

SCHOOL YEARS 1951 to 1960

SIXTH DECADE FACTS:

- Mr. Earl Hartman, Supervising Principal 1951
- Mr. Raymond R. Baugher, Supervising Principal 1951-1957
- Dr. Elmer S. Stevens, Supervising Principal 1957-1961
- In 1952, the Walnutport School District and the Slatington School District merged to form the Blue Valley Union School District.
- Walnutport Elementary School was constructed in 1952 and opened in 1953 in the new Blue Valley Union School District. Two lower schools in Walnutport Borough were sold in 1954.
- An addition was added to the Slatedale Elementary School, Washington Township School District in 1954.
- Peters Elementary School was constructed in 1954 in the Washington Township School District. Formally Peters Elementary was located at the present Washington Grange Hall and was known as Peter School.
- In 1952, headlines read, "Miss Barbara Stagg, granddaughter of the dean of American football coaches, 90 year old gridiron wizard Amos Alonzo Stagg takes over Reins as Slatington High School's new Girls' Basketball Coach."
- In 1958, students from Lynn and Heidelberg Township attended what became known as Northwestern Lehigh School District.
- The total square miles of the Blue Valley Union and Washington Township School Districts was reduced from 137 to 27 square miles.
- Construction began in 1958 for the New High School located on Kuehner Hill, Slatington and dedicated November 12, 1959. Presently that building serves as the Northern Lehigh Junior High School.
- The Class of 1959 was the last to graduate from the Main Street High School.
- On August 20, 1953, the Washington Township School District and the Blue Valley Union School District merged to form the Northern Lehigh Joint Schools.
- Fund Raising Campaign to establish and construct new athletic facilities organized June 1, 1959.
- 1951, 1953, and 1954, SHS Baseball Slaters won the Lehigh Valley League Championship and in 1954 also captured the District XI Crown.
- 1953 and 1954, SHS Basketball Slaters won the Lehigh Valley League Title and in 1954 the District XI Championship. 1954 was also the year of the infamous "Five Iron Men".
- The Class of 1960 was the first to graduate from the new high school at 600 North Diamond Street, Slatington, PA.

Top Left: New Walnutport Elementary School, 1953

Bottom Left: New Peters Elementary School, 1954

Below: Slatington High School "Five Ironmen", 1954

#44- Edward Torbey; #77- Ed Welliver; #88- Maurice Schleicher
#66- Merle Eckhart; #55- Richard Jones

