

Sports



Guests honored

Honorary guests at the Luzerne County 4-H Horse Achievement Banquet were, from left, first row, Dana Campbell, Hunlock Creek; Annette Brown, Dallas; Don Clark, Forty Fort, Geri Mekeel, Lehman; Doris Lewis, Dallas; Bud Mekeel, Lehman. Second row, Mike Brown, Dallas, Frank Clark, Forty Fort; Dave Crissman, Lake Silkworth; and Clark Lewis, Dallas.

Strikes & Spares

Helen Dickinson converted a 2-10 split in the Idetown Compacts League to lead the LeBarons to a 2-2 split with the strong Aries team and A. Edwards set the pace with a big 211 (560). L. Lanning led the Aries five with 522, J. Berti added 506 and Nancy Kozemchak hit 178 (471). H. Evans tumbled pins for 515 to lead Firebirds to four points from the Camaros while M. Pazuchanics 173 showed the way for the Citations blanking the Corvettes. Pintos shut out the Capris with no one able to hit high scores.

In the Ladies Country League Bonomo Sports Center continued in the lead by taking three from G.H. Harris. K. Scavone led Bonomo's with 186 (509). Fashion Vending continued on Bonomo's heels by picking up three points from the Castlettes aided by L. Cyphers 473, L. Maciejczak's 197 (478) and W. Kowalski's 178. J. Mekeel rolled 476 and B. Strazdus hit the pins for 171 for the Castlettes. A. Hospodar added 181 to the cause. Grotto Pizza stayed in third by copping three points from Gordon Insurance led by F. Allabaugh's 474. J. Lamoreaux's 178 was high for the insurance girls.

Dallas runners lose meets

The young Dallas runners lost their first meets last week when they competed with Wyoming Valley West and Tunkhannock in a tri-meet at the Spartans Stadium. The Spartans defeated Tunkhannock 77-64 and Dallas 108-32 while Tunkhannock defeated the Dallas girls 89-51. Coach Bill Straitiff was pleased with the performance of his young Lady Mountaineers, who fought hard to give a good performance. Kristin Fairchild was a double winner for Dallas, taking the discus and the shot put. Maureen Wisniewski took the 100 dash in 13.7.

Other Dallas girls who placed were 3200 relay-Dallas 2nd; 1600 relay-Dallas 2nd; 200 dash-S. STar-

In the Community Service League, seldom mentioned this season, Fino's Pharmacy shut out the Back Mt. Inn led by Ken Jr.'s 233 (591) and R. Bonomo's 221 (589). Glen Mazer rolled 220 (560) for the losing five. L. Coolbaugh's 570 showed the way for Smith's Country Store's four points from Pickett's Charge who had Clint's 226 (530) and Besecker's Realty blanked G.H. Harris paced by Les' 210 (580). Gino's Shoe Store I copped three points from IGA with Bob S.' 214 (556) high for all men. Gino's II dropped three points to Bayo's Ice despite R. Daubert's 539. R. Harned rolled 564 for Bayo's and F. Cornell added 528.

J. Cobleigh belted the pins for 583 and R. Witkowski hit them for 543 to lead East Dallas in shutting out Shavertown B in the Back Mt. Church League. C. Kazokas' 517 was best for the losing five. Gary Mazer walloped the pins for 241 (601) and twin brother Glen rolled 538 to lead Maple Grove to three from Orange, whose C. Cyphers rolled 555 and J. Mitchell 534. S. Hoover's 533 was enough to pace Trucksville B to three points from Truckville C while Carverton B dropped three to a stronger Shavertown A team. Dallas A divided equally with Carverton A.

olis 5th; 400 dash-Nattress 2nd; 800 run-Michael 3rd, Pawling 5th; 3200 run-Balonis 2nd, Friar 3rd, Stark 4th; 100 hurdles-Lawley 3rd, Ogurkis 5th; 300 hurdles-Ogurkis 5th; long jump-Wisniewski 4th; triple jump-Karuzia 5th; shot put-Fairchild 1st, 28-10, Davies 5th; discus-Fairchild 1st 106-8.

It was the first meet in the week the weather allowed the girls to get back in competition.

— CHARLOT M. DENMON

P. McAndrew rolled 217 to lead the Butch five to four points from Porky's team in Our Gang League while the Farina's took three from the Worm's gang. V. Hudak's 540 series was enough for Spanky's team to manage one point from the Chubbie's five whose J. Besecker hit 171. D. Springer's 179 aided Alfalas in picking up three from the Buckwheat crew.

In the Bowlerette League N. Moser hit the pins for 192 (510) to lead her Hoagie Bar girls to four points from Franklin's while D. Long's 190 (473) paced Brent Long to three points from Tom Reese girls.

Schmid's Amoco girls shut out Scavone Motors to move into a first place tie with Mahaffey Oil in the Imperialette League, when Mahaffey Oil lost four to Lombardo Bakery. Humphrey's Apparel lost all to the Jean Shop. Hitting high scores for the night were J. Mekeel 170-170 (499), F. Marth 172, B. May 208 (543), D. Garnett 187 (480), L. Bolton 176 (473), S. Johnson 170-171 (471) and D. Lapsnick 172.

In the Bonomo Major League Sweet Valley Outfitters blanked the Hambo's led by D. Johnstone's 222 (584) and R. Bonomo's 210 (564). K. Youngblood's 558 was best for the losing five. Back Mt. Sporting Goods took three from G.H. Harris sparked by L. Coolbaugh's 202-204-206 (612) and J. Shultz's 554. A. Wendel's 245 (586) and T. Dough-ton's 231 (570) were high for the Harris team. Brown's Oil shut out the Back Mt. Inn five led by Jerry Roan's 233-225 (632) and R. Bonomo's 545. K. Orkwis hit 547 and K. Spencer 535 for the Inn team. Monk's Plumbing men continued in the fight for first by taking four by forfeit from Back Mt. Inn No. 2. Bob Harris rolled 213-229 (631) and E. Harris 526 for the plumbing team. K. Boom surprised the Bermudas by taking four points from them with none of the men posting high scores.

Rogers on sports

New rule suggestion sends Mom into a complete tailspin

The story in the Sunday paper had raised a quiet woman to outrage. I was still trying to shake off Saturday night and find a good reason for living on such a painfully sunny day, but fate had placed me in the wrong room at the wrong time.

"And what does this guy think that he's doing," she demanded waving the newspaper at me in a deafening gesture.

"What are you talking about?"

"This guy who wants to be a big-wig in Harrisburg, wants to pass a law that says any athlete who fails any course in school can't play on any sports team or participate in any school club," she said.

"What's wrong with all that?" I said dumbly and numbly as I sipped my Alka-seltzer as quietly as possible.

It was the wrong thing to say to a woman who has sat through three sons worth of baseball games, football Sundays and wrestling-produced hunger strikes.

"What's wrong with it?" It was not a question but a kind of threat and insult rolled into a neat package. "I'll tell you what's wrong with it: this guy, who is just trying to make a name for himself, is going to deprive thousands of kids from going into sports, probably going to make some kid drop out of high school and may cause other kids not to get to college at all," she said indignantly.

For a woman who knows just enough about sports to root for the Dallas Cowboys because they are 'America's team' and who has the temper of a wet rabbit, this was quite a declaration of the facts as she saw them.

"Because they are trying something like this down in Texas and it is causing all kinds of problems," she said matter of factly. "Some of the football teams down there couldn't even finish the season because so many of their players couldn't play because they didn't pass their classes."

"Well, that seems to make sense to me," I said truthfully.

"Yes, but what about the kids who pass all their classes except one? What about the kid who has a chance of a scholarship taken away because he did bad in health class and has to miss the entire season?" she said, sympathy dripping from the corners of her mouth. "Sometimes a coach can have a lot of good impact on someone's future."

I could see that she was thinking of me and some of my old coaches. I thought it was something of a cheap shot, though I didn't let it show.

"I think that you are looking at this problem from the wrong point of

view," I countered. "Most kids don't get decent grades because they don't put in the time and they think they can do just about anything in the class room and still be in the starting line up come Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They're led to believe this because they've seen others get away with it."

"Another thing, no one with a scholarship on the line is going to screw it up by flunking gym. If he or she is good enough, it doesn't matter. The scholarship will come. Of course, if the kid really is dumb, he doesn't deserve a scholarship anyway. In which case he'd have to accept a free ride to the University of Georgia or some other monument to the intellect in the South of Mid-West. There are a lot of colleges whose only entrance requirements are 4.5 speed, a pulse and some history of regular breathing," I said.

"But the high school coaches around here are against the rule. They say that the rule is shallow, narrow-minded and not in the best interest of the kids. They say that if a C-minus average, with no failing grades, is so important, why isn't it a requirement for graduation?" she said defensively.

"It probably should be a requirement for graduation," I said dryly. "Of course, most of the coaches are against the rule. It is a classic case of covering their behinds. If they back the rule, they could lose a key player who is a monster on the gridiron but an amoeba in biology.

So they attack the rule and end up putting diagrams of the plays on Johnny's shoes because he can't read the Xs and Os."

"But do you know what such a rule could do to high school sports around the country?" she said weakly.

"No. But I think that it is about high time that some one finds out."

BITS & PIECES

I watched a lot of the Blue White game on Saturday. The game, which ended 32-22, has to be considered a welcome calling card for the upcoming season. Both Nittany Lion quarterbacks, John Shaffer and Matt Knizer looked good and sophomore fullback Sean Redman looks like he is going to make the scoreboard roar this season and the next two to come.

Last year, Penn State Coach Joe Paterno thought that his team was still a year away from its potential. With 15 returning seniors and some under-classesmen with loads of talent, this could be the year of the Lion.

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The reason I watched so much of the Penn State game was that I got sick of watching the Pittsburgh Pirates maul the Phillies.

I hope the Phillies have a large supply of light bulbs; it gets pretty dark in that cellar. If it's any consolation, the Chicago Cubs will probably go halves on the electric bill.

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