

Reunion

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very debonair and he had the looks to go with it. All the girls had a crush on him. He was flying back just after the war was over and his plane crashed over the South Pacific."

"Another fellow, Kenneth Brace, who was a great play actor and a friend to us all was killed in battle as was Bill Stritzinger, who fought

in the battle of St. Lo right after D-Day," O'Boyle said. "One of the guys who managed to get through the war along with me was John Garbutt. He was at Pearl Harbor during the invasion and he had a real harrowing time of it."

A tribute is paid to these, and other classmates who have passed, at every reunion. Plans



The Dallas Township High School Class of 1940 gathered in their caps and gowns for a group picture outside the school.

GLASS OF 1940

Harry Boehme
Burton Bonell
John Borton
Kenneth Brace
Curtis Edwards
John Garbutt
Arthur Garinger
Harold Hess
James Knecht
Donald MacDermott
James Nulton
Robert O'Boyle
William Roberts
William Snyder
Robert Sorber
John Stockmal
William Stritzinger
Edward Wallace
Keith Kresge

Irene Breza
Lottie Brzski
Jane Case
Marilyn Colvin
Wilma Estock
Dorothy Harmon
Marion Hildebrant
Geraldine Howell
Elva Knecht
Pauline Kozemehak
Martha Kunkle
Ruth Kunkle
Julia Matukitis
Jeanne Miller
Botty Race
Ruth Ross
Mildred Sanford
Ida Schoonover
Abbie Van Buskirk
Ruth Yeust

Class Colors Maroon and Gold
Class Flower Sunburst Rose
Class Motto "Not Finished but Begun"

HONOR ROLL

(Seniors with scholastic averages of 90% or above, ranked in order)

1. John Borton
2. Arthur Garinger
3. Elva Knecht
4. William Roberts

A program from the commencement ceremony lists all the Dallas Township graduates, some of whom are organizing a 60th reunion celebration to include alumni from the Kingston Township and Dallas Borough High School classes of 1940.

Dallas Twp. High School Class of 1940 song

With our banners high, we will
say goodbye -
To our classmates and friends -
Our memories will ever linger
until our days end

May your red and white, be our
guiding light -
As we climb toward goals above
We'll be faithful, forever
To the school that we love.

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for a 60th anniversary celebration include extending invitations to those who graduated from Dallas Borough and Kingston Township high schools in the same year. "We've been reduced now because of age and what have you," said O'Boyle. "So some of us thought it would be nice to have one big party with all of the 1940 graduates from all three schools. It's just a chance to reminisce and catch up with some of the people growing up in the Back Mountain at the same time."

Jane Davis was a member of the Dallas Township class of 1940 and her husband is a Kingston Township High School alumnus from the same year. "Our class was always a pretty close-knit group," she said. "Many of us went through school from first grade right on up through 12th together. But I grew up in Fernbrook just about 50 yards from the cut-off they used to determine which school you'd at-

"The dime dances are especially memorable to me because we just had such a good time together."

Ida (Schoonover) Edwards
Dallas Twp. High School Class of 1940

tend. Most of my friends from the neighborhood went to Kingston Township so I was always running around with both groups."

Athletic competitions fostered rivalries among the neighboring high schools. "I remember there being a bit of animosity, especially between Dallas Township and Dallas Borough because we were so close to one another," said O'Boyle. "I played football and Dallas Borough only had a basketball team. They didn't have a lot of students you see, so I didn't experience any kind of rivalry firsthand but I remember some of the basketball games were pretty exciting."

"Dallas Borough had this tiny gymnasium and whenever we played them in basketball it would get so loud," said Ida Edwards. "Everyone was just cheering for their school team at the top of their voice. It was really something to see."

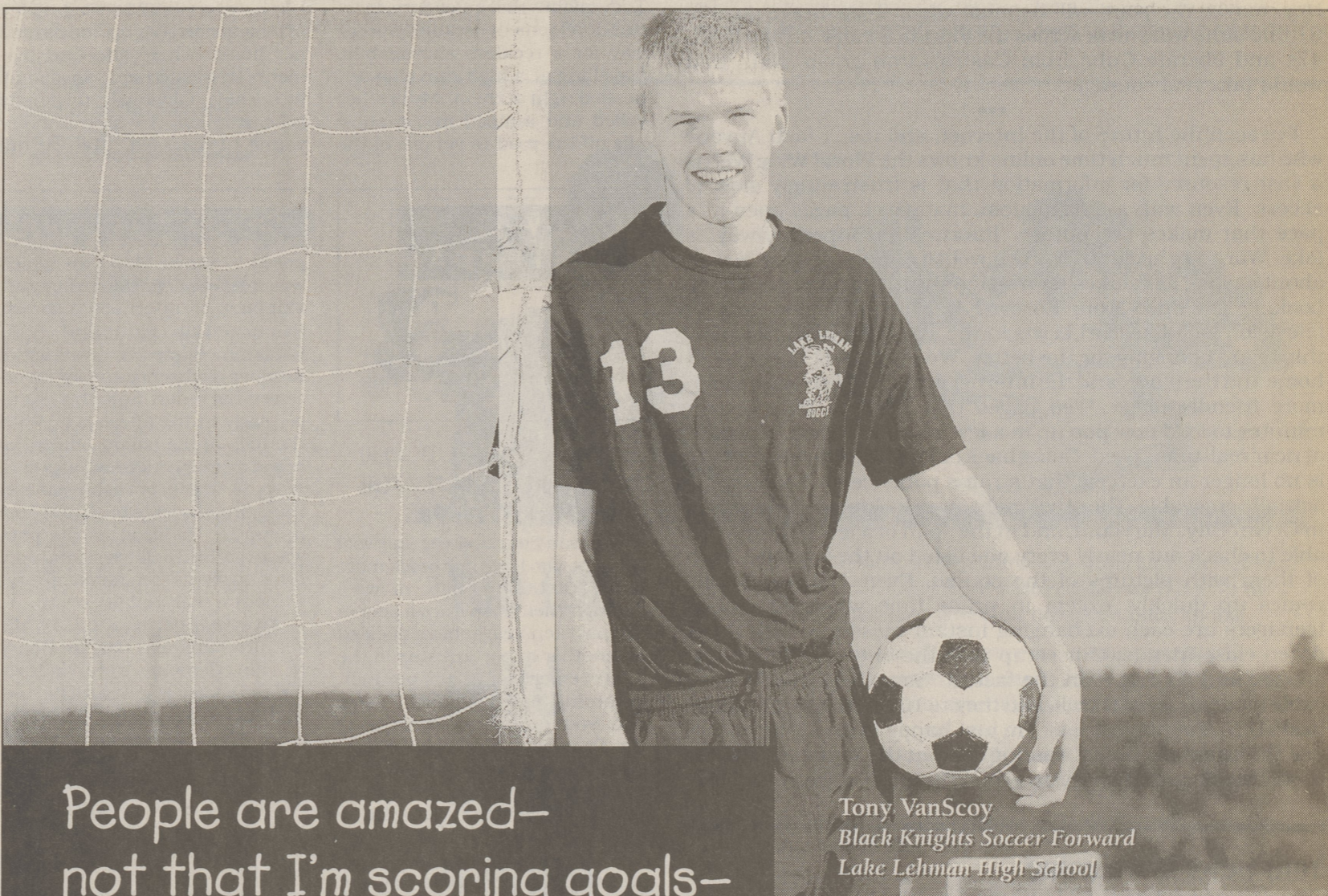
Dallas Township also had a girls' basketball team. "That was the only sport available for girls at that time," said Davis. "Of course, we had a school newspaper which was quite efficient for what it was and we had a nice band. The dime dances are especially memorable to me because we just had such a good time together. We were a small group but we certainly had

fun."

Despite all the changes this group has endured over the years, they are ready to have fun together once again. "We were born just as the Depression was getting started and we lived through that," said O'Boyle. "Then we went right into the whole thing with the World War II and later we had Korea and Vietnam and all the others. I think most of us feel we belong to a real group of experienced veterans and it would be nice to catch up with everyone and share some of our stories."

Did you graduate from Dallas Township, Dallas Borough or Kingston Township High School in 1940, or thereabouts?

If you are interested in attending a Back Mountain schools reunion and/or helping to plan the event contact Bob O'Boyle at (301) 790-0592.



Tony VanScoy
Black Knights Soccer Forward
Lake Lehman High School

People are amazed—
not that I'm scoring goals—
that I'm walking at all.
Tony

"Last year, I was trying out for the state soccer team when I got a pins-and-needles feeling in my right foot. I saw a few doctors, but Mom had a feeling we should get another opinion.

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