



Dave Lewis, No. 20 for Hanover, ploughs through Lake-Lehman tackles as he carries the ball Saturday on the Lake-Lehman field. The Knights won the game, 48-6.

## Home Run Derby

Final plans have been made for the Home Run Derby to be held Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Dallas Intermediate field, the nearby parking lot, and the Little League field, Dallas. The event is being sponsored by the Dallas Borough Recreation Committee and the Dallas Kiwanis Club.

Members of the recreation committee met recently with Jack Bradley, program director of the Home Run Derby, at the Dallas Intermediate field to test equipment to be used at the Derby. Applications are available at many Back Mountain business establishments. Entries will be also accepted at the site of the Derby Saturday. Boys and girls, age 8 to 15, are eligible to compete. Pitching machines, batting tees and aluminum bats will be used.

According to Mr. Bradley, the Home Run Derby came into being this year after a lot of thought and experimentation. The idea was to get as many youngsters as possible to compete.

A short time after the Derby started, officials added a batting tee so that six and seven year olds could be included in the competition. Officials of the Derby hope that in addition to their main objective "compete," they can stimulate interest in baseball or sports in general. Youngsters starting competition at the age of six can continue to compete in the Derby for 10 years.

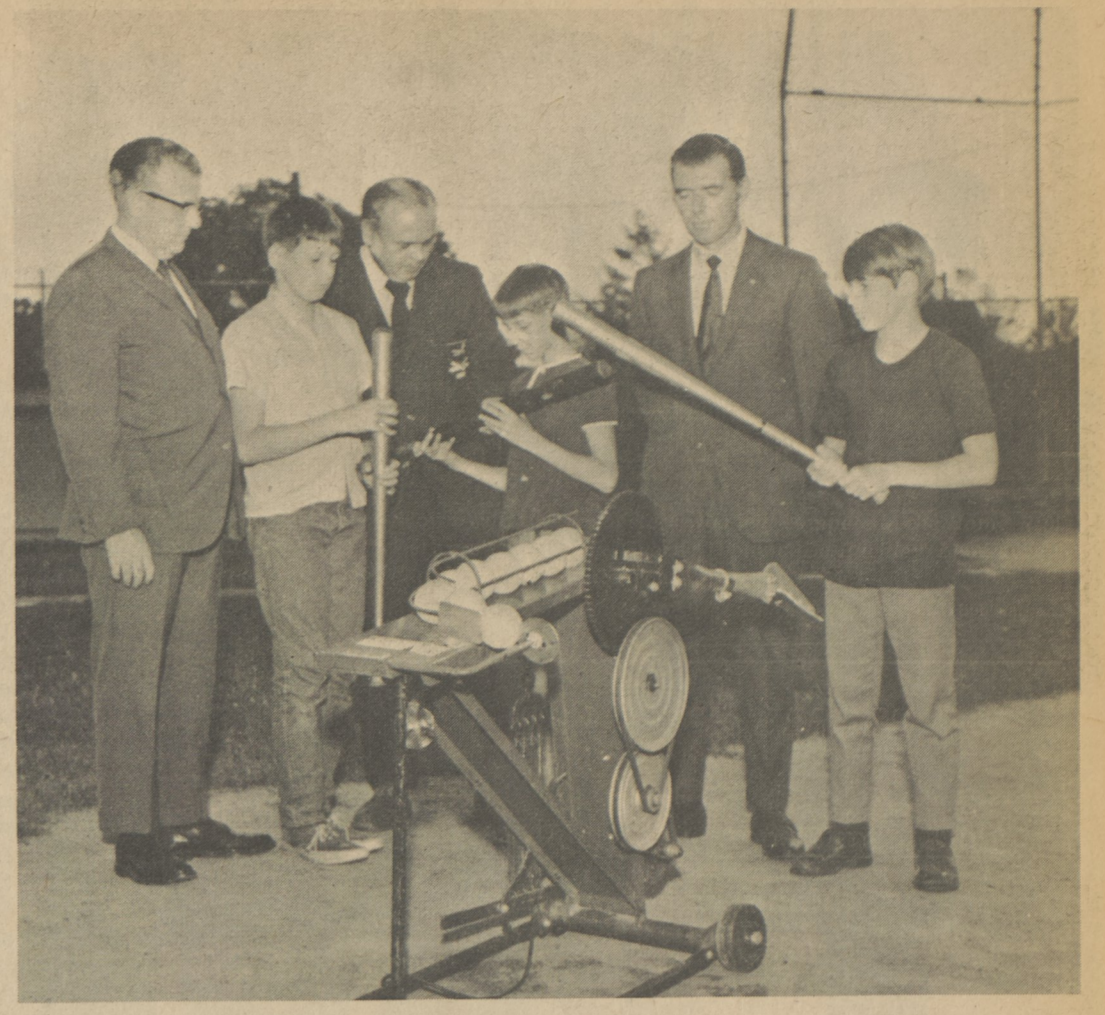
"The ultimate aim of the Home Run Derby," says Jack Bradley, "is to have regional, district, state and national championships. Prizes will eventually be \$1000 scholarships, blazers, jackets, bats, balls, trophies, etc."

Mr. Bradley said, "We hope to have more and more youngsters competing each year. Prizes will be awarded for continuous participation, most improvement, total best scores, etc. District winners will meet in major league parks and a national will be held at a place not yet decided."

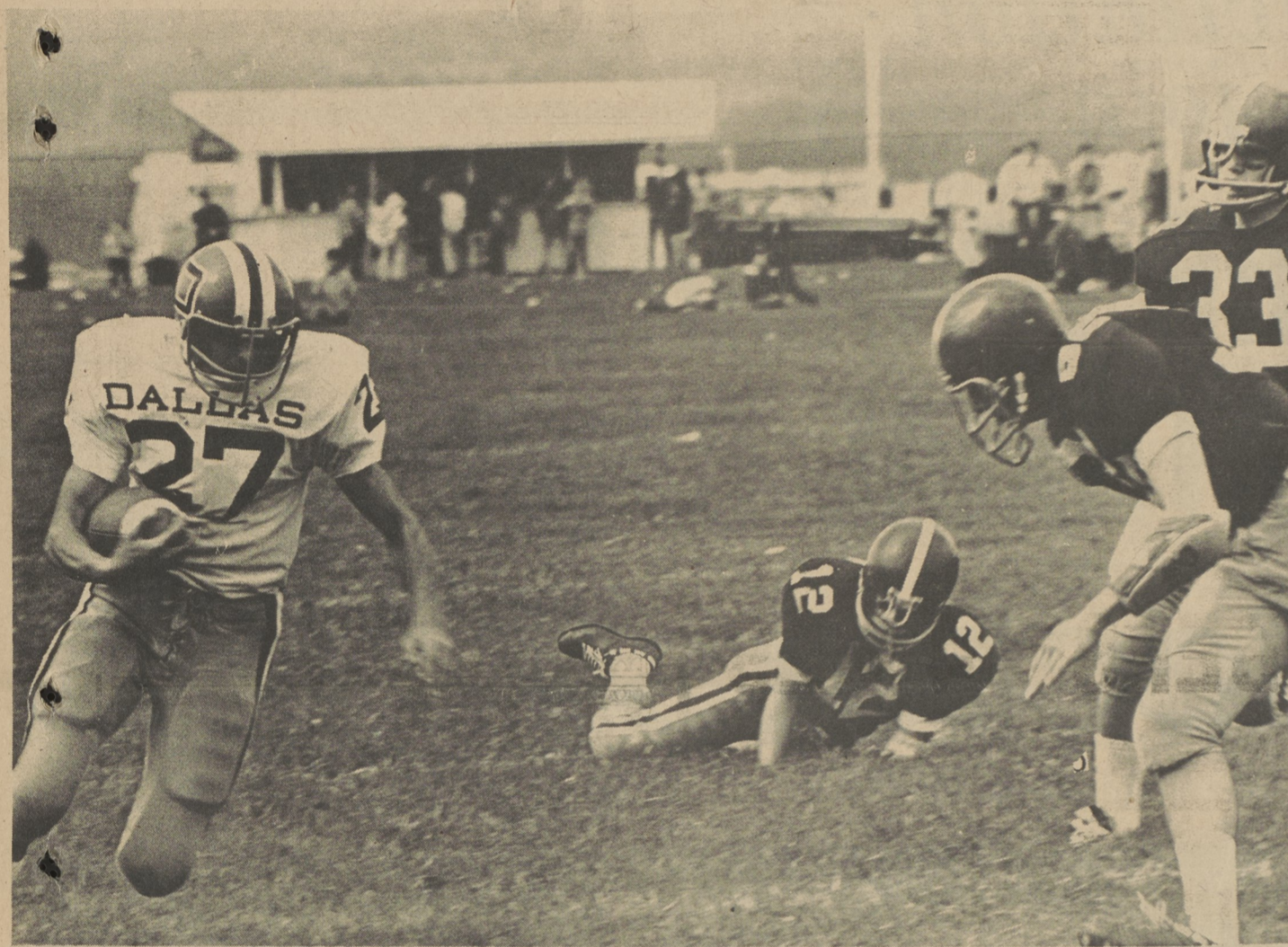
The machine which will be used is "a geared down" version of machines used in all major league training camps. The speeds vary as do the scoring distances for different age groups. It is challenging, competitive and exciting. "We have attracted large crowds wherever we went this year. Parent turn out has been better than expected," said Mr. Bradley. "The Derby has outdrawn all other recreational programs. We are aware that everyone is not a Mantle or Ruth and so have set the scoring so any hitter can win," he continued. "Home runs have been plentiful. The aluminum bats adds uniformity."

The program to be held in Dallas Saturday is the first to be held in the area. Mr. Bradley expressed the hope that others will run the program next year with regionals to be held in Dallas.

Certificates and probably trophies will be awarded at a future Kiwanis meeting.



Ed Buckley, Jack Bradley, Ed Wilson show some Back Mountain sluggers how to use the pitching machine which will be used in the Home Run Derby Saturday.



Dallas halfback Ken Engler, No. 27, carries the ball Saturday's game as Rick Casterline and Tom Bosher, G.A.R. fullbacks, close in. Dallas won the contest, 28-0.



Shown with two youngsters who will compete in the Home Run Derby are Ed Wilson, George Thomas, Ed Buckley, Leo Corbett and George MacCutcheon.

## mini-bike race at Trucksville

The Trucksville Mini-Bike Club, recently formed by a group of boys in their early teens, is sponsoring a Mini-Bike Enduro Race to be held Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. The event will start at the home of Brian Nichols, 268 Carverton Road, Trucksville, and follow a trail through the nearby woods.

Boys between the ages of 10 and 15 who own mini-bikes or mini-cycles are eligible to enter the Enduro. Prizes will be awarded. There will be a 25 cents entry fee.

Those who wish to enter the race can do so by calling 696-1983 or 696-2435.

## Kent Jones with Colonels

Ken Jones, Harveys Lake, is listed on the Wilkes Colonels' football roster this fall as defensive linebacker. Kent, 5 foot, 10 inch, 160 pound Wilkes College junior, will wear the number 15 on his jersey. He is a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School.

## Ambulance Log

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Marie Freeman, RD, Dallas, from General Hospital to home. Crew: Dave Fritz, Roger Boston, and Marshall Schenck.

## channel 44 sports show

WVIA-TV Channel 44, the area's public television station, began a 30-minute weekly sports show Sept. 15, at 10:30 p.m. with Pete Gabriel hosting "Sports Time Out."

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