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Dallas Area choral groups begin holiday appearances

Dallas Senior High School Chorus including the special group "Chansonaires", will present its 31st Annual Christmas Concert, Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m. The concert is open to the public with no charge for admission.

The chorus, well known throughout the region and most of the eastern half of the state is due mainly to the efforts of one woman, Mrs. Florence Hughes Sherwood, a choral director dedicated to sharing her love of music with others.

Mrs. Sherwood organized the chorus at Dallas High School, then Westmoreland in 1951. In 1962-63, she organized the special group known as the "Choristers", which performed special numbers and at many different places for nearly 20 years.

For the past few years, she has had a special group of chorus members, the "Chansonaires" but no Choristers. When she first started the Choristers, they were all girls and the "Chansonaires" were a mixed group.

Originally, the chorus was divided into groups of girls and boys--when it

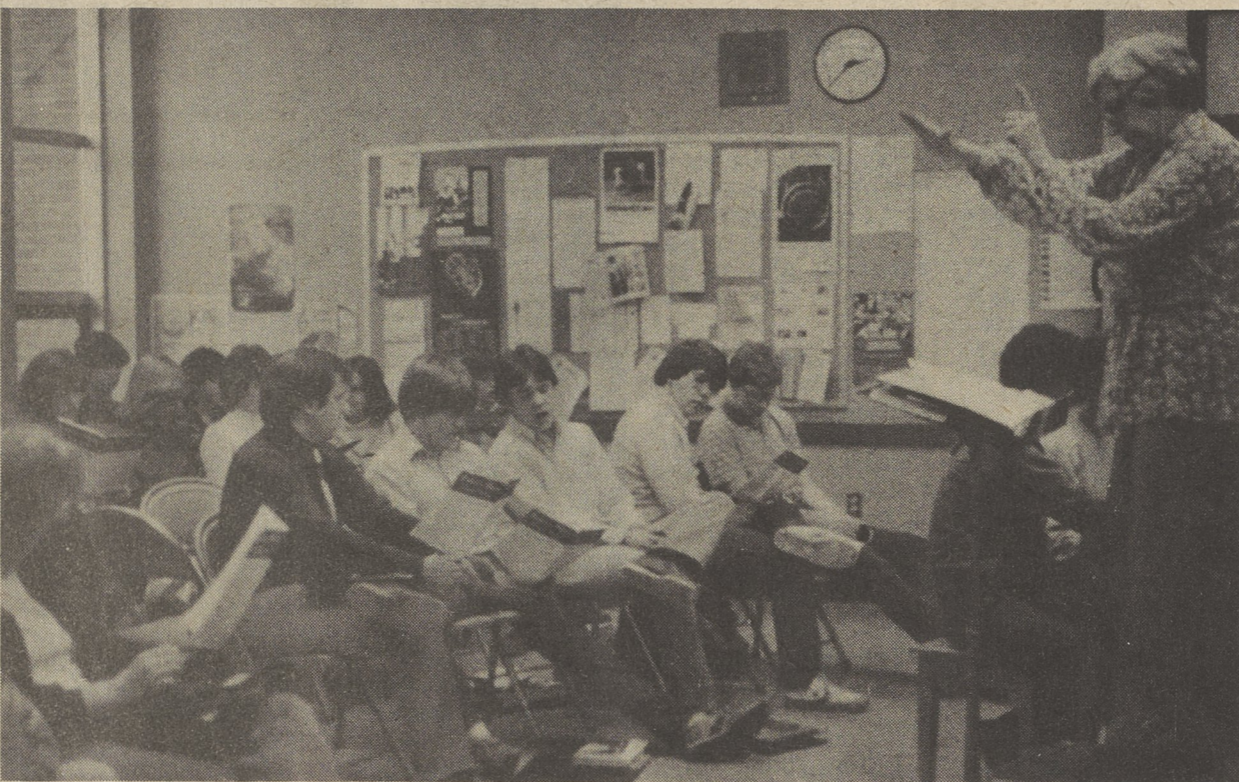
was just an extra-curricular activity at the school. Later it became a regular part of the music schedule of the district and the chorus became a mixed group.

The mixed group performed all over the region and won first prize in a contest sponsored by WBAX Radio. In the past, Dallas High School Chorus also won first prize in a Kiwanis sponsored competition and later, the Choristers and then the Chansonaires won first prizes.

In order to become a member of the Chansonaires, a girl or boy must first be a member of the chorus. They audition voluntarily because they must make a strong commitment. They must have the desire and have to give of their own time. They first audition with a panel of students, who are in Chansonaires, then audition for Mrs. Sherwood.

Steve Hartman, who spent a year or more with Up With People, was a member of chorus, choristers and Chansonaires.

In the beginning, Mrs. Sherwood selected the students for the special groups but later she let



CHORUS REHEARSAL--Florence Hughes Sherwood, above, directs Dallas High School chorus students in rehearsing for the Christmas Concert at the high school

this Sunday at 3 p.m. Mrs. Sherwood organized the first Dallas Chorus in 1951.

them volunteer because they had to give so much of themselves and their time. Their parents also must be willing to back them.

Former members of the Dallas High Chorus and Choristers are now faculty members, among them Jay Pope, Debbie Ruckno, the former Sally Harter, Sally Moyer

Faerber, Emma Lang and Bill Wagner.

The Choristers sang in Wyoming Valley's banks, the county courthouse, hospitals, nursing homes, high rises and the Chansonaires still do and are requested to make return appearances.

"I believe it is the personal touch that these people enjoy," said Mrs.

Sherwood. "The students mix with the people, they talk with them, and share problems with them."

Two years ago, Channel 16's P.M. Magazine did a special on the Chansonaires while they were appearing at Valley Crest.

This year, during the concert, the Chansonaires will do Silent Night in sign

language for the hard of hearing. The members learned some of the sign language last year and Hugh Gallagher, now employed at a local hospital, has had occasion to use it while working with some patients.

Members of the Chansonaires will perform a program of novelty numbers this year

during their public appearances. The Bakers Dozen, a group of 13 girls, will do special numbers. These girls are comarable to the group of boys Mrs. Sherwood has had from the chorus, known as the "Jesters".

The group, as well as the Chansonaires will perform for Wilkes-Barre Women of Kiwanis, Delta Kappa Gamma, do a city tour of nursing homes, hospitals and the YMCA as well as the courthouse. They will also perform at the various banks in the Back Mountain.

The Chansonaires also will perform at The Meadows and on Dec. 21, they will broadcast over WILK Radio.

Mrs. Sherwood is hoping that the Dallas High School Chorus will participate in the Mary-wood Chorus Festival in February. Only the choruses from six schools are invited to perform. "We have submitted our application," said Mrs. Sherwood, "And we hope we will be among the six."

In the past, the Chorus has done the Christmas Concert with the high school band. This year they are trying something different. They will have a brass choir. "We are looking forward to it with anticipation," she said.

The first chorus in 1951 was much larger than those of these past few years because at that

time, Mrs. Sherwood had children from kindergarten through 12th grade. Today, she does only senior high school which makes a big difference.

During the All-State Golden Anniversary of Music this year, Florence Hughes Sherwood will receive a Certificate for her many years of service. She also will sing in the teachers special chorus for the Golden Anniversary.

"I am proud of my chorus members at Dallas High School," she said. "We have a lot of talent. We are a comparatively small high school and each year we have a large percentage go to Districts and quite a few to regionals and some to All States. One year we had three in one year to All States. That's really wonderful."

So, too, is Florence Hughes Sherwood, and the work she is doing with the students at Dallas High School. She enjoys the students and she loves the music and she puts her all into sharing her time and effort to bring forth their talents and desires.

Her reward is her students selections to Districts, Regionals and All States and more, the enjoyment they give the general public when they perform.



ALL-STATE SELECTEES--Sen. Frank O'Connell made a special visit to Dallas Senior High School last week to congratulate Kim Moran and Dino Liva on their selection for All-States. Moran will play with the Regional State Band at Hershey and Liva will play in the Regional State Orchestra. In February both students will participate in

the Eastern National All-States in Boston. Left to right are David Benn, band director; Dino Liva, Sen. O'Connell, Kim Moran, Edgar Hughes, high school principal; and Florence Sherwood Hughes, choral director.

Dallas Brass Choir debuts locally

For the first time a Brass Choir comprised of brass instrument students from grades 7 through 12 has been formed to present the sounds of Christmas at school and community functions in Dallas and Wyoming Valley. The ensemble is a joint function directed by both David C. Benn and Reese E. Pelton, Dallas instrumental instructors.

It is anticipated that, in addition to appearing at programs of both the Junior and Senior High Schools, the group will make a tour of institutions within Wyoming Valley and another at sites in the

Back Mountain area. Approximately 30 musicians are in the brass unit.

Previously there has been an annual tradition of a Brass Choir at Dallas Junior High which played in the school and at certain area functions. This expanded unit is also hoping to expand the per-

formance coverage as well as further strengthen coordination between the total instrumental program. Repertoire includes both traditional carols and special arrangements by Reese E. Pelton.

Lehman-Jackson December calendar features special programs

The holiday season and spirit has hit students and staff at the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School and a number of programs and projects are on the December calendar.

On Friday, Dec. 3, the PTA held its Christmas Talent Auction. Jerry Gizenski was auctioneer and handmade items and foods were featured. A bake sale and flea market tables were also featured.

Students are doing their Christmas shopping this week at the PTA sponsored "Santa's Secret Shop". Students shop for gifts during school hours and are able to make purchases on their own. PTA

volunteers are on hand to help with choices and money handling. A large selection of inexpensive items (25 cents to \$3.00) are available giving each youngster a variety of merchandise from which to select gifts for his family.

On Friday, Dec. 10, the PTA will hold its regular

meeting. The kindergarten Christmas Program will be presented.

On Tuesday, Dec. 14, the orchestra and elementary band, under the direction of Jonathon Pinenio, and the fourth and fifth grade elementary chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Purcell,

will present their Christmas program. All parents and friends are invited to attend. The program begins at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas vacation begins with dismissal, Thursday, Dec. 23 and ends with the students return to school, Monday, Jan. 3, 1983.

Students tour Clearbrook Lodge

Sixth grade students of the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School recently went on a tour of Clear Brook Lodge, Huntington Mills, sponsored by the L-J PTA.

A counselor spoke to the students and a tour was given of the grounds, dining area and rooms. Two clients (patients) spoke on alcohol and drug abuse. A question and

answer period followed. The students showed a great interest and came out with a better understanding. A follow-up for the parents is planned for the future.

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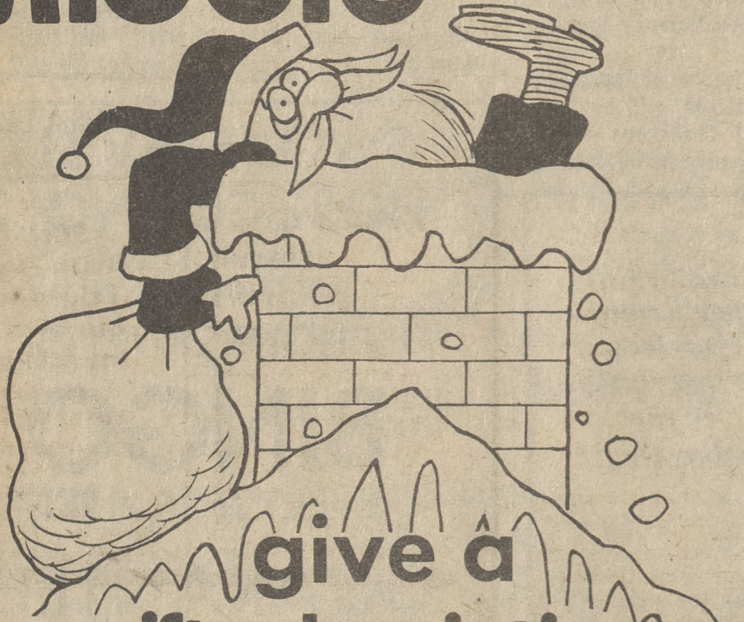
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