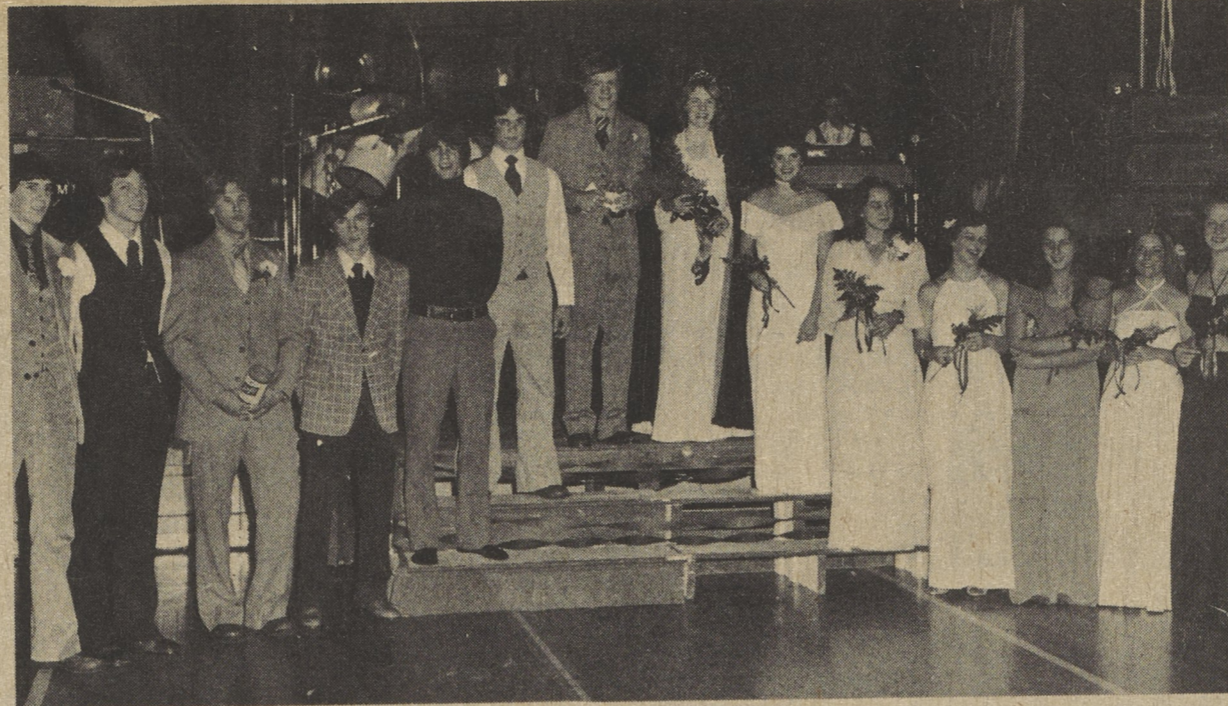


SNOW QUEEN AND KING-Kathy Bonawitz and Bert Brace selected by the seniors as Snow Queen and Snow King at Dallas Senior High Christmas Dance. (Photo by Bert Husband)



CHRISTMAS DANCE-Finalists in the competition for Snow Queen and Snow King at the Dallas Senior High School Christmas Dance last week (left to right) Lou Woychick, Bill Gray, Art Spears, Doug Smith, Steve Asby,

Vince Sodrosky, Bert Brace, Snow King, Kathy Bonawitz, Snow Queen, Lorraine Davis, Gail Simons, Alison Davis, Lori Saba, Katie Michael, Laura Pillets. (Photo by Bert Husband)

OAK HILL

'...Easier, saner way'

by Bridgette Correale
There must be an easier, saner way to spend Christmas...but like everything else, I'm the last to figure it out. The only thing that keeps me from throwing myself off the Pierce Street bridge is that everyone I talk to is in my condition - exhausted, sick of cooking and eating and all wishing 48 hours of uninterrupted sleep.

Here it is the evening after Christmas and all through my house a kid is stirring including some louse. The louse is in a form of one Aunt Irene who sent Louis a computerized racing gadget that beeps-beeping and ding-donging everytime he's not fast enough to push a button; one Uncle Anthony who sent George the "Clash of the Cosmic Robots" and one Uncle Jim who thinks it's time Adele had her own sewing machine. With all the noise, my head feels like there are two people ring-a-ding-ding up there.

If all this isn't enough, I have George moaning that instead of the left-over anti-pasto, ravioli, beef rollintines and escarole pie, he wants a tuna fish sandwich.

After quieting him down with a swift kick, Louis opens the refrigerator door and says, "Oh boy, Mom won't cook until all the antipasto, sausage pie, 1,000 dishes of fish, peppers and sausage, rice balls, meatballs, eye-round and everything in here is

finished. Mom, how about a steak and salad?"

While I'm pounding away with this, whatever you want to call it - "column," Adele comes out of her room, "There's nothing for me to do." I want to bite her on her head. Just glancing over her gifts she has about \$150 worth of toys alone and she's telling me she has nothing to do.

If it wasn't that those two ding-dongs were dancing in and said, "Let's set the table." What? Set the table! I want to set the chairs around the stove, give each a long fork, put a straw in the milk bottle and say, "Eat, what do you think it's Christmas everyday."

It's an awful lot of work preparing for this happy season, but all worth it. Especially when you sit at Christmas Mass and see hundreds of people gathered together to share in Christ's birthday. It's not all commercialism - it's what is in your heart.

Since I was unable to write a column last week have several belated greetings to wish to some good friends. Jack and Marianne Cleary their 10th wedding anniversary, Dec. 23 and to Joe and Dorothy Flynn, their wedding anniversary Dec. 27. Birthday greetings to Paige Belasco, Dec. 23, Kathy Schleich and Marty Onzik, Dec. 25 and my Compare

Fred Tomaselli, Dec. 21. Altar and Rosary Society of Gate of Heaven enjoyed their Christmas party at The Checkerboard Inn. I understand the entertainment was fabulous and that the group was booked for The Riviera in Las Vegas. Could see the headlines - "Boyle and Scholl tear down the Strip."

Monday evening, employees of The Mark II Restaurant Dallas held their Christmas party at The Flagstone House, Harveys Lake. Another fantastic party with terrific entertainment.

Congratulations to two Cub Scouts of our area who received awards at the monthly Cub Pack 232 meeting held at Gate of Heaven. Thursday evening, George Correale and Tom Hession received their wolf badges, gold arrow and five silver arrows. (Hooray, now to sew all those badges on.) Happy birthday to Billy Boyle who will celebrate his 11th birthday Dec. 31.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Joe and Lisa Paglianite upon the death of Mary Jean, Christmas morning.

While John Chesnovitch was attending a J.R. Davis Fire company meeting, Monday evening his brand new Buick was hit by a hit and run driver the car was parked on Idetown Road in front of the fire hall. Anyone with information

regarding this accident is urged to contact John.

If we don't open our eyes soon, our little paradise in Back Mountain will become like the big cities and who needs that!

Last week Mary Darling, Rose Wolensky, Kaye Konnick and Barbara Strazdus all celebrated birthdays by enjoying dinner out. To tell you the truth, I don't remember who had the birthdays, so I'll wish them all good health and many more candles.

Louis, Adele and George wish to thank the Oak Hill families on their paper route who thought of them this Christmas season. A special thanks for the nice comments.

It was so difficult for me to keep my head up when I started typing this column but now my second wind came upon me and I could go on and on, but better quit while I'm ahead.

Really sorry I didn't wish you all a very Merry Christmas, but it was either make strouffles, press clothes or put a column together. Well you know the column never came off and the clothes are still hidden somewhere (Don't even remember where. For all I know they could be thrown away which isn't all that bad.)

To all the many, many readers who encourage me by saying how much they enjoy this column and how

61 area students named to Who's Who

Sixty-one students from the Back Mountain area have been selected for the eleventh annual edition of Who's Who among American High School Students.

Those selected from Dallas are John P. Barry, Alison L. Davis, Marcus D. Derwin, James H. Edwards, Ann M. Fielding, Joseph A. Gorko, William J. Hartman, Cynthia J. Ide, Sandra A. Mahalick, Marc W. McCain, Carol A. Patton and Lori L. Saba. Also from Dallas are Allyn D. Sigworth, Jim M. Spencer, Robin C. Templin, Sheryl E. Whitesell, Corinne R. Zimmerman, Sandra L. Carichner, Lorraine S. Davis, Kimberly L. Dinger, Karen A. Fertal, Ellen P. Goeringer, Wendy L. Hall and Ann E. Hozempa.

Others from Dallas are Anne Marie K. Kancel, Paul C. McAndrew, Neil T. Oliver, Donna L. Riise, Kritin M. Schleich, James M. Solomon, Mary F. Spencer, Keith Tomkins and Peter J. Zekas. Those selected from Harveys Lake are Annette Sichler, Mark S. Smith, Rudolph J. Szabados and Renee P. Yuscellis.

Students selected from Hunlock Creek are Donna M. Reed, Lynne, A. Adams, Bonnie S. Blasine, Ronald N. Lanning, Sandra M. Leskowsky, Ann Marie

Mark, Edward E. Mark, Kathy Murphy, Jackie A. Pall, Kim D. Patterson, Jayme L. San Fanadre and Robert J. Warnagiris.

Those selected from Noxen are Cathy A. Smith and Belinda S. Spencer.

Students from Shavertown are Pamela J. Di Guisuseppe, Richard P. Kasko, Larry E. Major, Sally A. Moran and Daphne E. Veras.

Students selected from Truskville are Cynthia G. Brandt, Lori J. Gaylord, Ann L. Hawk, Rochelle D. Letteer and Jeffrey W. Martin.

The students we've selected based upon their high achievements in academics and leadership in school activities, athletics or community service.

LCCD seeks nominees for Teacher of Year

Nominations are being accepted for the fifth national "Conservation Teacher-of-the-Year" awards program according to Ralph Trax, Chairman of the Luzerne County Conservation District.

The annual convention of the National Association of Conservation Districts. The national second place winner receives a \$300 cash reward.

Interested teachers can obtain additional information and nomination forms from Luzerne County Conservation District. The awards program also includes equivalent prizes for the conservation district judged national to have provided the most effective stimulus and help for conservation education programs within the district.

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