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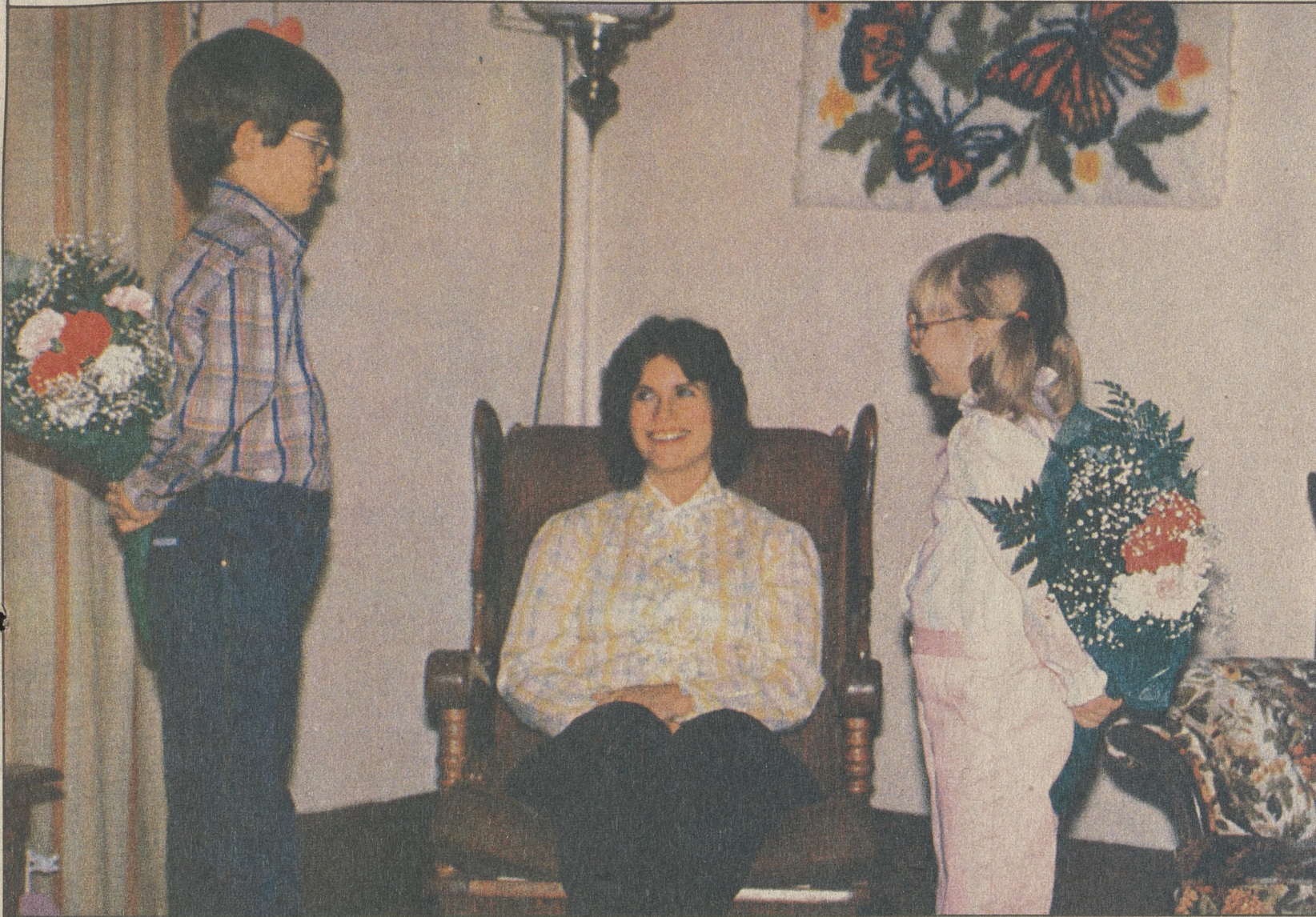
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## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



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### For you, Mom

Mrs. Jean Brutko of Shavertown is about to be pleasantly surprised by her children, Barry and Sheila, as they prepare to present their Mom with flowers for Mother's Day. Barry is a

student at the Dallas Intermediate School while Sheila attends Westmoreland Elementary. Moms all over the country will be remembered this Sunday when Americans note Mother's Day 1984.

## Two arrested for bid-rigging

By DOTTY MARTIN  
Associate Editor

Tex Wilson and Harry Sickler, both members of the Dallas School Board, were arrested last Friday in an alleged bid-rigging scheme.

According to the Pennsylvania State Police at Wyoming, Wilson, 56, of RD 1, Box 403, Dallas, and Sickler, 63, 105 Lehman Ave., Dallas, offered false information to an architect who had expressed interest in purchasing the former Trucksville Elementary School in Kingstown Township.

Smith Miller & Associates of Kingston was awarded a contract to purchase the building after submitting a bid of \$116,500, the highest of three bids received by the school board. The other two bids were Frank Donnelly of Wyoming who submitted a bid of \$75,000 and Landfarm Inc. of Cambria who bid \$61,000 for the building.

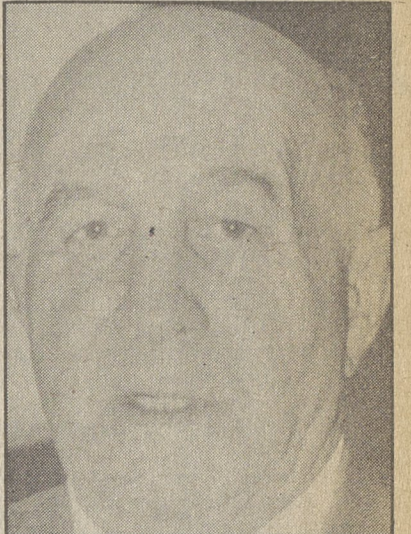
Originally, it had been reported that Wilson and Sickler turned themselves in to State Police Friday afternoon, however, Sickler, contacted at his home Sunday evening, said that is not true.

"We did not turn ourselves in," Sickler said, but would not elaborate.

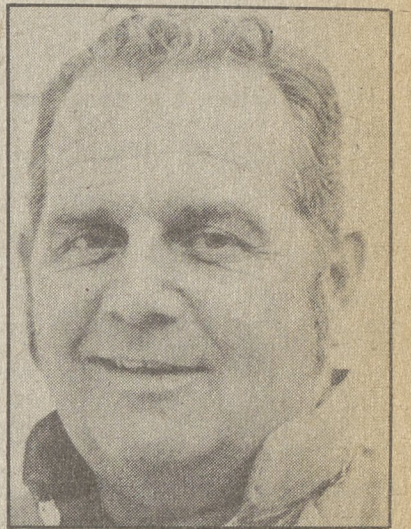
Sickler said he and Wilson have been advised by their attorneys to offer no comment at all concerning the case and would not reveal any additional information.

"I am not hiding anything, believe me," he said. "But my attorneys have asked me not to comment." Sickler is being represented in the

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HARRY SICKLER



TEX WILSON

### Discrepancy of funds

## Dallas Twp. PTO being investigated

Dallas Township Police Chief Carl Miers expects to complete the preliminary aspect of an investigation into mismanagement of funds by the Dallas Township Parent-Teacher Organization by mid-week.

Miers reported that, following the completion of the preliminaries, he will meet with District Attorney Robert Gillespie to discuss the facts that have developed in the case. At that time, Miers said, the two will determine whether there is enough evidence to warrant prosecution.

Miers said he is investigating a "discrepancy in funds" and, although the financial problem has been corrected in the form of restitution, the investigation continues. The police chief said the amount of money involved is under \$1,000.

It has been reported that the PTO books showed a shortage of money

existed over a period of time. Following an audit of the books by Chief Miers, that shortage was confirmed. It was also reported, however, the money was either found or replaced prior to the start of the investigation.

Miers said the parent-teacher organization is a group comprised of parents and teachers in an effort to improve school programs and is completely separate from the school board. He said the fact that the PTO is a separate entity from the school board is the reason for the investigation by his department and not by the school board.

Chief Miers would not confirm or deny whether or not any members of the Dallas School Board are involved with the PTO bookkeeping discrepancy.

— DOTTY MARTIN



### Festival participants

Shown here are members of the Dallas High School Concert and Marching Band who recently participated in the "World of

Music" Festival in Nashville, Tenn. From left, Sue MacAvoy, Tracy Baines, Randy Bush, Lisa Sigman, Mike Todd, David Garber, Frances Baines, and Dolly Piro.

## Dallas Band awarded at music festival

The Dallas High School Concert and Marching Band, under the direction of David C. Benn, participated along with over 1800 students from throughout the United States in the "World of Music" Festival held April 27, 28 and 29 in Nashville,

Tenn. The other states represented were Texas, Illinois, Oklahoma, Ohio, Florida, Virginia, Georgia and Iowa. The main purpose of the festival was to provide an opportunity and outlet for those music pro-

grams who desire a tangible means by which to judge their accomplishments in a group activity.

Bands were divided into two classes, based on school enrollment in grades 10-12. Class A consisted of schools with a school enrollment of

900 and above, Class B of 899 and below.

The Dallas High School Concert Band received the highest score in the Concert Band competition in Group B, with 9 other schools in B competing, and the highest score in the Marching Band competition in Group B. In addition, the Dallas High School Band front won the award for the best Band front in the festival, regardless of class.

The Dallas High School Marching Band finished the 1984 competitive season with 10 first place awards and two second place awards. Since entering competition in 1981 the Band has been awarded 40 first place trophies and five second place trophies. The 1984 Band Staff includes: David C. Benn, Band Director, and Drill Designer; Joan Benn-Silk Instructor; Karen Arnaud-Strutter Instructor; Mrs. Ethel MacAvoy-Band Booster President.

### Older Americans Month

## This gal feels 'young at heart'

By WALLY KOCHER  
Staff Correspondent

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The month of May has been designated as "Older Americans Month." The Dallas Post has decided to honor these individuals by featuring an Older American in each week's issue during the month of May. We hope to show that there is life, quality life, after 65. Our honorary "Older American" for this week is Mrs. Viola Rossman, of Harveys Lake.)

Viola Rossman will be celebrating her 78th birthday this June, and, to this day, she actively works with young people.

Since the age of 21, Mrs. Rossman has been involved with youth work.

"I enjoy being with young people because I love them. For as long as I can remember, I've wanted to be a part of the younger generation," she said.

Mrs. Rossman's first encounter with a group of teenagers came



VIOLA ROSSMAN

when she became a lone troop leader for two groups of Girl Scouts at Idetown and Outlet. Being a Girl Scout herself since the age of 12, Mrs. Rossman felt this would be an excellent way to satisfy her needs and help others at the same time.

Although there were many things to do to keep two Girl Scout troops busy, camping was Mrs. Rossman's favorite.

"I guess you could say that camping is my favorite pastime," she admitted with a laugh. "We've had some pretty amusing experiences, too! One night we went on an overnight camping trip to the Endless Mountains. During the night, the girls thought they had heard a wild cat near by. They got all excited about it, but later discovered it was only a mother raccoon and her babies in a tree.

"Later that night, it began to pour down rain," she added. "Since we didn't have any tents, just our sleeping bags, we tried to leave right away. It was too dark however, and the stream we had to cross was too high and rough, so we ended up staying there all night. It certainly was a memorable evening."

Not all of Mrs. Rossman's experi-

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Dallas Post/Ed Campbell

### Doing his part

Bobby Adams, of Trucksville, is shown here as he makes his way through the 25-mile Ride for Cancer bicycle ride through the Back Mountain Sunday. Bobby was one of approximately 180 cyclists who participated in the ride to raise money for the Wyoming Valley Unit of the American Cancer Society. (More photos, page 10.)

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