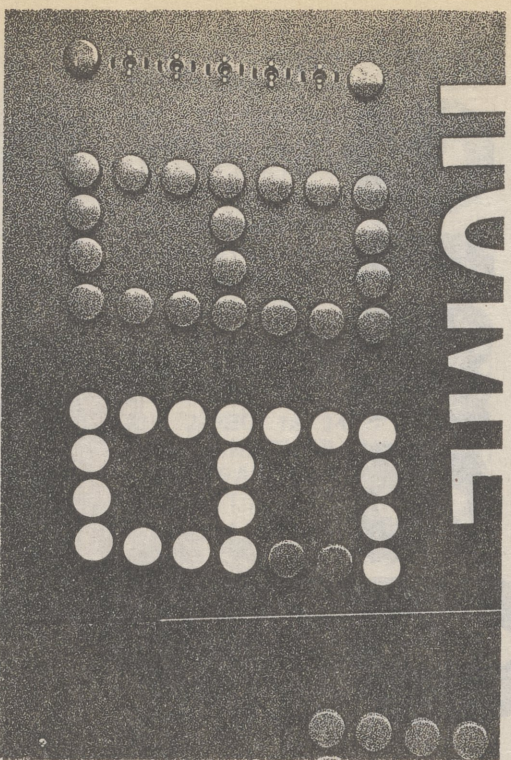


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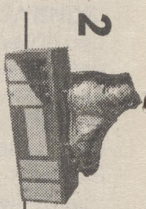
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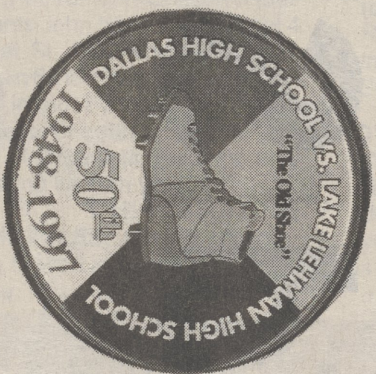
This year's Old Shoe game will have a special format. For the first time, the Old Shoe trophy will be on display at the stadium entrance and throughout the game, which starts at 2 p.m. at the Dallas High School field.

A special coin toss will include founding coaches Bob Dolbear (Dallas Twp.), George McCutcheon (Kingsion Twp.) and Anthony Marchakus (Lehman Twp.).

The trophy will be presented to the winning team at the end of the game by Melissa Saxton, president of the Dallas Rotary Club, which provided the trophy 50 years ago.

A raft of special events are planned, leading up to the 50th Old Shoe game. Here's a brief rundown.

A special commemorative breakfast will be held at the Irem Temple Country Club Friday morning. Hosted by the schools, invited guests include



The Dallas Gridiron Club will be selling commemorative buttons at the game for \$2 each.

All current players and their parents, coaches and former coaches and school officials.

Dallas High School will be holding a bonfire, pep rally Wednesday starting at about 6 p.m.

Lake-Lehman schedules

Plucked from the pile, his shoe lives on

So, just whose shoe is preserved in bronze? Dean Johnson of Trucksville thinks he knows. "Everybody lays claim to it," Johnson said Monday. "When it was all said and done, I got a new pair of shoes."

The shoe was plucked about midway through the season, Johnson said. Ted Zella, who coached the Kingsion Twp. team at the time, asked his players to

bring their 28-8 loss to Lake-Lehman, Bruce Goeringer, now a dentist in Dallas, was quarterback. He remembers having the ball close to the goal line and having the ball fumbled, and having to fight with a Lehman defensive player to come up it. We both had it, and I remember the ref. he was this little short guy, waving his hands in the air and signaling a first down, the other way, Goeringer said. "The games were always played on Thanksgiving," he said, a tradition that has since ended.

Chuck Wilson, who owns the Fieldhouse in Dallas, was the kicker in 1973, when Dallas thumped Lehman 34-6. "It was a great team," Wilson said. "We had some super players and were ranked first in the state." He remembers the team going 12-0, but this was before the playoffs were instituted, so there were no state championships.

For players, years of memories

The Old Shoe game has left players with memories that last a lifetime. Here are some of them:

Dating back to the fine year of 1962, we talked very briefly to Dallas Township running back, Joe Noon about memorable moments of his Old Shoe days. The biggest he had was that the field in Dallas had to be plowed clear of snow before the game could take place.

In 1963, Lake-Lehman quarterback Larry Lettice threw for an interception that was run back for a touchdown in a 19-0 Dallas win over the Black Knights. "Bragging rights was what made the game so special. We all grew up together, we were all friends, so winning was what we all wanted to do, to say, 'We did it not you,'" said Lettice, who has stayed active in athletics, once serving as president of Back Mountain Baseball Inc. "The funny thing is that my wife was in the band

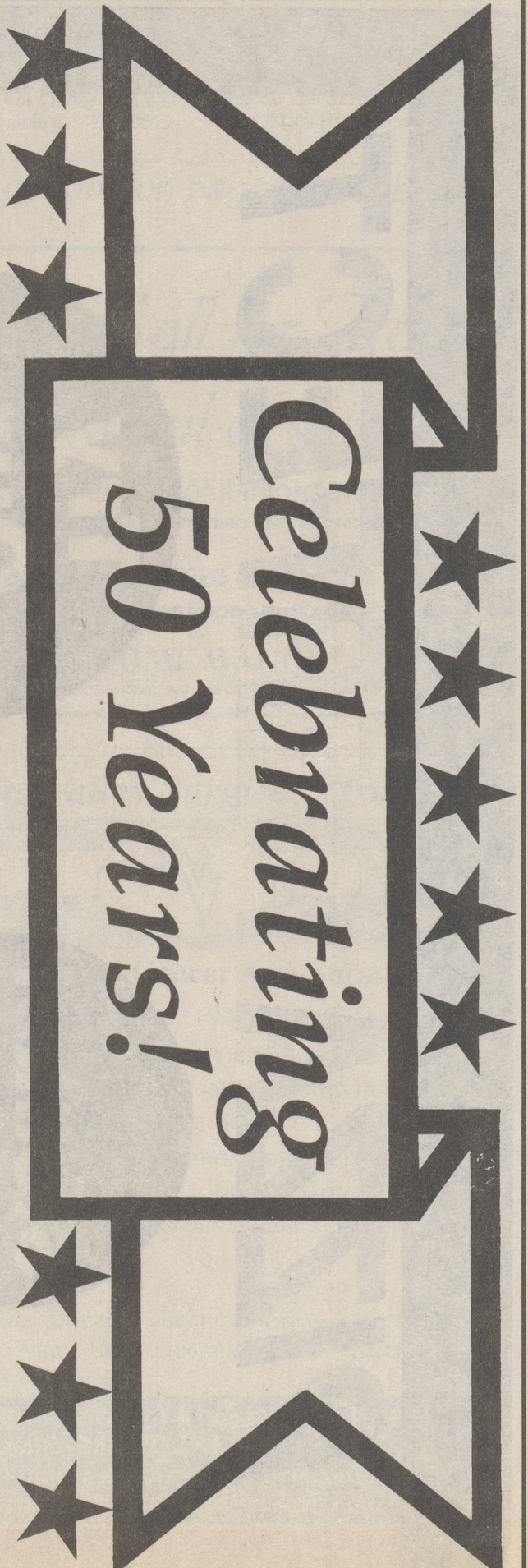
events every day during "Dallas Week." Monday was Class Color Day, with students dressing in their class colors. Tuesday was tie-dye, hat day, when students wore tie-dyed clothes and were allowed to wear hats in school. A new event took place Wednesday, Cross Dress Day. Thursday will be Decades Day, as students dress in the style of a chosen decade, such as the 50's, 60's etc. The Secret Cheerleaders' assembly will be held, revealing which cheerleaders have been giving weekly gifts to players during the season.

Friday is Black and Gold Day, with students dressing in black and gold, the school colors, or in Halloween costumes. There will be another assembly, this one with a pumpkin judging contest. A pep rally, complete with band and junior high students, will be held at 2:30 p.m. A bonfire will start at about 7 p.m.

the one that adorns the trophy to this day. Johnson still follows the local team's progress. "I don't miss very many games," he said, including last week's win over Hanover. And he'll be at the 50th Old Shoe contest Saturday. "God willing and the creek don't rise."

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On the cover: When the Old Shoe tradition began, these men were coaches. From left, Bob Dolbear, Dallas Twp. High School, Edward Edwards, Lehman High School, George McCutcheon, Kingsion Twp. High School, with the trophy that has lasted half a century. (And so have they!)



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