

## Horse show

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special area tradition.

"Three generations of my family have ridden in the show - me, my mother, Allie Heffernan, and my grandfather, Thomas E. Heffernan," Annie said. "It was such a wonderful experience that I'd love to bring it back to what it was, to share the enjoyment of the sport with the community."

The show will feature under saddle classes, judged by the horses' ability to respond to commands and give a good ride; equitation classes, judged on the riders' skill in the saddle, and fence classes, judged by the riders' ability to take their horses over fences of various heights and configurations along a set course.

Riders will be able to earn points from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Horseman's Association for their awards at the end of the year.

Annie couldn't resist adding a few fun classes - pairs, tandem hunter and the Jack Benny class, open only to riders over 35 who must wear a hard jump hat and take their mounts through walk, trot, canter and over two fences. The only difference between the pairs and tandem hunter classes, entered by matched riders and mounts, is the jumps in the hunter class.

"I made up the Jack Benny class because I'm over 35," she said, laughing.

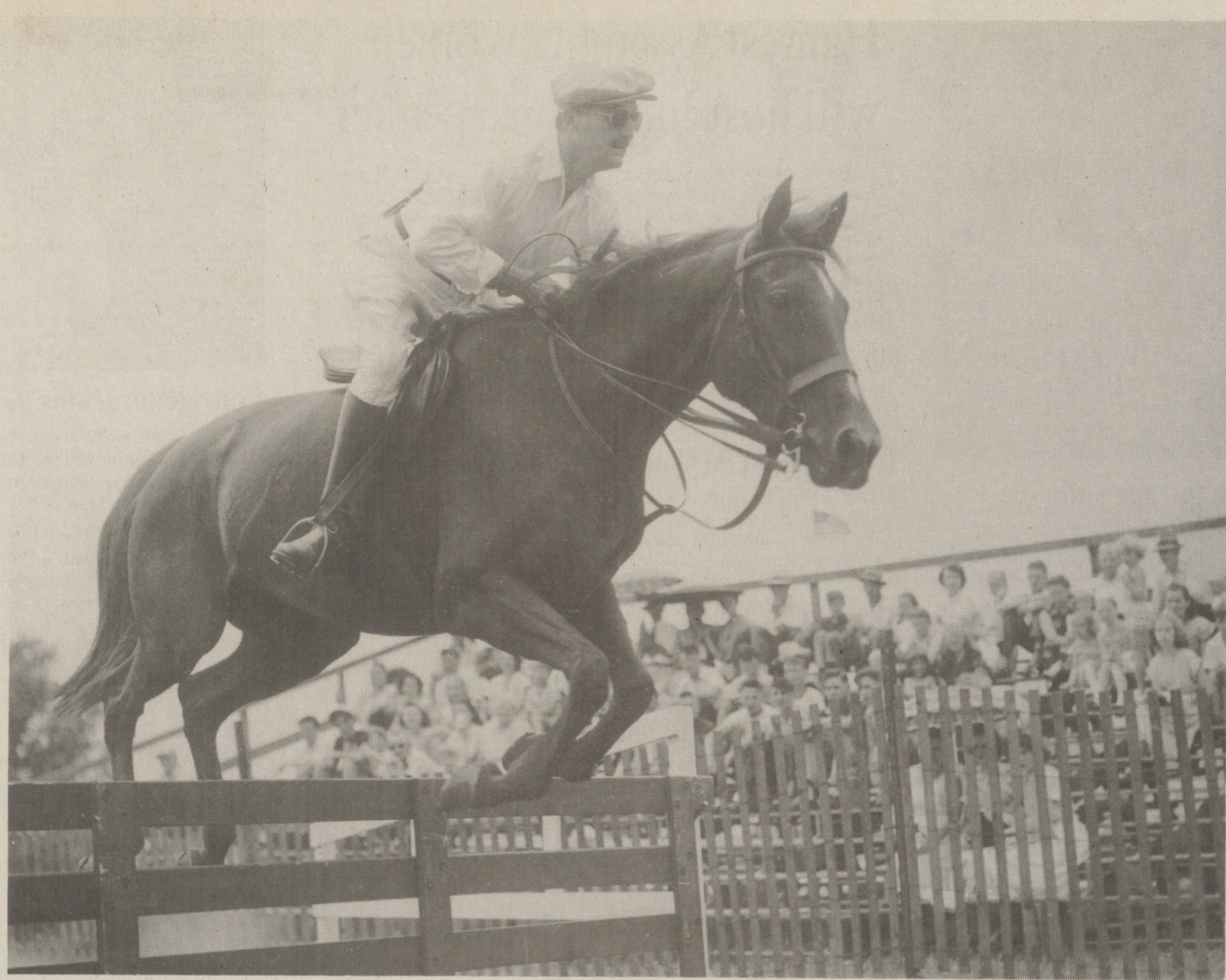
Annie's mother, Allie Heffernan, rode her pony, Dimples, in the Lehman show as a child.

"My mother, Alice Johnson, had to hide behind Dr. Brown's big umbrella so Dimples wouldn't see her," Allie said. "Mother always gave her a lump of sugar, so Dimples would go right over to her, no matter what she was supposed to be doing - whenever she saw her."

Dr. Brown, "everyone's doctor" in Lehman, had his own private box seat in his back yard, which overlooked the horse show area.

Although the fire company had its own horse show grounds on the corner of Route 118 and the Idetown Road, it used the football field behind the old Lehman High School (now the middle school) for the first few years.

Annie's father, Tom Heffernan, recalled the show's early days behind the high school building. Between program sponsors, sales of box seats and admission tickets, the fire company easily cleared \$2,000.



Thomas E. Heffernan and his hunter World Pool (Whirlie) neatly sailed over a jump at the Irem Temple horse show in 1948.

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The first show had only eight English classes, including a special knock-down and out competition, in which horses took increasingly higher fences until they knocked down a rail and were disqualified.

A huge parade started the weekend off on the right foot. The band gathered at Joe Mazer's house on Route 118 to lead the procession of fire engines, antique cars and marchers to the horse show grounds. The horsemen spent the rest of the night shampooing horses, braiding manes and tails, getting their mounts accustomed to the ring and visiting back and forth. Few people slept.

The firefighters, auxiliary and friends helped out, manning the food stands and working in the ring. The auxiliary also held a big chicken dinner in the high school cafeteria during the show.

The ring was on the football field.

"One of the jumps was right in front of a concession tent which had an advertising sign from the Bronson Funeral Home on it," he said. "We often hoped the riders wouldn't need Bronson's services before the weekend was out."

One of the crowd's favorite classes was the scoop shovel race, he added. Kids would sit on large shovels and be pulled by a horse and rider in a timed race.

"It was a bit dangerous, but the crowd loved it," he said.

L.C. Sutton always collected the tickets (\$1 each) and Bob Hoover pulled more than his fair share of the work, Heffernan recalled. For many years Gil Tough was the announcer.

The show was very well-attended, which was rather unusual in those days, he added.

"Most horse shows on the cir-

cuit had free admission and very low attendance," he said. "Ours was one of the Back Mountain's main social events and kicked off the summer season. Everyone was there - even congressman Dan Flood, who always awarded a trophy and gave a speech during the lunch break."

Heffernan also recalled some of the famous names of the show's early days. Greenberg and Senator Andrew Sordani always gave a good display.

Excellent riders from the Bogdon family's stable, Highland Acres, and the Malig family's stable, Borrowdale Acres, made the English competition keen.

"Many old-timers from the early days come back to the Lehman Horse Show just because it's there," Annie Root said. "You see parents riding with their children - it's great!"

Nora Gibbons Keyhoe from Carverton had a huge gray hunter named Mango, one of the best jumpers in the area. She competed against the men - and taught them a few lessons.

Fire company president Ed Hartman had a huge horse - 17.3 hands, or nearly six feet tall at the shoulder - named Drill.

"I thought it was a giraffe the first time I saw it," Heffernan said. "Mr. Hartman was a bit short, but he sure could show Drill who was boss."

The old show also had several classes for gaited horses - the graceful American saddlebreds who seem to float when they trot - and the high-stepping Tennessee walking horses, ridden by Bill Sgarlat, Frank Roan, Mary Hosey, Harold Rose and Clarence Naylor, who took the competition quite seriously. The American saddlebreds shown by Sam

## Carroll named president of Benedictine

Dallas native Dr. William J. Carroll has been inaugurated as the 10th president of Illinois Benedictine College, Lisle, Illinois. The school has since changed its name to Benedictine University.

Son of William and the late Wilma H. Carroll, Dr. Carroll holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Scranton and two graduate degrees from the Catholic University of Washington, D.C., all in philosophy.

Before coming to Benedictine University, he served as the executive vice president of Ohio Dominican College in Columbus, Ohio. Previously he was vice president for Academic Affairs and acting president of the college during 1992.

Prior to joining Ohio Dominican, Carroll was the Dean of graduate and continuing studies at Coppin State College (a branch campus of the University of Maryland) in Baltimore.

Additionally, he served as an adjunct faculty member and as a consultant for such organizations as the College of Notre Dame, the Baltimore City Library, John Hopkins University of Public Health the Institute for Services to Education.

Dr. Carroll served as editor for several books and published numerous papers and journal articles on philosophy diversity and education. He has also worked on projects as the Village to Child Program, which works with the neighborhood to help middle school children prepare for college. This program earned Ohio Dominican College the 1994 Urban League President's Award and the 1994 Columbus Foundation Award for the college's impact on the community. Additionally, he designed and implemented some of the largest public events on campus, including the college's Diversity Day, which have brought to the school such prominent authors as Maya Angelou and Ossie Davis.

Carroll has initiated many changes at Benedictine University, including the college's new liberal arts academic core, an accelerated degree program for adults and Benedictine University's Ph.D., slated to begin this fall.

## Navy commends Brian Baker

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Brian L. Baker, son of Lee A. and Evelyn G. Baker, Trucksville recently received a Letter of Commendation while assigned with Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 120, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, VA.

The 1988 graduate of Dallas Senior High School joined the Navy in June 1988.

## Douglas Stevens named PSU's top adult learner

Douglas B. Stevens of Dallas recently received the 1996 Outstanding Adult Learner of the Year Award by the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus.

Each year, the Luzerne County Council on Adult Higher Education recognizes one exceptional adult student from each of the five local institutions of higher learning. Criteria for selection includes a minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA), involvement in both

community and campus service activities and age 23 years or older.

A spring 1996 graduate of Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Stevens received associate degrees in telecommunications technology and biomedical engineering technology. While a student at the Wilkes-Barre Campus, he served as president of the Veterans Club, president of the Non-Traditional Student Society and senator in the

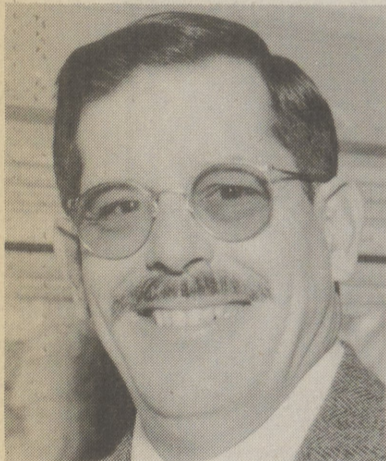
Student Government Association.

He was named to the 1996 Who's Who in American Junior Colleges and received scholarship awards from the Campus Advisory Board, Office Personnel and Biomedical Engineering department.

He was named to the Dean's List three semesters and graduated with a cumulative GPA of 3.62.

In 1994, Stevens retired from the U.S. Navy as chief warrant officer after 25 years of service, and decided to return to college.

Originally from Princeton, NJ, Stevens resides in Dallas with his wife Kathy and their three children.



DOUGLAS B. STEVENS

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