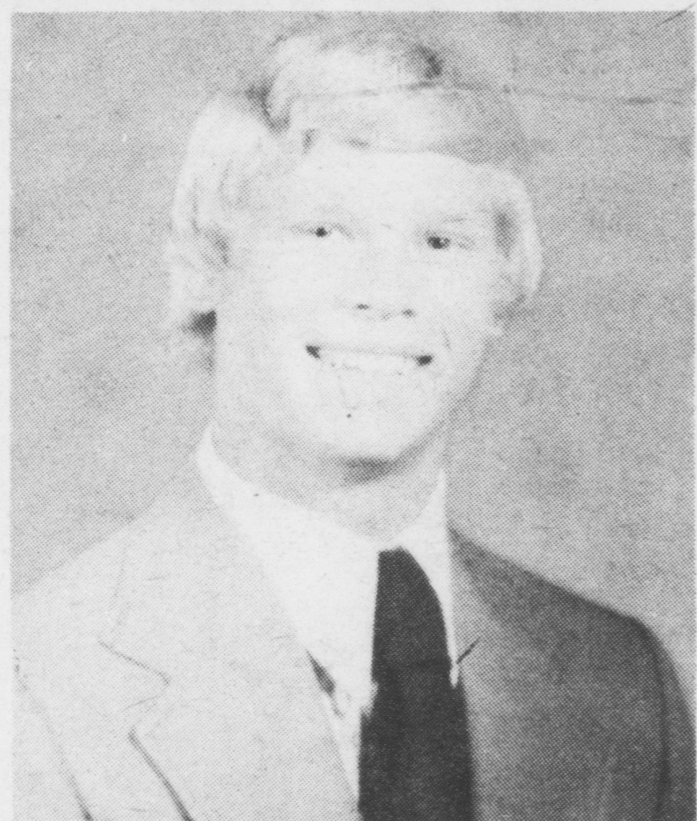
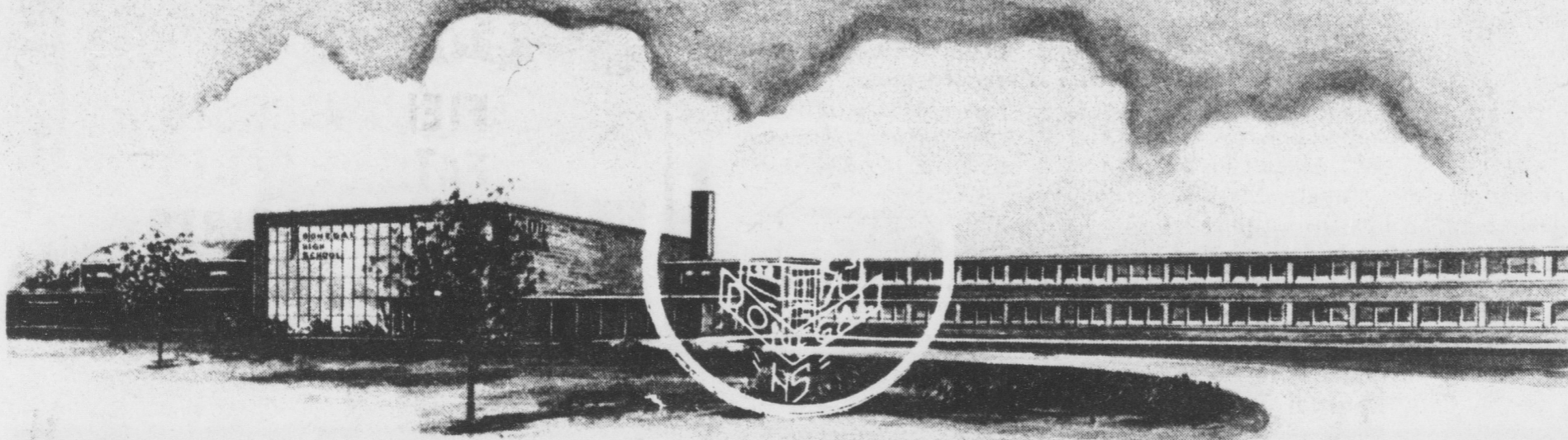


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Ted Hershey

Behind the Scenes

by Melody Mumma

Whether he is seen acting, dancing, or singing, Ted Hershey gives the impression that he is right at home on the stage. A four-year member of Dramatics Club, Ted has played a variety of roles in different school plays. He has also acted in both the Junior Class Play and the Senior Class Play, in which he had one of the leading roles.

A member of the chorus for four years, Ted currently serves as Vice-President. For the past two years, he has participated in the Rhythm Singers, a twelve-member song-and-dance group. He has been honored musically by his selection to the Lancaster County Chorus Festival.

An actor, singer, and dancer for both "Brigadoon" and "Camelot", he displayed all three of his performing talents in one show. Ted gained new insight into the performing arts during his weeks spent

in the summer theatres of 1974 and 1975. One of his favorite aspects of the '75 workshop was that part of the time which was devoted entirely to tap dancing. A great admirer of many dance forms, he has recently begun ballet lessons with Eleanor Hildebrandt in Mount Joy.

During the summer, Ted works as a lifeguard at the Mount Joy pool. He has been a member of the town's swim team for eleven years.

Ted is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos D. Hershey of 43 Springville Road in Mount Joy. He is a member of Chiques United Methodist Church, where he sings in the choir. His future plans are to attend Millersville State College as a biology major. But, according to Ted, no matter what major field of study he chooses, "music, drama, and especially dance, will always be avocations."

Time goes by

by Nanette Pinto

Time goes by
so quickly
Days fly by
so fast
The new year that's
just celebrated
Is a year that's
soon our past

I can't believe
how time goes by
I can't believe
the way
How fast a day
can come and go
When we think it's
here to stay.

DHS students travel to Lititz to entertain senior citizens

by Mary-Margaret Peraro

On Thursday, December 4, twenty students and their advisors, Mrs. Lau and Mrs. Peraro, traveled by bus to Luther Acres, Lititz, to present a one hour program to the Senior Citizens who are confined to the nursing facility. Upon our arrival, all of the guests had been seated or wheeled into the beautiful dining hall for the presentation. Approximately 50 guests and staff members were in attendance.

Our program was divided into three segments: performing acts from our Summer Theater program; excerpts from the 1975 Veteran's Day Assembly ("Voices of Liberty" and Rhythm Singers numbers); and a short Christmas segment. The program ran ex-

ceptionally smoothly, and our audience was a most appreciative one. Following the students' presentations, the group sang "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" to our hosts, and presented them with an over-sized Christmas card which all of the performers had signed. (The card was made for the group by freshman Dramatic Club member, Floyd Runkle.)

At the conclusion of the program, an elderly gentleman who served as spokesman for the residents made a delightful speech in which he recalled his participation in a patriotic program 75 years ago, and in which he commended our students both on their talents and on their fine spirit of patriotism. It was obvious that our efforts were most sincerely appreciated by this fine group of senior citizens.

After the program, our students mingled briefly with the guests, and made many new friends. We were surprised to learn that many of the residents were former schoolteachers.

Our stay was extended when the bus driver announced that the bus had a flat tire, and that we would have to await a replacement. This provided an additional opportunity to meet and talk with more of the guests, and the time passed rather quickly. We departed from Luther Acres at approximately 4:40, arriving at Donegal at about 5:10 p.m.

As advisor to the Dramatics Club, I feel that this was a most beautiful opportunity for our students to perform a public service as well as to develop friendships among our senior citizens. From the comments of the students, I know that they enjoyed

performing to this most appreciative audience, and they particularly enjoyed sharing conversation with this too-often neglected segment of our society. I wish that we had unlimited funds to be able to take programs to nursing facilities throughout the county, as it is only in the eyes of these elderly folks that one can truly appreciate how much it means to them to have among them young people who care. I was very pleased with the conduct of our students and the warmth which they radiated among the guests.

Mrs. Kurz, the activities director for Luther Acres, spoke with Steven Hassinger about the possibility of our stage band's playing for the Luther Acres New Year's Eve party (The guests welcome 1976 at 8:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve.)

Diversified Occupations Program in full swing at Donegal

by Carole Gibason

Vocational education has and is becoming more and more a part of our schools' curriculums. Why, and is there a need for it?

Out of the four million students who graduate yearly, more than half have no saleable skill or training to earn a living.

Are schools preparing the majority of students for life after high school? The Lancaster County Area Vocational-Technical Schools and the Diversified Occupations Programs are a large part of this answer.

The Diversified Occupations Program is an extension of a student's vocational education. There are so many students who want to enter a Vo-tech school. But there are very few openings in the Vo-tech programs as compared to the number of students wishing to attend a Vo-tech school. Consequently many of these students do not get a chance to enter Vo-tech. These students would like to learn a trade so that they will be prepared to make a living for themselves following graduation from high school. The Diversified Occupations Program was created to provide work orientation and school-supervised on-the-job training for these students.

This program combines classroom instruction with on-the-job experiences in an industrial setting. The program entails a method of instruction that involves the student, his parents, the school, and cooperating industries in Lancaster County.

The primary objective of the program is to increase the student's employability through supervised on-the-job experiences in an industrial setting. This program involves the community work force in providing the vocational student-learner with an educational experience of his or her career objectives. The school facilities serve as the center of the instructional program. In this way, the student experiences the realities of occupational activity paralleling the school instructional program.

Student learners are paid for their work. Consequently, they are subject to the same rules and regulations as regular employees. The successful student learner not only "earns while he learns," but is an excellent candidate for full-time employment following graduation.

The Diversified Occupation Coordinator at Donegal High School is Mr. Joseph Sciortino. He is employed by the Lancaster County Vo-tech at Donegal and Manheim Central High schools. As Coordinator, Mr. Sciortino contacts employers,

visits the job site once a month and discusses the student's progress. This program provides the conscientious businessman and public spirited employer with an opportunity to discover suitable (continued on page 5)

God's only son

by Jeanne Freed

He was born in a stable bare,
God's only son.
He was given to all who cared,
God's only son.
He was, and is, without compare,
God's only son.
He's always been God's only heir,
God's only son.
He was sent to warn us to beware,
God's only son.
But He was judged by men who weren't fair,
God's only son.
He was taken to a hill where,
God's only son.
Was crucified on Cal'vry there,
God's only son.
He died on the cross as those men stared,
God's only son.
And then was buried by those who cared,
God's only son.
He is now alive and with us here,
God's only son.
And will love all of those who care,
God's only son.
He has so much love and will always share,
God's only son.