

Hickory Leaf

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Seniors Attend Festival

Evelyn Perkovic and Ron Marchen, seniors, are attending the bi-annual Pennsylvania Music Education Association Convention and will perform in an orchestra for the event.

Evelyn and Ron are presently in Harrisburg for the three day

event which climaxes Saturday, Dec. 5, with a 1:30 p.m. concert. Activities began today when both an orchestra and a chorus started rehearsals for Saturday's concert. Both are participating in the orchestra. Evelyn on violin and Ron on cello.

Although most of their time will be spent in rehearsal, they attended a performance by "Duquesne University Tambouritzans" last night.

Selections to be played at the concert include "Hexagram," a contemporary piece by Richard Wernich, three pieces from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by Mendelssohn, "Abduction" from the "Seraglio" by Mozart and the "Choral Fantasy" by Beethoven. The Beethoven work will be done by both the choir and orchestra with piano accompaniment.



Evelyn Perkovic practices on her violin before leaving for a music festival in Harrisburg.

Snow Skiers Unite Forming Initial Club

Although some students dread the coming of winter, about 55 students want the snow to come soon. These students are the members of the new ski club.

The club had an organizational meeting on Friday, Nov. 13. At this meeting all those wishing to join were separated into three groups—those who never skied before, those who have only begun and those who are good.

Mr. Fred Hazi and Mr. James Bradley are going to advise the club. No officers are to be elected and no dues will be collected. Each student, however, will have to pay for his own ticket, rental, and transportation and must have school insurance.

It is not certain yet what the club will do, but they are starting to plan some trips to various ski areas. Their first trip will probably be to Lucifer's Leap, the ski slope near Mercer.

This is the first ski club ever in Hickory and the only high school club in the valley. However, Mercer High School, is also starting a ski club this year.

KM

French and Speech Classes View Play at Hiram College

Tomorrow, Dec. 4, Mrs. Joan Walker's speech classes and selected French classes will travel to Hiram College in Ohio. There they will view the French play, "Tartuff" written by Moliere.

"Tartuff" is about a person who is a true believer in good and evil. The analysis of his characterization should prove to be interesting.

The group will be leaving the school around 9 a.m. and arrive back at school at 2:30 p.m.

When asked how she felt the students would benefit from this, Mrs. Walker stated, "I feel that just seeing live theater will help the students understand the full reality of interpretation and portraying a character. They will be able to realize what goes on in drama by understanding the play and forming a basic idea from its meaning."

Mrs. Neal Added to Faculty

Mrs. Katherine Neal is another addition to the faculty this year. Mrs. Neal teaches French I, II and a ninth grade English class.

She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in French from Thiel College. She also studied in France for one year as a student of the University of Ex-Marseilles.

Mrs. Neal made her home with a French family in the Dix-En-

Province which is in the southern part of France near the Mediterranean Sea.

Although she feels "a couple of my classes are too large," Mrs. Neal commented that she "just plain likes it" here at Hickory.

Prior to this year Mrs. Neal served as a substitute teacher for Hickory and other area schools.



The newly formed Pep Band practice for the basketball season.

Pep Band Organized

An added attraction to this year's home basketball games will be the newly formed Pep Band. The twelve member combo will perform between the Junior Varsity game and the Varsity game and during both halftimes.

The band was organized by junior Mark Lyons, who now serves as both the leader of the group and as one of the trumpet players.

Other musicians in the group are Bob Avril, Cliff Boyer and Leo Radkowski, trumpets; Paul Anderson and Jim Batten, trombones; and Rick Applegate, Tom Hancock and Keith Yusko, saxophones.

Also included in the band are Dan Grodecki and Steve Sveda, percussion; and Breck Watt, bass guitar.

The group's repertoire contains a wide spectrum of musical selections. Pop numbers from some of the band's future programs include "Spinning Wheel", "Do You Know The Way To San Jose?" and "I Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You". The jazz style is represented by "Joshua", "Soul Step", "Sweet Georgia Brown" and "The Stripper".

"Brazilia" lends the band a touch of the Latin beat, with "Pink Panther" and "Hey Hey Nay Nay Kiss Him Goodbye."--RM

Two Seniors To Attend Seminar

On Law Day, Dec. 9, Mr. George Lewis and two seniors, John Rademacher and Joe Gunn, will attend an all day seminar in Mercer.

The program is being held to improve the "concept which high school students seem to have regarding the function and operation of the Courts and of the purpose served generally by law enforcement in our society."

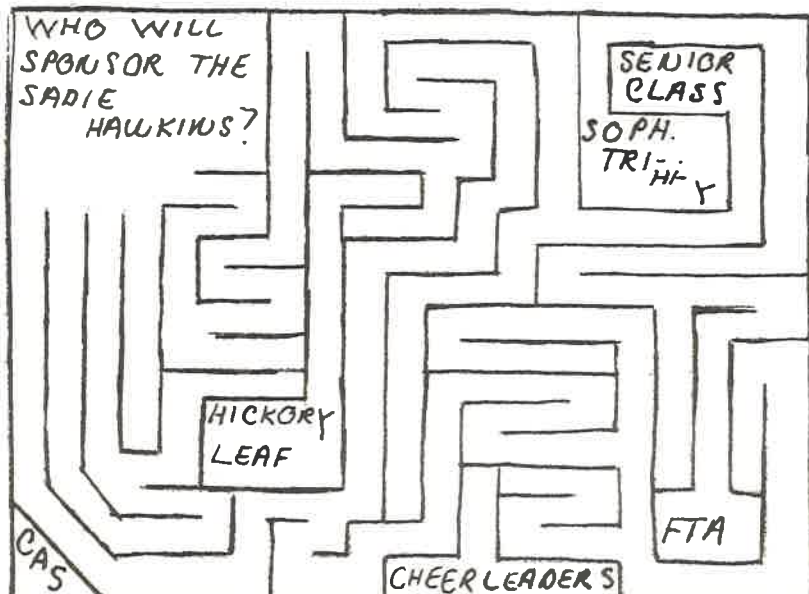
Each high school in Mercer County has been invited to send two students and one teacher as representatives. President Judge

Stranahan and Acker are in charge.

It is hoped that the representatives will return to their school and speak to other students about what they learned. Joe and John will probably speak to the history classes on request by the individual teachers.



Mrs. Katherine Neal, former substitute teaches French and English this year.



Flag Degraded In School

by Dawnelle Batcher

From the first grade through the twelfth, students daily go through the ritual of standing, hand on heart, saluting the symbol of our great nation, the flag.

To a first-grader, the proud red, white and blue banner seems to deserve esteem and honor. When in high school, however, we view our surroundings more realistically. We see the symbol of our country as it is presently represented in our courtyard and homerooms; a sometimes faded, sometimes wrinkled, often water-spotted piece of cloth.

Law states that a new star be added to the flag on July 4th following the admission of each new state. Alaska was admitted to the Union on January 3, 1959. Hawaii was admitted on August 21, 1959. We can deduce that the 49-star flag in Room 224 was hung in 1959. However, this would have been impossible, for the north wing was not built

until 1965. The flag was outdated before it was hung.

When I pass through the courtyard and see a wet flag clinging to a glistening silver pole, I realize why. The pole is one of the few things at our school that supports it and willingly holds it high.

'Pom Pom Girls' Club Formed; Council Drops Student Commons

The "Pom Pom Girls," a group which will perform at basketball games, received a tentative passage of their constitution at a closed Student Council meeting, Nov. 20. An article concerning membership needed a small technical change.

At the regular meeting, held Nov. 18, the Council discussed plans for the proposed radio program. It was decided to consult the people presently involved and start a once a week program.

'Riki Tiki Tavi' and Donovan Get Together on 'Open Road'

"Now everybody who read the jungle book knows that riki tiki tavi is a mongoose who kills snakes and when I was a young man I was led to believe there were organizations to kill my snakes for me i.e. the church i.e. the government i.e. the school but when I got a little older I learned I had to kill them myself riki tiki tavi mongoose is gone."

Thus reads an example of the unique lyric-poetry abundant on Donovan's latest LP "Open Road."

Sporting a light, cohesive sound, the album is the combined effort of Donovan Leitch and three additional musicians, John Carr, Mike Thomson, and Mike O'Neill on guitar, piano and vocals.

Besides a competent musician, Donovan, like many songwriters of today, is also a sensitive poet. His lyrics are an interesting feature of the album.

For example, one song reflects, "people used to stop to think and contemplate. He who hussled was the fool. Do you

find it hard remembering?" Another, "Celtic Rock" is summed in the final lines, "creative intelligence has been crushed by industrial uniformity."

"Open Road" is a collection of unique melodies. Like his previous recordings, it displays Britain's "humble minstrel," Donovan Leitch, as an ingenious young artist. --AZ

Junior Class Votes; 1972 Colors Chosen

Jade green and canary yellow were chosen as the junior class colors. The yellow rose is to be the class flower and their slogan is "Express Yourself".

"That's what I wanted, they're good colors for decorating," stated Drew Welch, junior class president. This seems to be the opinion of most of the class.

Juniors were given the alternate color choices of powder blue and silver, or gold and emerald.

Senior Officers Commended For 'The Cornpone Caper'

by Rich Shaffer

As the weather turns cooler, the Daisy Mae's of Dogpatch, U.S.A. set out to catch themselves a feller. As the tradition goes, once the menfolk have been hornswaggled and tied down, the next steps are proposal and then--marriage.

Only a few people in Hickory High School, however, realize this annual tradition was almost canceled this year due to a lack of proper organization.

When the activities calendar for the present year was made up, the responsibility of a "girl's treat" dance was placed on the shoulders of the cheerleaders, the persons who had sponsored the event prior to last year. However, no one consulted the cheerleaders and let them know that they were once again in charge of this function.

When the time came this year for the dance, the cheerleaders were unable to sponsor it due to a lack of sufficient time and the fact that they

already had many other things in the making.

As a result, many other clubs and organizations had discussed the possibility of sponsoring the dance, but only the senior class officers showed enough initiative to really do something about it.

I would like to congratulate the officers and the other members of the senior class who worked so hard to pull together "The Cornpone Caper" in so little time. The effort put forth in the week and a half preceding the dance should not go unrecognized. Once again they showed that when the students really want something, it is usually within reach if they are willing to sacrifice the talk and work for it.

Student Disapproves Omission of Names

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in regard to the article in last month's Leaf entitled, "Gymnastics Featured For Second Season."

In the article only four names were mentioned regarding routines put together by students who performed at Open House.

I realize that limited space makes it necessary to limit word count, but I think that it is completely unfair to mention only four of the students who worked hard for a successful Open House demonstration.

Granted that the names you mentioned were those of students who did excellent routines, but more than just four students made the show a success.

Sincerely,
Linda McCrillis

Club President Speaks Out

Dear Editor,

I'd like to dedicate this article particularly to a senior boy who feels he needs some questions answered. He states he was away for two weeks, then what right does he have to come into the school and ask about our decorations, or better yet give his opinion when he didn't even know what was going on in the first place? Now it's my turn to ask this senior boy a question. Just what have you done for Hickory? I often think of all the "time and energy" we spent on firing up one extremely small school. But you should be thankful that there are people in Hickory who care to spend the time. You say this game will be forgotten--No it won't. You see we won, and that was the most important thing to us. So the decorations lasted only a day or two--well wasn't it worth it? Our football team, the ones that fight to make our school proud, they wanted it so we did

it. We got our school all "fired up," as you call it, for this game--and we will continue to do so. Maybe we should start a course on "School Spirit" for people like you. You, too, are from Hickory and I'm sure want to have pride in it, so why don't you leave the people alone who want to make this possible. "Power on Hickory High."

Tina O'Leary
Pres. of Pep Club

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Potpourri is the only boutique of its kind in the valley. Mrs. Chris Lavan, right, is the co-owner.

'Potpourri' Boutique Is Opened

Have you been having trouble finding Witch Hazel Skin Balm, India print blocks, 'Touch-me's, driftwood or Orange Peel, Cucumber Herb and Lemon Verbena bubbling bath oil and

shampoo lately? If you have, they can all be found in Potpourri at 75 W. State Street.

This is the first shop of its kind in the valley and is owned by Chris and James Lavan.

Student Describes Friend For Journalism Assignment

A young girl wanders alone through a beautiful meadow at dawn. I see her from a distance and I wonder--Why? Then, she tells me:

"Being alone outside is the greatest! Getting close to Nature, sharing its beauty--then you can really think and dream. Usually I write poems or stories. Sometimes I sing, read, paint, or just think while I watch the animals and insects."

Her large clear green eyes mirror her feelings perfectly and reflect serious thought as she describes her favorite time of day.

"Early morning is my favorite time of day--the unspoiled freshness of sunshine on dewy grass and the dawning of the sun itself is so glorious. It is a wonderfully peaceful time, a time to meditate before you rush off into a new day."

I become more and more interested in her personality with each question I ask. Now I am completely carried away by her expressiveness, her sensitivity, her awareness of life.

Then, moving her hands expressively, she relates to me her most intimate thoughts--her

philosophy of life. Running her fingers through her short, goldish brown hair, she says,

"Relying on God and trusting His love, I must love all others."

As she disappears into the newly born daylight I somehow sense that I will never again meet someone as beautiful as she.

Tuned-in ARC Members Contact Foreign Countries From 'Shack'

Looking for an interesting hobby? Why not join Hickory's Radio Club? Meetings are held each month in the Electronics lab, which harbors the club's well-equipped "shack."

Included in the apparatus in the lab are three transmitters Panadapter, Heathkit, and Monitor scopes, four receivers and various other equipment. The club also boasts four antenna systems.

To become an official member of the club one must be able to transmit at least five words per

minute in Morse Code.

Since initiated at Hickory the ARC has made contacts in 50 countries including Australia, England, Germany, Italy, and Mexico.

The group makes occasional field trips to area stations. Last year they traveled to WFMJ in Youngstown to view a television station in operation. This year they plan to go to nearby WPIC and watch a radio station operate. DB



Rich Carroll and Chuck Rowe practice Morse Code for radio club.

Much of the merchandise is hand made such as jewelry, Mexican pottery and onyx animals, leather bags and purses, candles, scented soaps, boxes from Poland and carved chess sets.

Potpourri will sell any original artwork. Students are invited to bring any paintings or modern art pieces they have done to the store.

Demonstrations of strobe and black lights are given at request. Posters are also for sale at the shop.

"The Valley Press," the local underground newspaper, is being sold. Other underground papers include New York's "Guardian" and "Daily World," Chicago's "Second City" and Los Angeles' "Free Press." PT

"Social Study Halls received a favorable reaction from most people. They like to see us try a new thing in keeping with the high school practice."

Mr. Robert Paxton, acting principal at Sharon High School, made this comment on the new social study halls there.

Social study halls, a relatively new idea in education, are held three periods a day at Sharon. Students scheduled in an academic, or quiet, study hall during these periods may obtain a pass to attend a social study hall.

"The social study halls were designed to allow students to socialize with their friends," stated Mr. Donald Bennett, Sharon's assistant principal.

"They help the students release pent-up emotions by exchanging their thoughts with others."

Naturally there are problems with the new program. More space is needed to extend them to other periods. The cafeteria, where the social study halls are held, is used four periods for lunch shifts, making it impossible to have them at these times.

"We haven't worked it out to our complete satisfaction and best advantage yet, but we hope to make it better next year," concluded Mr. Paxton.

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Gridders, Coaches See Football Game

Senior football players, along with members of the coaching staff, journeyed to Pittsburgh-Kansas City game.

The Hickory Boosters sponsored this trip and accompanied the boys as well as Coach Ted Lazorishak, Jack Miller, Bill Floros and Bill Murin.

The bus, provided by Mr. Chuck Garret, departed at 10 a.m. filled with boys, coaches, Boosters and chicken. Mr. Robert Leipheimer made the arrangements for the tickets.

While at the new Three Rivers Stadium, the group enjoyed watching the Chiefs go on to a 31-14 victory over the Steelers. Coach Lazorishak commented, "We really enjoyed the game and it was well worth the two hour trip."

Ron Spaden received the chin strap from one of the Kansas City Chiefs. Upon returning to Sharon, the group stopped at McDonald's.

The trip was financed through the sale of football rosters. MS

G.O. Flicks Receive Showing

The Guidance Office, in an attempt to aid the students in the sometimes awesome and always difficult task of planning their vocational future, has initiated a program of vocational films which they hope may be of some use in students' after graduation planning.

"This is the first time such a program has been put in effect," said Mr. Curry who has been heading the film program. went on to say.

The five films that have been shown have dealt with mar-

keting and retailing, the trucking industry, the building trade, medicine, and careers in recreation. Although there are not as many films this year as the Guidance Office would like, Mr. Curry has hopes of building the program to where a film would be shown once a week. Future films will concern the topics of agriculture, industry, pharmaceuticals, interior decorating and many other aspects of the Business World. JS

Roundballers Prepared

The Hickory Hornet basketball team begins the 1970-71 season tomorrow night, Dec. 4. Second year head coach, Bill Floros, will take his roundballers north to play long time rival Erie Strong Vincent.

The team has been drilling daily after school and the coach feels they are ready.

"We're a young team," he commented. "There are a lot of juniors on the squad which makes interesting competition for each position."

Beginning this year, Hickory will enter a Northwestern league. Titusville, Corry, Warren, Oil City, Franklin, and Meadville all reside in the league. Cran-

berry and Rocky Grove are also members although they are registered "B" teams.

Members of the varsity team look forward optimistically to this year's schedule. Top ranked Sharon and Beaver Falls are among the very first quintets the Hornets meet; but Dave Rust, junior, said "This will be a surprising team."

The Junior Varsity, under coach Mike Bavola, welcomed 20 candidates to basketball tryouts.

"We'll probably cut down to a roster of 12," he commented. "They're a small group but I think we can improve on last year's record."

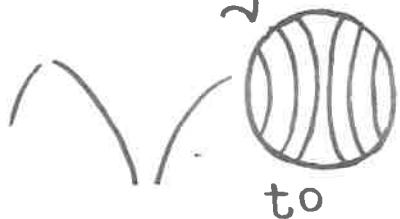


Varsity Coach Bill Floros and JV Coach Mike Bavola return for their second year of coaching basketball.



JV Coach Robert Moore and Varsity Coach George Lewis aim to top last year's record, 13-1 basketball.

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Wrestling Squad Makes Ready

The wrestling squad opens their 1970-71 season with a home match against Seneca Valley next Tuesday. They will be aiming to top last year's record of 13-1.

The team will be wrestling in Section 3 playoffs and will meet Titusville, Commodore Perry, Warren, Sharpville, Lakeview, Howland, Grove City, Jamestown, West Middlesex, Mercer, Greenville, Reynolds and Curwensville.

Practice and conditioning workouts for the squad have been in session for a month now.

Promising standouts and their tentative weights are: Jimmy

Adams and Jimmy Flint in the 88 pound class; Rick Michaels and Randy Stottlemeyer, who was last year's District-10 88 pound champion, in the 95 pound class; Mark Flint, the Section III 103 pound champion, and Tom Hinkson in the 103 pound class.

Also included are Bob Johnson and Bob Reagle in the 112 pound class; Tom Bour and Billy Sopher in the 120 pound class; Dave Glaser, Paul Scott and Rex Stottlemeyer, who was the 127 pound runner-up in Sections, in the 127 pound class; Bob Morris and Chuck Rufenacht in the 138 pound class.

Other stalwarts are Chad Sed and Ron Spadin in the 145 pound class; John Darby and Joe Mudrak in the 154 pound class, and Glen Murphey in the 165 pound class and Gardner Birch as heavyweight.

Besides those with varsity experience, there are also numerous freshmen to tighten up the contingent. "I am hopefully looking forward to this group to produce some pleasant surprises," commented Mr. Lewis, head coach.

"We are looking forward to a

promising season. We may not win many, but at least we will be in shape," predicted Mr. Moore, assistant coach. --KS

Hornet Athletes Use Teamwork

The hornet gridgers displayed their talents as a team when they beat the Grove City Eagles, 55-0 on November 7-

The only other time the football team came close to that high a score was in 1947 when Hickory beat Cambridge Springs 53-0. At the time Coach Lazorishak was on the team and scored one of the touchdowns.

The hornet harriers also displayed great team work when they finished 8th in a field of 23 teams competing for the state cross country crown November 7. Individual placement was: Al Kasich 7th, Dave Lawton 23th, Ken Cimperman 52nd, Tom Herrman 85th and Frank Bair 102nd. --BM

Girls' Varsity B-Ball Approved

With a recent decision by the school board, Hickory became the first area school to set up a girls' varsity basketball team.

"Hickory is in a unique and enviable situation because the school board had budgeted funds for girls' basketball. Also, provisions have been made to provide the girls with a court to practice and play games on," said Miss Sally McKown, the girls' coach.

In previous years no money was allotted so traveling expenses and uniforms were paid for by the girls themselves. Also, coaching was on a volunteer basis.

Before, most of the girls'

basketball action was in the Buhl Club Tournament. However with the new set-up it is hoped that the other area schools will follow suit, so that the games can be officially scheduled.

This year, the team has also been given the use of the Junior High gym for games and practices.

Nancy Riddle, last year's captain and high-scorer believes that the program is important because: "It's a good game and it's something you can get involved in. There really isn't much girls can get involved in."

Of the girls trying out, every girls is eligible, 18 have been chosen to play on this year's girls' varsity basketball team.

--LM



Mark Frye, this year's only letterman goes for a jump ball during the scrimmage with Sharpville.

Rifle Team Ranks Second In Nation At Sectional Meet

With the recent victory over Columbiana, the rifle team upped their present record to about 32 victories, stretching over a three year period, which is the longest win skein in the history of Hickory's varsity sports. The team also ranked second in the nation last year, falling only to an Alaskan team.

The team, registered in the Steel Valley Junior Rifle League, meets six Ohio teams, Boardman, Canfield, Columbiana, Howland, Western Reserve, a DeMolay team and New Castle. Besides the regular schedule, they participate in the Willoughby Tournament, the Ohio Penn League and the National Rifle Association Sectional.

In the Columbiana match a new team and Steel Valley record was set with 950 total points and

Phil Whitworth now holds the individual record with his 197 points.

Members of the 1970-71 squad are seniors: Jeff Bindas, Marjorie Everett, David Mahood and Tom Wilds; juniors: Bob Avril, Roger Kilgore, Rick Marean, Mark Smith and Phil Whitworth and sophomores: Richard Mahood and Charlotte Everett.

Riflery is a fairly new sport at Hickory and has only been with us for four years. Scoring is taken from shooting done in different positions: prone, sitting, kneeling, and off-hand.

The team is under the direction of Mr. William Bogart, a National Rifle Association Safety instructor. Assisting him are Mr. Ed Brown and Mrs. Carmen Everett. --KS