

**Know Your Neighbor**

**Shalom singer was 76 Kiwanis winner**



Mary Hession

Back Mountain residents who have heard the Shalom folk singers of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, are probably familiar with Mary Gabriel Hession. They certainly should be for she has been a member of the singers for eight years. Although she now attends Mansfield State College, she plays and sings with them when she is home.

The daughter of Carol and Paul Hession of Oak Hill, Dallas, Mary first became interested in music at the age of nine when she received a guitar as a birthday gift.

She joined the Shalom group after studying music with Dr. Alfred Camp and during the eight years with them before graduating from high school, performed for numerous weddings and banquets. She also appeared on the program of various social and civic meetings. Mary appeared on local television and also made a record "This Is The Day". During this period, she also assisted at regular parish liturgical services.

Mary attended Bishop O'Reilly High School, Kingston, where she was both an outstanding scholar and a distinguished musician.

She was a first honors student for four years, a member of the National Honor Society, Latin and Spanish clubs, and the ecology club. She also received the Outstanding Graduate Award of 1976.

A talented musician, she was a member of the high school chorus and the concert choir and was the recipient of the National Choral Award for her participation in these groups. She also was the leader of "Revelation", the school folk group which sang for school masses and at nursing homes in the area.

While in high school, Mary was drum major of the Bishop O'Reilly marching band which she lead to second place honors in competition. A talented instrumentalist and vocalist, she performed with the Bishop O'Reilly Chorus and stage band.

In 1976, Mary won the grand prize at the Dallas Kiwanis Annual Festival of Music in the high school popular music category. That same year she entertained railroad hobbyists on the D&H annual train trip from Wilkes-Barre to Oneonta, N.Y.

A music education vocal major at Mansfield, studying under Kathryn Dyck, she is a member of the freshman chorus, opera workshop and the Christian Ministry folk group. Her goal is to become a high school choral director.

Although only a freshman in college, Mary is a talented guitarist and has been teaching private lessons to children nine years of age and up for the past five years. She also has been a teacher with the Back Mountain Cultural Center for three years. While she is home during the summer this year, she again plans to offer guitar lessons at her home and at Gate of Heaven school to those interested in beginning guitar or taking refresher courses.

Mary plays folk music, John Denver style, and popular music which are her favorites.

Her studies and music take most of her time but she also is an avid reader, especially books pertaining to politics or political science. She is a registered voter and is greatly interested in national politics.

Mary is a talented young adult, who has contributed a great deal to the cultural life of the Back Mountain during the past years and plans to continue in the future.

**Lehman holds Blue & Gold banquet**

Cub Scout Pack 241 of Lehman held their Blue and Gold Banquet on March 28 at the Lehman-Jackson Elementary Building with Douglas Ide as toastmaster.

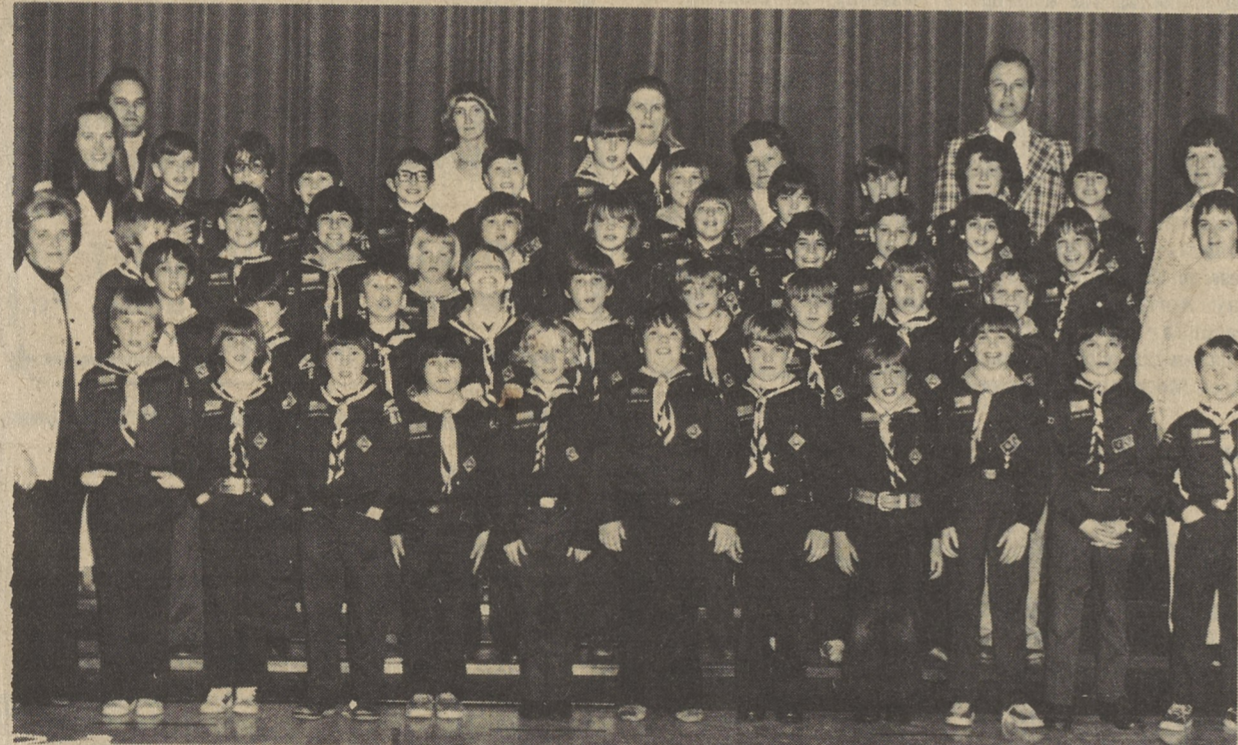
The Cub Scouts and their families sat down to a covered dish dinner with 160 people attending.

Twenty-three boys received the Wolf badge and some got arrow points. Kevin Bader got gold arrow and three silver with the Wolf; Kam Ganoe, gold and silver with his Wolf; Mark Yaple, gold and silver arrows plus his Wolf; Michale Kmetz, gold and three silver arrows plus his Wolf; Daniel Cochran, gold and one

silver arrow plus Wolf; Ray Hillman gold and two silver plus his wolf, and Doug Ide, gold and one silver.

These boys received their Wolf, Kirk Vandermark, Ronald Martin, Richard Pudmott, Daniel Fector, John Klemunes, Frank Benath, Richard Cumming, David Judge, Matthew McLaughlin, Thomas Stepanski, William McIntosh, Jeff Cundfeff, Mark Mayor, Thomas Golightley, Brandon Dennis, Stern Smith.

Bear badges were given to Jimmy Spencer, David Remely, Tony Sayre, Rafe Akers, Richard Rowlands, Mark Gable, and John Williams.



**CUB PACK AWARDS**—Members of Pack 241, Lehman, received awards at their recent Blue and Gold Dinner. Cubs, den mothers, and pack leaders attended. First row, left to right, are Mrs. Susan Hillman, Thomas Golightly, Kirk Vandermark, Ronald Martin, Kam Ganoe, Richard Cummings, Cummings, Mark Major, Michael Kmetz, Frank Benath, John Williams, Tony Sayre, Jimmy Spencer; second row, Mark Yaple, Brandon Dennis, Stern Smith, John Klemunes, David Judge, Mark Gable, Daniel Feda, Tony Sayre, Mark McCaughlin, Mrs. Brader; third row, Ray Hillman, Matthew McLaughlin, Doug Ide, Jeff Cundiff, Kevin Brader, Earl Weidner, Ray Wandel, Rafe Akers, David Kogituly, Bobby Sands, David Remely; fourth row, Mrs. Judy Kmetz, David Swan, Donald Ide, Richard Pitus, John Roskos, Billy Orves, Stacey Foss, Daniel Cochran, Larry Hillman, Donald Lilewicz, Chris Wargo, Richard Rowlands; fifth row, Mrs. Barbara Cundiff, Ray Wandell, Mrs. Donna Fedor, Donald Lulewicz, Mrs. Eileen Foss, Mrs. Ginger Spencer. (Photo by Fay Broody Studio)

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discount period on 1977 taxes will expire on April 15. After that date the taxes will be payable at face value until June 15. For the convenience of local residents, the Tax Collector will be at the Wyoming National Bank in Shavertown on Wednesday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Another reminder that the last day to register to vote in the 1977 Primary Election is April 18. Mail in registration forms can be obtained at the Tax Collector's office at 24 Carverton Road in Trucksville.

**1977 FESTIVAL OF MUSIC**

*The 1977 Festival of Music, sponsored by the Dallas Kiwanis Club, marks the 11th in a series that began in 1967, initiated by a suggestion from Kiwanian Robert Maturi. The Club and members of this year's Festival of Music gratefully acknowledge the support and contributions of area businessmen and other individuals since the inception of the Festival. This year's Festival of Music was held April 2, at the Dallas Junior High School before a capacity audience. The Dallas Kiwanis Club expresses its appreciation to the following:*

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