Photo shows, from left to right; Coach Eugene Swift, Bob Barto, John Fellenbaum, and Kevin Bradley.

The spring athletic season is underway at Donegal High. Photo shows Sue May soaring over the high jump at last week's girl's track meet with Lampeter-Strasburg.
photo by Corky Flick

Basketball champs are honored

The Donegal Indians, with a record of 14-0 in Section 3 and 21-4 in season play, were guests of honor at the Second Annual Basketball Banquet sponsored by the Basketball Booster Club. President Barry Etsell presided at the dinner in the school cafeteria which was attended by more than 175 people.

The invocation was given by Rev. Ricard Kohler.

John Clark, a former high school, college, and professional basketball coach, was the Guest Speaker. He told of his experiences and some amusing antecdotes and encouraged the boys to be loyal to their parents, school, and community and to do their very best in their sports activities. He was introduced by Coach Emil Swift.

Each varsity player, JV player, manager, coach, cheerleader, stat girl, and "Don Eagle,, received door prizes and a grab bag from people in the community.

The following banners and trophies were presented:

Banner in recognition of the Basketball Team of 1955-56 was given to the school by John Heistand and Al Kugle, members of this championship team.

Banner in recognition of the 1975-76 Section 3 Champions was presented by Rory Gallagher, President of the Varsity Club which purchased the banner.

Gifts to the Cheerleaders by Miss Maile and Mrs. Dennis Engle.

Ron Morris and Harvey Reem of the Marietta Jaycees presented a plaque to the school in recognition of this year's winning team.

Mark McKercher's family presented personalized mugs to all the Varsity players, Coach Swift, Manager, Dennis Finley, and Claudia Brandt (Don Eagle)

Marlin Miller, representing many fans and friends presented trophies to all the Varsity playes. Each trophy included the specific attribute each player displayed during the year. He also presented a trophy to John Fellenbaum for having been chosen to the All-County All-Star team.

George McCue, on behalf of Kunkle Oil Service, presented a trophy to each player and to Coach Swift.

Coach Emil Swift then had the honor to present the following trophies:

Most Rebounds - Bob Barto

Most Improved Player - Kevin Bradley

Most Valuable Player - John Fellenbaum

He also requested a standing ovation for Rory Gallagher who, during the year, displayed good team spirit and was helpful in keeping the team in contention despite the fact that he was not a "starter".

The Basketball Booster Club (through donations made by many people) gave the following:

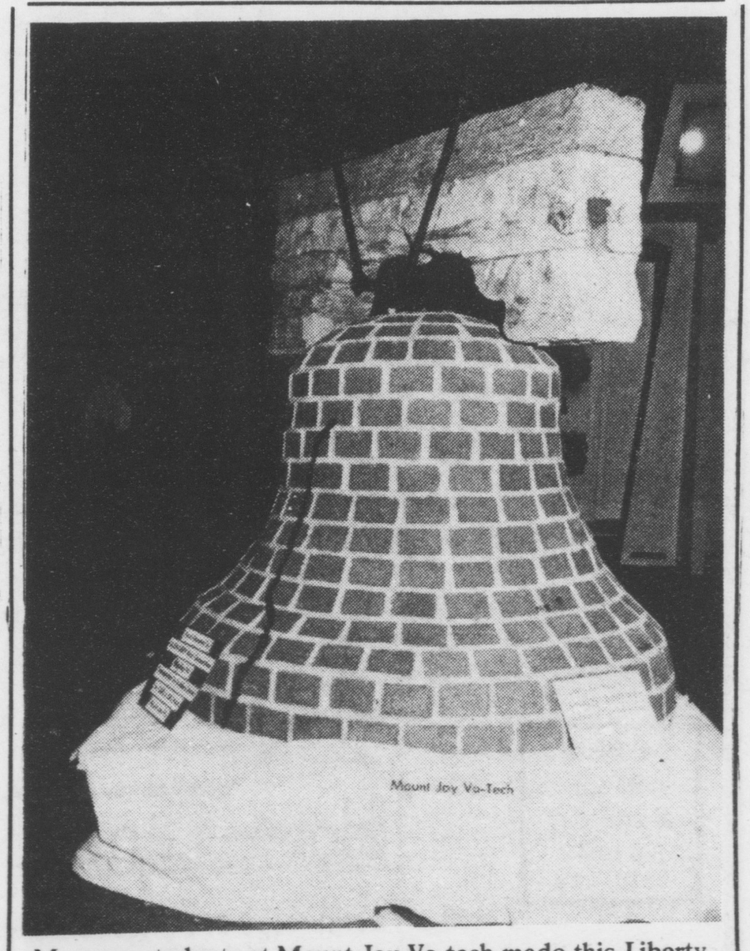
Charms to the Cheerleaders (presented by Georgianne McCue) Hamilton watches to the Varsity Players, Coach Swift Assistant coach Robert Freund, and Manager, Dennis Finley. (Presented by Barry Etsell and Bill Barto)

Mrs. Linda Ross, Art Teacher, presented a caricature drawing of each player and of Coach Swift. These were done in the typical pose of the individuals.

The Cheerleaders presented scrapbooks to the players and gifts to their coaches.

Beautifully decorated cakes (baked by Cindy Engle) were on display and were then served as desert to climax the tasteful ham dinner catered by the Lancaster County Farm Diner.

The Committee chairman in charge of arrangements included: Prizes-Bill Barto; Food-Mrs. Jerry Miller; and Decorations-Mrs. James Sarbaugh.



Masonry students at Mount Joy Vo-tech made this Liberty Bell from bricks. The bell is on display at the Park City builder's convention display.

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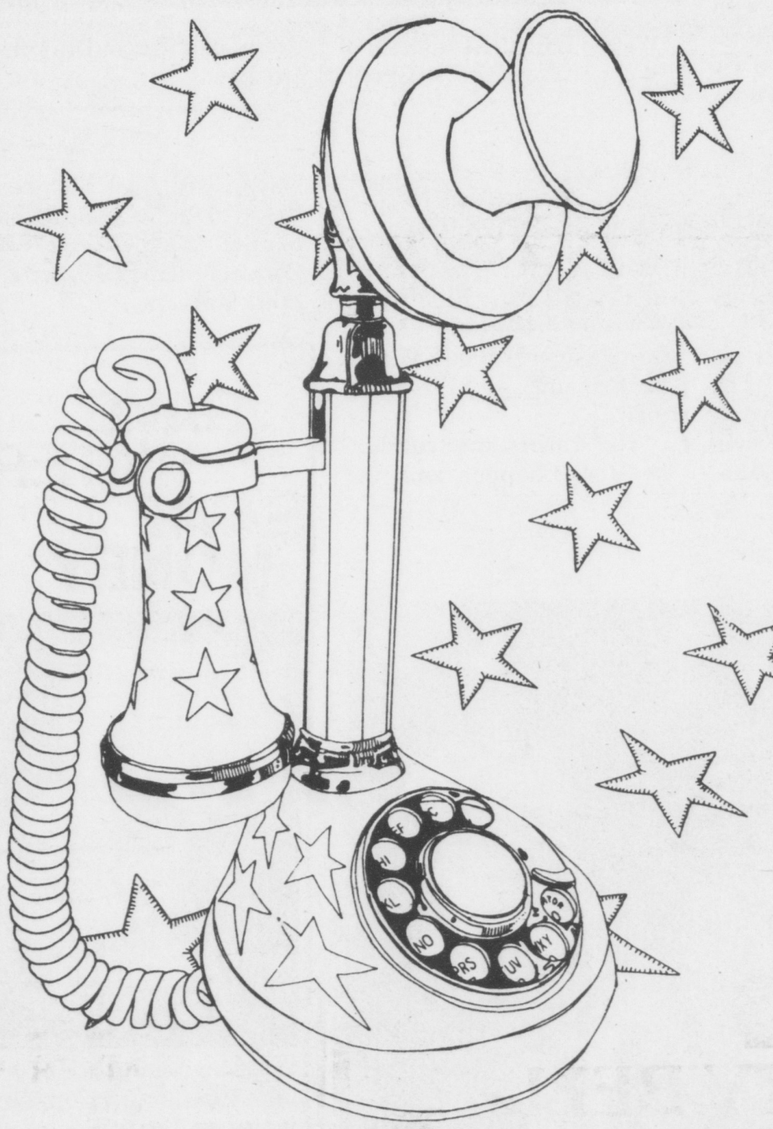

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