



DANCE COMMITTEE—The good time enjoyed by all at Lake-Lehman High School's Christmas dance was due, in part, to the arrangements made by members of the committee. Left to right, are Brenna Yascar, Marsna George, Wendy Hall, Jackie Pall, Bert Balliet, Debbie Jones, Beth Youngman and Debb Kocher. (Photo by Alex Rebar)

## Woman's Club holds Christmas party

The Dallas Woman's Club held its Christmas party and meeting at the Shavertown Methodist Church on Wednesday, Dec. 8. Mrs. William Coburn, president, presided. The Club Collect was read by Mrs. Fred Eck, the treasurer's report by Mrs. William Clewell and the secretary's report by Mrs. Arthur Culver.

Conservation chairman Mrs. Sheldon Evans announced a paper drive on Saturday, Dec. 18 in the upper parking lot of the Shavertown Methodist Church. Members agreed to again send a donation to the Jacques Costeau Fund for the conservation of the waters of our country.

Mrs. John Rogers, public affairs chairman, urged the members to attend the meetings of the Cancer Association. She also announced the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Survey is in readiness in the Dallas Schools.

A presentation of the book entitled "Pennsylvania 1776" will be made to the Back Mountain Memorial Library by the Club.

The members voted to again become a "friend of

WVIA-TV" by renewing their membership.

Mrs. Coburn read a letter announcing a Bicentennial Farewell dinner to be held at the Gus Genetti Hotel on Jan. 5. Anyone wishing to

### Junior Women's Club to fete guests

The Home Life and Public Affairs Departments of the West Pittston Junior Women's Club will host the annual Christmas party for guests at the Hoskins Nursing Home in Exeter on Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. Santa Claus will be on hand to present gifts from the club. Christmas carols will be sung and refreshments served.

### Open forum to be held by Rotarians

Rotary Club of Wyoming has announced the following meetings:

On Dec. 16 at 6:15 p.m. an open forum on Rotary information will be held at the Wyoming United Methodist Church. The Rev. Fred M. Eister, first vice president will be program chairman.

At a meeting to be held on Dec. 30, a report will be made by the nominating committee and the annual elections of officers will take place.

There will be no meeting on Dec. 23.

attend can make her reservation with Mrs. Coburn on or before Dec. 30.

The Dallas Junior Club will again sponsor the "Up With People" concert on Feb. 23, 24 and 25. Homes are being sought to house these young people while in our area. Anyone interested in hosting two or more girls or boys is asked to get in touch with Mrs. Coburn or Mrs. Evan Bonawitz, Junior Club president.

Mrs. George Decker, chairman of a wine tasting party to be held on Thursday, Jan. 27 at the American Legion in Dallas at 8 p.m., announced her aides. Hosts and hostesses are Mr. and Mrs. Harold LaBar, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Taylor, Mr. and Mrs.

William Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. James McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. William Clewell and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Popielarz. Ticket chairmen are Mrs. Jack Richardson and Mrs. Sheldon Evans. In charge of publicity is Mrs. L. E. Jordan. The public is invited and tickets may be purchased from the members of the Dallas Woman's Club.

The Club members contributed to the purchase of one large gift to be presented to the patients of Retreat Hospital for Christmas. Canned goods were brought to the meeting to help fill baskets that will be distributed to some needy families for the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Irene Katyl is chairman of these two

projects.

The New Community Singers entertained with many beautiful Christmas selections of various countries.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Gus Shuleski, Mrs. Robert Parker, Mrs. Michael Yozviak and Mrs. Bernard Whitney.

## Luzerne Co. ahead of average on 'alcoholics' --12% to 5%

A drug and alcohol abuse specialist from the Luzerne County Drug and Alcohol Abuse unit told Dallas Rotarians last Thursday night that an estimated 12 percent of Luzerne Countians were "alcoholics" compared to only five percent for the national average.

Susan Zearing, associate drug and alcohol abuse specialist, told Rotarians and their guests that Luzerne County also represented the second highest concentration of alcoholics in Pennsylvania, trailing only the Philadelphia area.

She said "alcoholism" was an illness the symptom of which is a life controlled by the consumption of alcohol. Zearing called it the "most abused drug."

The speaker called alcoholism "learned behavior" in which 80 percent of present alcoholics had alcoholic parents. She noted that ethnic groups with traditional strong family ties generally showed less alcoholism.

Zearing said it was her studied opinion that young people in 1976 were more dependent on "alcohol" for their "highs" than illegal substances such as heroin and mescaline. She noted that alcohol represented a "cheaper" high for a cost conscious generation.

The speaker said her present research on the high school and junior high age youth indicated that uppers and downers, speed and barbituates as well as valium were the substances often abused. She said the youngsters see their parents using valium and think "If it makes them feel good, I wanna feel good too."

Zearing recounted various efforts to stem drug and alcohol abuse, such as education and scare techniques. "It doesn't work," she concluded. She said present philosophy is to apply an form of "affective education" which is designed to make youngsters "feel better about themselves" and thus more able to resist peer pressure.

She said current efforts include value clarification.

Does treatment cure alcoholics? "No," according to Zearing. Alcoholism is not curable although it can become "not active" and the former alcoholic may be in a constant process of recovery. But she said she would urge such persons "Not to drink at all."

Dallas Rotarians are scheduled to meet for their regular meeting this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Irem Temple Country Club. On Friday Dallas Rotarians and Women of Rotary will hold their annual Christmas dance, also at the Country Club.

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