

# Musical career for Marie Macklin

by Martha Fuhrman

It was about thirteen years ago when Marie Macklin, daughter of Theodore Macklin of Lancaster, and Mrs. George Goshea of Marietta, sang her first solo in the second grade in a spring program at the Marietta Elementary School. "I've been singing ever since," Marie says.

Singing was not Marie's only talent. In the fourth grade she started playing a clarinet and also took piano lessons from Mrs. Johns, formerly of E. Market St., Marietta. By the time Marie reached sixth grade she had advanced to first chair for clarinet in the band at Maytown School, under the direction of Mr. Morrell Shields.

By the time she reached eighth grade, the clarinet had somehow fallen by the wayside, but Marie was still singing and playing the piano. Outside school, Marie's voice was heard in churches and many public places throughout the area. She was now studying under Mrs. Mildred Sloan of Mount Joy.

In the fall of 1969 Marie started to attend St. Frances Academy of Rome, in Baltimore, Md. This is an all-black private Catholic boarding school run by the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Here Marie's musical studies ground to a halt. She kept on singing. Marie and a few other girls including a pianist, formed a group, sang at talent shows, and won prizes in several contests.

In her sophomore year at St. Frances, Marie won the general excellence award.

In her senior year, the students put on a Passion Play for Easter. Marie was chosen to write the music and also for the play, to direct the chorus. Sixteen performances of the Passion Play were given followed by a command performance attended by Cardinal Sheehan of Baltimore, Md.

At her graduation from St. Frances, Marie received the outstanding teenager award, the leadership award, and the creative arts award.

After graduating from St. Frances, Marie traveled with the St. Frances Xavier gospel choir of Baltimore, Md.

In the summer of 1973, Marie entered the Peabody Preparatory School where she studied piano for six weeks. In the fall of 1973 she went back to Peabody Preparatory to study piano, voice and theory. She was also living and working at St. Frances Academy, where she was in charge of the music department and also played the organ.

But now a problem arose. Marie was having difficulty



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with her voice. It was raspy, and her range was shortened. A throat specialist, Dr. Berry of Baltimore, determined that an operation to remove nodes was necessary. In February of 1974 the operation was performed. For two weeks she was not allowed to speak and was not allowed to sing for six months. Marie says she cheated a bit, because she just had to find out if she still had a voice. After her operation she left St. Frances and came home to Marietta until time to return to Peabody. Just recently Marie sang in a recital at the school.

Marie will graduate from Peabody Preparatory in May and in the fall will continue her musical studies at the Peabody Conservatory. During the summer, Marie will further her studies at the University of Hartford in Hartford, Connecticut, where she will study under Walter Hautzig, internationally known pianist.

Marie plans to get her master's degree in music at Peabody and then go on for a doctor's degree. An unusual musical career was launched by the solo that little Marie Macklin sang in the second grade at Marietta Elementary School.

## Boozer chairs GOP campaign

Larry D. Boozer, Elizabethtown has been named primary election campaign chairman for the Lancaster County Republican Committee by John M. Scheldrup, Committee Vice-Chairman for campaigns and administration.

Mr. Boozer is the husband of Linda Boozer, who is a special reading instructor in the Donegal School District. They have two

children: Kellie Jo, 6, and Gregory Dale, 4.

Mr. Boozer was campaign manager for Kenneth E. Brandt, representative to the State Legislature from the 98th District.

The Rhythm Singers from Donegal High School directed by Steve Hassinger, will provide musical entertainment for the evening.

## Leisure Club

The Mount Joy Leisure Club will hold its April meeting, Monday, April 14 in the Florin Fire Hall, and will begin at 12 o'clock. The program will be presented by the Lancaster Branch of the American Heart Association.

Envelopes will be stuffed for the Memorial Day Com-

mittee prior to the noon meeting. Any member who can is asked to come to the Fire Hall about 10:00 and help to stuff the envelopes, as this will be done before the noon meeting. Members are also asked to bring along a sandwich for their lunch. Coffee and cake will be served at noon.

## LA LECHE LEAGUE TO MEET

The Elizabethtown-Mount Joy Group of La Leche League will hold its fourth meeting of the series of meetings on Wednesday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. The topic for informal discussion is "Nutrition and Wean-

ing." Any woman interested in learning more about good mothering is welcome to attend. For more information call Mrs. Gary Thompson 426-1306 or Mrs. Alfred Schober 653-4924.



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