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Pisaneschi is Back Mt. sports booster



AL PISANESCHI

Troop 336 camps at Acahela

Twenty one Boy Scouts of Troop 336, Falls-Centemoreland, have returned after a week at Boy Scout Camp Acahela where they earned merit badges and participated in various swimming, canoeing and boating competitions. During their stay, Troop 336 defeated Troop 245 in a no-hitter softball game but lost to the same troop in a water carnival competition. Parents' night was observed Wednesday night with many parents of the scouts attending. Robert Smalanskas served as senior patrol leader at camp, assisted by Ralph Baker. Adult leaders during the week at camp were Ted Dreisbach, William Garey, Kenneth Garey and Richard Garey. Highlight of the week was the tapping of four members of the troop into the Order of the Arrow. Kurt Durland and Gregory Wall were tapped out during the week at camp

and along with Larry Darby and Gregory Sutton were initiated into the Order of the Arrow at colorful ceremonies Thursday night at Camp Acahela.

Troop 336 scouts, who spent the week at camp, were John Smalanskas, Robert Smalanskas, David Franko, Ralph Baker, Tom Tone, Richard Dodge, Robert Quinn, Wayne Guss, Richard Morgan, Kurt Durland, Donny Martin, Michael Lapsansky, Richard Logan, Paul Button, J. Montross, George Yatsko, Greg Wall, Robert Faux, Bruce Biggs, Joseph Davidson and Robert Brown.

Sawyna

Catherine J. Sawyna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tex Wilson, Dallas, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester of 1975 according to an announcement made today by Dr. Charles S. McClain, acting dean of Muhlenberg College.

Al Pisaneschi is one of the small group of men in the Dallas School District area who gives generously of his time and talent for the benefit of high school athletics.

An ardent sports enthusiast, he is a member of just about every sports group in the Back Mountain - football, fishing, baseball, basketball, wrestling, Name the club, in all probability he is a member.

His first love is the Dallas Area Booster and Letterman Club in which he became active a little more than five years ago. He is presently a member of the board of directors.

Each year, he, Tudor Ellis and Tex Wilson usually work together in ordering and coordinating distribution of the trophies for all high school athletics and the cheerleaders. He also takes care of ordering and distributing school jackets to members of the school's championship teams.

His large backyard is the favorite meeting spot for many of the athletes. Football, basketball, wrestling or baseball candidates they congregate there during the summer to train for the coming school year. And his English Sheep Dog, "Blue" works out with them.

Fishing and hunting play a big role in his life and Al is a member of a private fishing club as well as the Carverton Rod and Gun Club. Trout fishing is his favorite with deep sea fishing for cod is a close second. He prefers deer and duck hunting but also

goes hunting for small game with some of his friends.

Al also is a stock car racing fan but football (high school, especially) heads the list of favorite sports.

A native of West Wyoming, he attended West Wyoming High School. At the age of 17, he went to work in the mines as a laborer. The son of Mary and the late Armando Pisaneschi, both of whom emigrated to the U.S.A. from Italy, Al worked in the mines until the time of the Knox Mine Disaster. He was working underground not too far from the cave-in. His narrow escape was enough for him and he accepted a job painting bridges.

It as about this time that

he met his wife, the former Shirley Root of Wyoming, and in 1954, they were married.

The Pisaneschi's lived in Wyoming for about four years, then Al purchased a piece of property from John Coons and built a home in the Carverton Area of the Back Mountain. He and his wife and son, Albert Jr., age 2, and daughter, Lee, age 1, moved into their new home 17 years ago.

When Al and his family moved into that area there was only one other home, that of Dana Sickler. Now there are more than a dozen near him, most of them built since the flood.

A short time after their marriage, Al left his job painting bridges and accepted a position with

Shirley's father, the late Al Root, owner of Root's Transfer Moving and Storage Co., which he and his wife and brother-in-law now operate.

His son Albert Jr., graduated from Dallas High School in 1974, and Lee was a member of this year's graduating class. Albert attended Brandywine College on a baseball scholarship for one year before transferring to East Stroudsburg where he will enter in the fall.

although photography is a hobby, Al, could be rated as a 'pro.' He has voluntarily taken miles and miles of colored movie film of Dallas High School sports events, showing them first to members of the Booster Club, then turning them over to team

coaches for use in training. He has also taken films for other schools in the area.

In addition, he has taken pictures of special events for friends, giving them the film after he has it developed.

Organic gardening is his favorite form of relaxation. His garden is both admired and envied by his friends. Each year he harvests an abundant crop of zucchini, tomatoes, broccoli, beans, corn, etc.

Visitors usually ask Al who does his landscaping and they are amazed to learn that Al does it himself. Each year he plants more than 1,000 flowers and plants around his brick and bluestone ranch home. A five to six foot wide flower bed encircles the entire house and

in mid-August the mass of varied colored blooms cause passers-by to gasp at their natural beauty. No painting could be as beautiful; his yard is a picture of living beauty.

The Pisaneschi's are animal lovers and, presently, in addition to "Blue", they have "Sparky", a shepard; "Girl Cat," a Siamese; and two mousers "Boy Cat," and "Mother Cat."

Al is not much of a 'joiner' but he is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531, Caldwell Consistory, and Trem Temple.

Al Pisaneschi's interest in youth, his generosity and willingness to help others is a treasured gift to the Back Mountain.

Dallas resident wins gold medals

Frank J. Summa, Jr., 1975 graduate of Trenton State College, N.J., ended seven years of track competition by winning two gold medals in this year's New Jersey State College Track Championships. He placed first in both the long jump and triple jump.

Frank, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Summa, Water Street, Dallas, graduated from Dallas Sr. High School, where he was a member of the varsity track team, coached by Clint Brobst.

During his senior high school years, he was district champ in the long jump and placed second in the triple jump in his senior year. He also placed fourth in the state championships.

During his junior year, he took firsts in the long jump and in the 880 yd. relay during districts. He also placed second in the triple jump.

As a sophomore he placed first in the long jump and second in the 880 yd. relay and the triple jump.

During the summer of his sophomore year, Frank captured second place in the Middle Atlantic AAU meet and missed breaking the record by 1.25 inches.

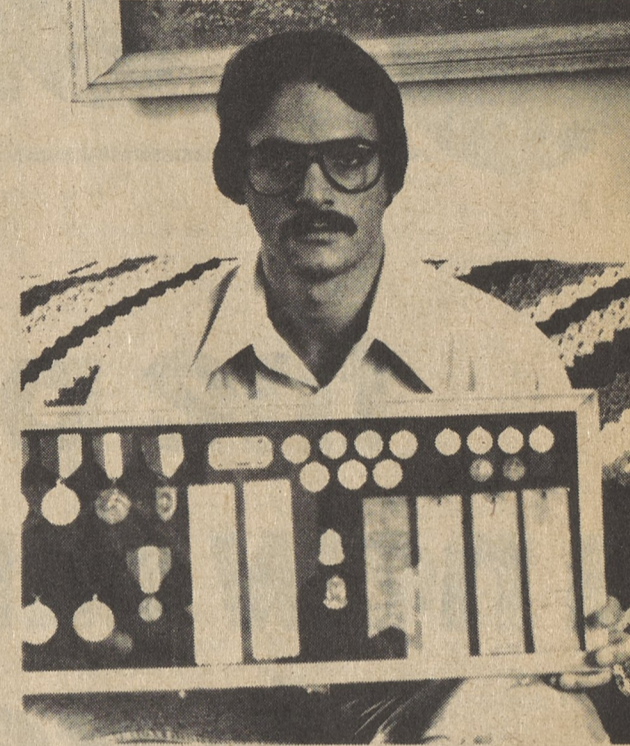
Upon entering Trenton State, he continued his track participation and in his freshman year took third place in the triple jump in the state competition. He was unable to compete during his sophomore year due to

injuries.

Frank came back in his junior year to place second in the long jump and in the Salsbury Relays held in Maryland took fifth place among athletes from seven states.

Despite his active participation in track during college, logging 700 to 800 miles before competing in state competition, he was on the dean's list for six of eight semester. He was also a member of the student government board, and chairperson of the Alcohol Control Board on campus.

He received his B.S. in Industrial Engineering and has accepted a position as Industrial Engineer with International Salt Company.



FRANK J. SUMMA, JR.

Novelty sports at Camp St. Andrew

Donkey Baseball was featured at Camp St. Andrew, Tunkhannock, on July 17. Owned and operated by Shaw Brothers of Sayre, the donkeys lived up to their reputation and provided an afternoon of fun and enjoyment for the more than 800 campers, counselors, and staff members of Camp St. Andrew and "Project Hope" who attended the festivities.

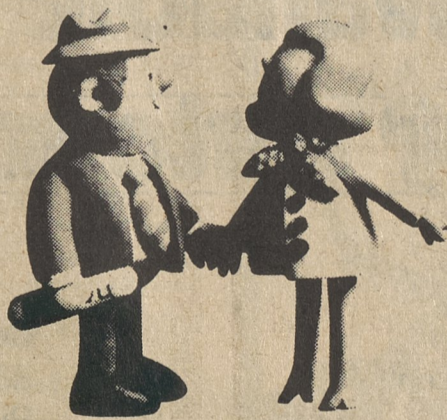
Another sporting event of the novelty variety took place at Camp St. Andrew on July 15. All-Star wrestling made its debut in Casey Hall before a packed house. Spoofing some of the "big-name" wrestling "stars" of recent vintage, the camp staff provided an evening of amusement and laughter for the assembled spectators by their outlandish and often times fool hardy tactics.

Leading off the night's card was Kory, the Neanderthal Man (Rich Smallcomb) versus Wolfman (Red Houston). The next match featured French Lumberjack, Jacques du Bois (Brian Vaughan) taking on the Mongolian Master of Manslaughter, Kung Fool (Gary Cangemi).

The third pair in the lineup (the tag team championship) included, from Hawaii, King Ho (Jim King) and Bobby the Kid (Bobby Kukaitis) from Texas against the Arch Villians, Gorilla Glaskow (Steve Glaskow) and the butcher (Ed Miller), managed by Crazy Joe Albano (Joe Sica).

And finally for the championship of the world, America's apple pie boy and holder of World Wide Wrestling Federation Championship, Handsome (John Sempa) versus the European heavy weight champ from Germany, Otto Von Gillis (Dobie Gillis), managed by the grand poobah of wrestling, Jamie Dulude. The refs for the meet were We Willie Arnold and We Willie Stavoy. The announcer was Steve Yetter.

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