



MOUNTS MAJORETTES—Dallas Majorettes presented a demonstration for the band parents last Monday night. Front row, Michele Riegel, head majorette; second row, left to right, Kathi Bonowitz, Dawn Davenport, Jackie

Hanadel, Diane Sherin, Gail Pratt; third row, Michelle Chappel, Lauri Santarelli, Vernanne Lord, Michele Krivak, Lynn Lewis, (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

L-L High improves in nine goals

Lake Lehman High School's Quest For Quality has become more than a phrase as the result of the recently released educational quality assesment by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. With special emphasis having been placed on improving the high school's rankings in basic math skills, basic verbal skills and improved interest in school and learning, the district has met with documentable success according to the 1977 status profile.

At the senior high level, using a comparison of the 1974 results with the 1977 results, the school improved in nine out of 10 of the goals of quality education. More specifically, the targeted areas of basis skills improved dramatically with the verbal percentile ranking going from the 18 percentile to the 62 percentile. Even more dramatic was the im-

provement in basic math skills going from the nine percentile to the 65 percentiles.

Particularly pleasing to the staff is the dramatic improvement in interest in school and learning which surged from a second percentile rating to a 93 percentile rating.

It ought to be noted that the senior high rankings indicated also that the school had placed within a predicted score range in nine out of 10 of the goals.

Improvements in the curriculum also resulted in significant increases in the junior high rankings as evidenced by the eighth grade results. Of most interest is the important in basic learning skills with the verbal percentile going from the 46 to the 62 percentile and math increasing from the 71 to the 75 percentile.

In the junior high, interest in school and learning jumped from the six percentile to the 24th.

Overall there was improvement in six of 10 categories. The junior high finished within the predicted band in eight of 10 categories.

The educational quality assessment is an important tool for diagnosing strengths and weaknesses in educational programming and the development of the Lake Lehman program of studies was a direct response to the initial E.Q.A.

In January of 1975 the board of school directors gave the go-ahead to the high school faculty and administration to develop a learning program that would emphasize the district's strengths and help to reduce any areas of weakness.

An administrative decision was made to attack and attempt to improve the math and verbal skills and with that there was decision that the interest in school and learning would have to be

improved before the other scores would rise.

A program of studies was developed by the teachers and administration which placed a heavy emphasis on basic math, reading and writing skills. Students also were allowed to react to proposed curriculum changes in informal ways.

Many hours of study and work resulted in a comprehensive revision of the secondary program which the board of education approved for implementation during the school year 1976-77.

The 1977 educational quality assessment will be used as the basis for further improving programming.

At a time when there is great concern nationwide regarding declining test scores, it is significant that Lake-Lehman has seen documentable improvement in its testing results.

James L. Nicholas is principal of Lake-Lehman Junior-Senior High School.

Country Barn Sale begins Friday at 10

The Dallas Junior Women's Club held its first meeting of the fall recently at Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas. The highlight of the evening was an International covered dish dinner prepared by club members.

The meeting was opened by club president, Mrs. Evan Bonowitz. Special guests were Mrs. John Davis, Luzerne Co. president and Rotary Exchange student, Anna Holstrom.

Guests were welcomed by membership chairman, Mrs. Edward Thompson. Mrs. John Wega, conservation, announced an energy saving contest will be sponsored by the club. All junior high students are eligible. A

bond will be given to the winner.

Mrs. Wega is accepting donations of wild bird seed to be used for extensive winter bird feeding by the Audubon Society.

Mrs. Wega announced there are 35 chartered members in the Audubon Society and 145 members. They have 1500 films available to schools, churches and organizations free of charge. There are speakers to come and talk about conservation.

Mrs. Richard Orlowski, cultural heritage announced the Swedland home tours will begin soon. They are from 9:45 to 11 a.m.

Home Life, Mrs. John Oravitz, urged each member to have annual

checkup. Mrs. Oravitz has bulletins from consumer education for anyone interested.

A volunteer is needed to attend drug and alcohol abuse council.

Mrs. William Mannix announced the blood drive will be Nov. 4 from 12:30-6 p.m. at the education building at Trucksville Methodist Church. The entire community is asked to participate in this very worthwhile and necessary project.

Mrs. Robert Eyet, welfare, announced trips to a local nursing home will be soon. Gifts for Retreat are to be taken to the November meeting.

Mrs. Nicholas Mazur announced there were 56 Fresh Air Children in the

area this summer. These children come for a two week vacation from New York City. A story hour is provided at the Children's Library.

Mrs. John Vozniak announced a card party will be sponsored by the Dallas Juniors November 16 at 8 p.m. at Gate of Heaven. Tickets are \$2 and are available at the door or from club members.

A "Country Barn Sale" chaired by Mrs. William Griffin will be held Oct. 14 and 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Library Auction Grounds. Hotdog and a drink will be served for 50 cents. Items will include plants, toys, furniture, household items and miscellaneous.

The Huntsville United Methodist church will have their 100th anniversary celebration on Saturday Oct. 15, and Sunday Oct. 16.

Ladies Auxiliary of the Jackson Township Fire Company would like to thank everyone who helped make the rummage sale a success. Hostess at the Oct. business meeting were Mrs. Dorothy Powell, Mrs. Mary Hughes, Mrs. Mildred Wright.

On election day, Nov. 8 the Ladies Auxiliary plan to have a bake sale at the fire hall, Chase. Donation of baked goods would be appreciated. Home made vegetable beef soup, wimpies, and hot dogs, will be on sale all day.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wright, of Chase, who celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary on Oct. 1.

A bake sale will be held in front of the Weis market store, Dallas, Friday, Oct. 14, starting at 10 a.m. The sale is sponsored by the Boy Scout Troop, Pack 241. Baked goods would be appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zbiek, of Chase Rd., celebrated their 19th anniversary on Oct. 4. Congratulations.

Mrs. Thomas Hoeschele, of Reading spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Esther Samsel, of Warren Drive.

Mrs. Merle Wagner, of Follies Road accompanied the Lake-Lehman Band to Harrisburg on Oct. 3. The band took first prize. Merle

was a chaperone and her son Kevin is a drum major for the band.

Mrs. William Roushey and daughter Lisa, of Raritan, N.J., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Roushey, of Smith Pond Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Long of Benton also visited at the roushey home.

Mrs. Vi James, and Mrs. Nance Llewellyn, have returned to Hollybush, Wales, after visiting the Fielding families, and friends in Canada.

Happy anniversary, to Mr. and Mrs. John Fielding of Sutton Road who will celebrate their 37th wedding anniversary on Oct. 12.

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Over the Back Fence

Mr. and Mrs. George Weale and daughter, Jan, of Dallas, have returned home from a 10-day tour of Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Lichtenstein. They were accompanied by Mrs. Marian Frantz and son, Paul, Trucksville, and John Gittens, Kingston.

While in Europe they visited Munich and the Bavarian Alps and traveled 7,000 miles in a cable car up into the Alps.

The Weales said they enjoyed the trip but are glad to be home. "You don't appreciate our country until you have visited those countries," said Mrs. Weale. "They have nothing but disdain for Americans. We paid and paid dearly for everything—even small cakes of soap in the hotels."

They visited the Oktoberfest and saw thousands of people from all over Europe and America. They walked through huge tents, each one holding at least 3,000 people.

Weales did not particularly enjoy it but had more fun in local beer halls in the small towns of Germany where they went to eat.

They particularly liked Zurich and Lucerne. The food was different—knockwurst and sauerkraut in Germany; veal and very few vegetables in Switzerland and lots of rich pastries in Austria. The only hamburgers they found were at a McDonald's and they were very expensive.

"We're glad to be home," said Mrs. Weale, "we'll visit America after this."

Neighbors had a birthday for Charlotte Calkins. Guests were Marie Wright, Clara McKenna, Ellen Kline, Beatrice Hadsell, Marion Kern, Roxie Hessler and Mabel Hoover. A roast beef dinner was enjoyed by all at Jimi's Restaurant and Charlotte was honored with a birthday cake and gifts.

Ridge Avenue Road, Idetown, welcome their new neighbors, the Steven family. Hope they will be

happy here.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wright of Endicott, N.Y., visited family and friends in Idetown. Their friends were happy to see Howard after his stay in the hospital.

Mabel Hoover had a homecoming supper for Charlotte Calkins who returned from visiting her two sons and their families in Virginia. Guests were Marie Wright, Clara McKenna, Ellen Kline, Charlotte and the hostess.

Mrs. Ned Turner has returned from a trip to London.

Paul Margellina has returned home after being a medical patient at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beseker and family have moved into their new home in Shrine Acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram Nesbitt II, Lake Catalpa, entertained at their home in honor of Miss Thelma DeWitt, director of nursing

at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. Miss DeWitt is retiring at the end of this year.

Mr. and Mrs. John Michalak, 412 Country Club Road, announced the birth of a son, Oct. 5, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Nienius, Loyalville, observed her 80th birthday anniversary, Oct. 9. The former Mary Podolskis, she resided in the Back Mountain for the past 51 years. Mrs. Nienius has five children, Victor, Plymouth; Mrs. Anthony Truskowski, Wyoming; Mrs. Dorothy MacDermott, Stillwater; Mrs. Joseph Marsh, Dallas; William, at home. She also has 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Her husband, John, died in 1945.

Miss Mary F. Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Spencer, 84 Norton Ave., Dallas, has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students for the

year 1976-77. Mary is a senior at Bishop O'Reilly where she has been an honor student for the past four years. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the school color guard.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gearheart of Pikes Creek are the proud parents of a son, born Oct. 9, at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. They also have a son, Jason.

Mrs. Beatrice Cragle of Sweet Valley is a medical patient of Berwick Hospital.

Mrs. Freda Graham of Lake Silkworth has been

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OAK HILL

by Bridgette Corraele
You know our crazy friends in Brooklyn, well they're at it again.

On Oct. 36, (Nov. 5) 6:30 p.m. (7:30) at the Uganda Embassy Ballroom (Queens, New York Junior High School Gym) they are throwing a big shindig for Idi Amin and Ambassadors Mr. and Mrs. Corraele of Dallas, Pa. are requested to attend.

When I opened the elegant engraved invitation, I thought I was not comprehending, but when the response card fell out of the envelope, I knew I hadn't flipped.

Our crowd decided to combine 'all friends birthdays' and honor a "person in the news" at the same time, so that's what it is about.

If you don't hear from me after Nov. 5, please send urgent requests to President Carter to have the friendly group of Brooklynites released from a Uganda prison camp. Who was treated to a birthday luncheon by his sweet secretary? Len Harvey, Dallas' own "Here comes the Judge". Len along with Jack Benny celebrated his 39th birthday Oct. 5, again!

Happy birthday to Debbie Kelly who recently celebrated her eighth birthday.

Old times in Brooklyn

The Catholic Youth Center Saturday program will begin this coming Saturday, Oct. 15. Through the kindness of Father Thomas Jordan, the Gate of Heaven school bus will transport the children from the Back Mountain to Wilkes-Barre. The bus schedule will be published sometime this week.

Information can be secured from Membership chairperson Bridgette Corraele 639-5759.

He was carefully avoiding any mention of his birthday (he should know by now that the lady who causes commotion any place she goes—especially the local donut shop—doesn't let any one off the hook) but he's going to have one any way, my friend Walter Weir, Oct. 16. Kisses and wishes for a very happy one.

Happy to inform all friends and guests of Mark II Restaurant that Bernie Sult is recuperating at home following a surgical stay at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Paul and Pat Fosco recently returned from a fantastic cruise to Bermuda.

Congratulations to Tom and Dolores Havrilla. The couple honor their 26th wedding anniversary Oct. 13. To Aunt Irene and Uncle Mike Passarella their 29th

wedding anniversary Oct. 16. Many, many more.

Oct. 16—Jane Merrill and Mike Kerkowski will honor a birthday and Eleanor Menges her biggy, Oct. 14. Sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to one of my partners in crime, Kay Konnick who is a surgical patient at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

Enjoying several days visiting their cousins, Frank and Georgianna Orkvis, were Walter and Cecil Orkvis, of Ohio.

As I'm putting this

column together, I have one ear on the Yankee-Royal play off game and to tell the truth, I'm disgusted with the way the whole game of baseball is conducting itself. Here it is the first inning and already there was a free-for-all on the field.

I have a son, who with the help of God, wants to be a pro-baseball player when he completes his schooling. After what I've seen happen to the game of baseball, I'm not so sure I would be happy with his

choice, if he is lucky enough.

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where he was a member of the Sr. High Chorus and the Dal-Hi Choristers. He also appeared in several musical productions while attending Dallas.

Upon completion of his studies at Mansfield in 1978, Cutter plans to attend Boston University to study for a masters degree in music composition. The recital will be held at Steadman Theatre in Mansfield with a reception following the program. The public is invited to attend.

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