



POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

Most of the former Yalick farm, at the intersection of Rts. 415 and 118 in Dallas Twp., has been sold to a developer who is eyeing commercial uses for the 48-acre site.

## Land sold

(continued from page 1)

gether for 15 years and never had an argument."

Naparlo negotiated directly with the Yalick family, and family members have land along Reservoir Rd. that include their homes and outbuildings. That land, a strip about 350 feet deep along Reservoir Rd., is divided into separate lots that go with each home. A subdivision plan filed with Dallas Township seeks to add a parcel 275 feet deep abutting Rt. 118 to the land Naparło bought, possibly

for an entrance to the property off Reservoir.

While he is unsure exactly what he'll put on the land, Naparło expects to make development attractive. "The more inviting it looks, the better off you are," he said. "You have to be proud of what you do."

He also pledged to work with people in the area to see that the land is developed in an acceptable manner. "You don't get anywhere if you don't work with people," he

said. He hopes to draw on his experience in the Williamsburg area, where the appearance of commercial developments is tightly controlled.

Naparło said he plans to spend a few weeks in the Back Mountain after the holidays, exploring his options, but doesn't appear to be in any rush.

"I just think the area needs some things," he said. "It all depends on what the people want and need."

## Bells

(continued from page 1)

Danny, discovered them. "No shelf was high enough for him," explained Mrs. Kitchen.

The shakers are now in the basement and the only addition to the collection may be some dust. Yet, the bells have kept her attention for almost 25 years.

Through the years, Mrs. Kitchen, a sweet, soft-spoken woman, was not shy about asking people traveling out-of-state or country if they would mind picking her up a bell during their journeys.

She now has international bells from Poland, Germany, England and Ireland. Her friends and family would also ask if someone they knew was going on a trip.

Everyone is obliging. Mrs. Kitchen met one woman truck driver at the hair dresser who brought back a bell from Tennessee.

Some of her most unique bells include an antique teacher's bell,

Fenton glass bells, bells no taller than a centimeter and a bell her son's co-worker made for her from a metal funnel. One of her most prized bells is the one made out of a giant-sized Hershey kiss from her granddaughter, Bonnie Belles. Bonnie took the time to hollow out the middle of the Kiss and hang a tiny bell inside to ensure a good jingle. Mrs. Kitchen remembers who all of her bells are from by putting a small piece of tape with the information on the inside of each.

She also has brass bells in the shapes of eagles and roosters, a Liberty Bell and a bell made entirely of beads, plus numerous Christmas ornament bells. She buys many of her own bells on day trips and from the QVC home shopping network.

"I like them all," said the mother of three. "But, I'm running out of room for them all."



Doris Kitchen held one of the hundreds of bells in her collection.

## State test scores show mostly declines

The 1997-1998 PA Assessment scores.

Dallas School District					
	1997-1998	1996-1997	st. av.98	st. av.97	sim. schools
Grade 6 writing	1270	1270	1240	1240	1290-1340
Dallas El. grade 5 reading	1350	1400	1310	1310	1350-1400
Dallas El. grade 5 math	1330	1370	1310	1300	1350-1410
Westmoreland grade 5 reading	1350	1420	1310	1310	1340-1400
Westmoreland grade 5 math	1330	1340	1310	1300	1310-1400
9th grade writing	1380	1340	1330	1330	1370-1450
8th grade reading	1360	1350	1300	1300	1340-1370
8th grade math	1370	1360	1300	1300	1340-1390
11th grade reading	1300	1350	1300	1300	1300-1380
11th grade math	1320	1340	1300	1300	1310-1430

Lake-Lehman School District					
	1997-1998	1996-1997	st. av.98	st. av.97	sim. schools
Grade 5 reading	1390	1370	1300	1300	1240-1490
Grade 5 math	1370	1320	1300	1300	1240-1430
Grade 8 reading	1320	1360	1300	1300	1270-1320
Grade 8 math	1270	1320	1300	1300	1260-1320
Grade 11 reading	1310	1360	1300	1300	1210-1390
Grade 11 math	1270	1310	1300	1300	1220-1470

\* PA Assessment says a 50 pt. difference from year to year is not statistically significant. Lake-Lehman consolidates L-J and L-N scores. Ross does not participate since it's only a K-4.

## Tests

(continued from page 1)

when comparing on socio-economic status, how close can you get?," he said.

Speziale agrees. "It's one way to compare schools. I don't think it accounts for all of the variables (i.e. curriculum, parents, teachers and group of students)," said Speziale, who does not think schools are similar solely because of their socio-economic status. Dallas is considered a suburban district.

Oliver said 30 percent of Lake-Lehman students districtwide receive free lunches until high school, where it drops significantly to 9 percent.

Lake-Lehman's middle level, which is considered to be in a rural district, was compared with the maximum of 20 other schools, none of which are nearby.

Roberts wishes the public would take into consideration all

*"We use the test as a barometer to compare ourselves with ourselves."*

Michael Speziale  
Ass't superintendent, Dallas

the factors that are involved with the test, such as there being no individual accountability with the test. No student puts his/her name on the test, so if they think it's a waste of time that will neither benefit or hurt them, they may not try, said Roberts. Also, learning disabled students take the test, which may also contribute to lower scores in some cases, he said.

The school tries to impress on all students how important the test is for the school. "It's ex-

tremely important now. With the test a school is perceived a success or a failure and will be judged by these tests," said Roberts, who also uses the tests as barometer on the school's functioning.

Both districts are actively working on improving curriculum that keeps up with the PSSA. With the Educate America Act, both districts will concentrate on one area of study and develop a curriculum to share with other districts in the EAA consortium.

*"It's good to know how you stand with other schools of your type."*

Bob Roberts  
Principal, Lake-Lehman Middle Level Building

**Darling & Sons' Farms & Greenhouses**  
"Growing Quality In A Family Business Since 1930"  
"Come visit our greenhouses, you can cut your own tree"  
Large Selection Of Poinsettias Starting At \$1.99 CHRISTMAS TREES  
Blue Spruce - Douglas Fir - Fraser Fir  
Wreaths Starting at \$7.99  
Grave Blankets  
Cemetery Logs  
Live Garland  
Douglas Fir  
White Pine  
Pine Branches  
Blue Spruce  
Douglas Fir  
White Pine  
Tree Stands & More • Potted Christmas Cactus  
OPEN 7 DAYS 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
Located 1/2 Mile Off Rte. 309, Dallas  
(200 Yards North Of The Dallas Elementary School)

**DYMOND'S FARM MARKET & BAKERY**  
Wreaths & Trees Available  
Douglas Fir • Fraser Fir  
Pine • Spruce  
Baked Goods  
Poppy Seed Roll • Nut Roll  
Christmas Cookies • Pies  
Open Mon. thru Sun. 8-6 • 675-1696  
251 North Memorial Highway

**ROYAL GOLD 72 Exp.**  
200 and 400 SPEED MULTI-PACKS  
\$9.00 REBATE  
Photography is Our Only Business!  
Dallas Photo Shop • 675-8800  
Kodak Select SERIES

**Flaherty's Crafts and Gifts**  
Get \$2.00 Off Your Snowman Flag! or Any Toland Holiday Flag  
Large House Flags Reg. \$19.99  
Holiday Quilt Sale! Fri., Sat., & Sun ONLY  
Shavertown, PA • 696-2374

Special Bonus CD Rate To Celebrate Our Exeter Grand Opening!  
**WITH CD RATES THIS GOOD, WE SHOULD HAVE DONE A BIGGER AD**  
5.50%  
15 Month CD Annual Percentage Yield\*  
5.35%  
10 Month CD Annual Percentage Yield\*  
5.25%  
5 Month CD Annual Percentage Yield\*  
A short term, high interest CD from FNCB is the perfect way to make your money work harder. Ask your Exeter Customer Service Representative for details.  
**FIRST NATIONAL COMMUNITY BANK**  
COMMUNITY IS OUR MIDDLE NAME  
Dunmore • Scranton • Dickson City • Pittston Plaza • Fashion Mall • Wilkes-Barre • Kingston • Exeter  
1-877-TRY-FNCB http://www.fncb.com  
\*ANNUAL PERCENTAGE YIELDS ARE ACCURATE AS OF DATE OF PUBLICATION AND MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. \$1,000 MINIMUM DEPOSIT REQUIRED TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT AND EARLY CLOSURE PENALTIES APPLY. INTEREST IS PAID AT MATURITY. SUBSTANTIAL PENALTY FOR EARLY WITHDRAWAL. FEES COULD REDUCE EARNINGS ON ACCOUNT. OFFER LIMITED TO EXETER BRANCH ONLY.  
Member FDIC

**BERTELS CAN COMPANY**  
FACTORY OUTLET SALE  
Thru December 24th  
Tuesday Thru Saturday • 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Hanover Industrial Park, Wilkes-Barre  
DIRECTIONS: 81 S. to Exit 44, Nanticoke to Exit 1, Ashley, Straight through light into park. Turn right of yield, then turn right onto Stewart Rd. Third Bldg. on left.  
829-0527 829-0524

**Hillside Farms Greenhouses**  
61 Hillside Rd., Shavertown, PA • 696-1117  
Christmas Cut Flower Special  
A festive selection of holiday color  
\$30.00 delivered  
also  
6 1/2" Poinsettia Special  
\$20.00 decorated and delivered  
Wreaths, Logs, Cyclamen and more!  
Open Sunday in December