston

Township is about people and our office is not that hectic that we can't answer a phone," she said.

Jeff Box, township manager, said the board had three options. "We can do nothing, rent voice mail for a maximum of \$1,100 a year (minimum \$700) or buy the compatible system for \$2,600 for 24 mailboxes," he said.

"This is a safety issue and a public service issue because it makes it convenient for people to call on the weekend," said Randall Glidden, supervisor.

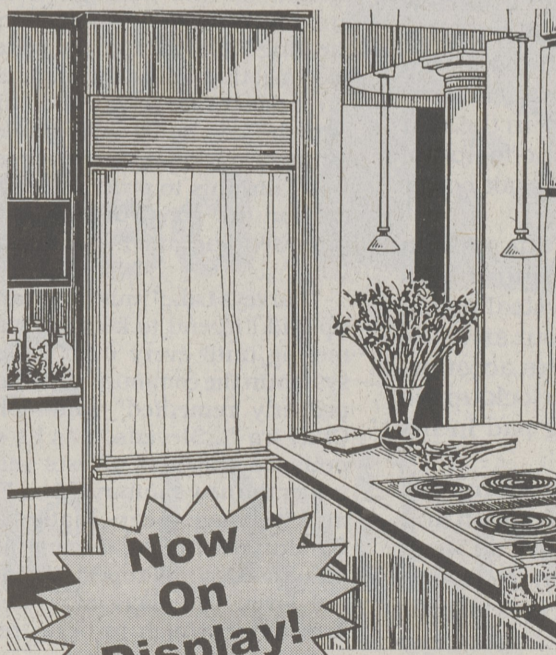
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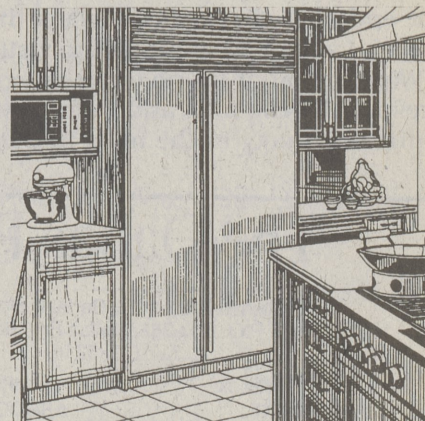
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