

Mrs. Lau directs "Camelot"



Mrs. Ro Ann Lau

Mrs. Ro Ann Lau, director of Donegal High School's musical, Camelot, to open this Friday night, has been musical since she was four years old. That was when she sat down on a piano stool in Lebanon and took her first piano lesson.

Her parents believed that the best way to learn music was to learn piano. After she had mastered the piano, then Ro Ann was free to choose any other instrument she liked.

When she was nine Ro Ann chose the organ.

But when she got to junior high and wanted to play in the school band she had to make another choice.

This time it was drums, of which there were plenty around her house; her father had been a drummer.

All through high school and then Westchester State College she continued to play drums in the school bands and was also drummer in a dance band.

Meanwhile, another musical interest had developed. Ro Ann sang in church choirs and school choruses. While still a student in high school, when the faculty director of the school choir got sick, Ro Ann took over its direction.

This was the beginning of a musical career in which directing the performance of others has been more

satisfying than performing herself.

At Westchester, where she majored in both piano and vocal music, her interest in the latter deepened under the inspiring influence of her vocal teacher.

Although music has been such an important part of Ro Ann Lau's life, it is by no means all of it. She lives in Palmyra with her husband William, and her two children Steven, 7, and Connie Jane, 3. (Steven makes his musical comedy debut this Friday as Tom of Warwick in Camelot.)

Two years ago Mrs. Lau was voted "outstanding woman of the year" by the Women's Club of Palmyra. Active in local affairs, she has directed choirs and community musicals in Palmyra. For four years she gave up teaching at Donegal to devote more time to her family. Now she is back at Donegal only part-time.

During her first years at Donegal she directed "Lil Abner" and "Music Man." Last year after her return, she directed "Brigadoon."

This year's production of "Camelot" is the largest undertaking of her career so far.

This Friday night, when the lights darken, the music begins, and the curtain goes up in the auditorium, the Donegal audience will be transported back to the ancient Britain of King Arthur. They will not be conscious of all the work by all the people who helped to produce "Camelot."

Some of that work started years ago on a piano stool in Lebanon, where a little girl sat taking her very first music lesson.



Left to right: Rick Smedley, Jr., Ronald J. Morris, Mrs. McDevitt, & Mayor McDevitt

Mayor buys first J-C plate

Last week Mayor Bernard R. McDevitt and Mrs. McDevitt received the first

Marietta Bicentennial commemorative plate, which they purchased from the

Marietta Jaycees. Jaycee president Rick Smedley, Jr., and Ronald J. Morris, chairman of the Jaycee's Bicentennial Committee, delivered the plate to the Mayor's house.



The first Marietta Bicentennial commemorative plate.

There is a limited series of the eleven-inch plates available, which are embossed with a scene of Marietta's square.

Other series of Bicentennial plates will be issued, each of which will show another scene from historic Marietta.

Proceeds from the sale of the plates will go toward restoring the old Marietta school as a recreation center for the youth of Marietta.

More information about the plates can be secured from Mr. Morris at 426-3185 or from Don Simmons at 426-1058.

Mr. Siberski plays in "West Side Story"

Joseph B. Siberski, who teaches English at Donegal High School, played the part of Officer Krupke, in the highly acclaimed "West Side Story," recently play-

ed at the Fulton Opera House in Lancaster.

He is also currently rehearsing for parts in "Hello Dolly" and "Skin of Our Teeth," to go on the stage in Lancaster.

Mr. Siberski, who is faculty advisor for the student newspaper and literary magazine at Donegal, is studying evenings at Millersville State College for his master's degree in psychology.

Later he plans to study communications.

Siberski's dramatic career goes back to St. Joseph's College, where he directed plays. He participated in a drama workshop at N.Y.U. and played in summer stock at New Hope, Pa.

Before coming to Donegal he was editor of the company newspaper for a division of Johnson and Johnson, Inc., in New Jersey and arranged weekend tours for company employees to places like Washington, D.C., or Las Vegas, Nev.



Left to right: Marty Barnett, Joseph Siberski, Carl Elliott, & Allen Estep

60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. G. Carl Shenk of Maytown will be honored Sunday, April 6, at the Central Hotel, Mount Joy.

The Shenk's were married April 6, 1915 with the Rev. Joseph Krout officiating at the ceremony. Mrs. Shenk is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Blessing, Marietta, Pa. Mr. Shenk

is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Enos Shenk, Quarryville.

They are parents of one son, Lester B. Shenk, Maytown. They have two grandchildren.

The Shenks are members of the St. John's Lutheran Church, Maytown.

DID YOU HEAR...

John Shrum of Mount Joy is co-captain of Elizabethtown College's baseball squad. John, a senior at E-town, will play center field.

ABRAM GROFF APPOINTED TO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Abram Groff, vice-chairman of the East Donegal Township Supervisors, has been appointed to the Lancaster County Planning Commission by the County Com-

missioners.

Groff will represent Region 4, which includes the northwestern section of the County.

