

Phila roars

By JOLENE LIMBACHER

In a sign-draped, near-capacity gymnasium, a revved-up throng of Quaker fans shouted, chanted and sang on the eve of the annual clash with Dover — always reminding their team that victory was just a matter of hours away.

The enthusiasm ran high, providing the spark to psyche up the NPHS football squad which made an all-heroes' entrance to the community pep rally.

A parade, which wended its way through the downtown area, was held prior to the spirited gathering.

Featured were the football players on flatbed trucks; floats constructed by sophomore, junior and senior classmen and members of the Distributive Education Classes of America (DECA); the Marching Quakers; cheerleaders; Red and Black Pack members; 30 Quaker Industrial Arts Club members, and a student snake dance.

Trailing the parade were "The Duck" (also known as Tim Endres) and a fire truck — a tradition which originated a few years ago when there were claims from Dover that the Quaker field had been watered down to slow the Tornado running attack.

IT WAS VICTORY the Quaker fans were predicting and the

well-organized rally was audible, visible and entertaining proof of their convictions. The banners told the story: "Dover's too slow to ketchup. . . Waddle over Dover. . . Pride is on our side. . . Quacks smack back. . . Pride is our name, winning is our aim."

Esprit de corps reigned high as fans, young, old and in between, cheered their team — a team which was spotlighted as it ran through the Red and Black Pack tunnel when the band struck up "Philly Will Shine." Team members later presented their own cheer, huddled in the center of the gymnasium, and participated in various skits.

Coach Jim Roman introduced co-captains Jim Demuth and Mitch Drumm and tonight's lineup. He urged his team to victory, saying that if they needed inspiration, then they should win the annual clash for Drumm, who has been a sideline cheerleader since the beginning of the season because of an injury.

GRAND PRIZE winner of \$100 in the float contest was "Big Quack Attack," constructed by seniors. Garnering the best decorated and best theme prizes, \$50 and \$30 respectively, was the junior class float entitled "Fishin' for a Victory" (Quackers Prize Catch).

Also winning two categories for a total prize of \$40 was the DECA float, "Quackers Still No.



(Photo by Bob Lauriha)

PHILA BAND MEMBERS WERE MASKED; ENTHUSIASM WASN'T

Perry Wilson (L), Zach Van Sickle and Jeff Fox

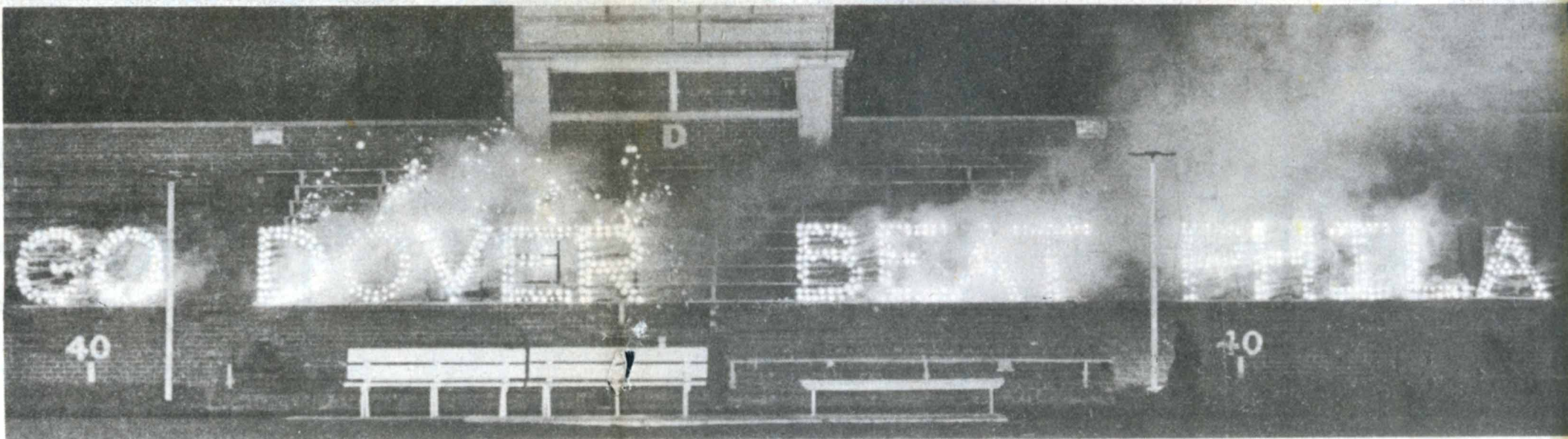
1," for originality and construction and the most humorous.

The week-long festivities at NPHS conclude this afternoon with the school pep rally, climaxing work and planning by hundreds of students, teachers and

advisers who began their projects more than a month ago.

Behind-the-scenes plaudits go to Charles McIlvaine, student council adviser and activities director. The student council was responsible for coordinating

Thursday night's events with assistance from the Red and Black Pack, advised by Lee Novotny and Becky Masten. Sue Adamczyk, cheerleading adviser, was master of ceremonies for the community rally.



(Photo by Ralph McKee)

FIREWORKS ECHOED DOVER FANS' URGINGS

Display entertained Crater Stadium crowd

By ED DeGRAW

It was a break from tradition, but it also was a varied parade of flashing fireworks. It was a big success.

From 4-year-old Lisa Gerber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gerber of 204 N. Johnson av., and her 3-year-old brother Michael to Principal Robert Schrock and more than 300 fans, the pep rally for the New Philadelphia contest (Dover version) was a screaming success.

Lisa and Michael stood patiently at Johnson and 3rd sts. "waiting for the majorettes and the police car," but became fascinated with a two-block long snake dance of students — something they had never seen before.

Then, hand-in-hand with their father, they walked excitedly to Crater Stadium to see \$700 in firecrackers.

If they were not convinced of the "bigness" of the event before (neither Lisa or Michael planned

to go to tonight's game and seemed little interested in the outcome), they became convinced when on arriving at the stadium they saw Police Chief Jack Griffin directing traffic and Fire Chief George Bair keeping a watchful eye on the firecrackers.

ONCE INSIDE, Lisa and Michael sat down to hear a well-organized program, well-suited to the confined area in which it was held.

Appreciated was the integral part of the program occupied by

the Marching Tornadoes, which played more music and did more cheering than it has in the last 10 years.

After the band started, the crowd cheering, Mayor Guy Smith welcomed fans to the "new type rally."

One gap that could be improved on was the lateness — on cue — of the gridiron Tornadoes who quietly walked in and were seated after the band, the

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cheerleaders and the master of ceremonies, Tony Gialluca, were left hanging for several moments.

Coach Tom Redman thanked the Tornado Club and the fans for the program and said the team was "ready to do its best."

In a well-received skit, five Dover students (dressed as New Philadelphia cheerleaders) challenged the crowd to a spirit cheer, singing "Hello Dover" to the tune of "Hello Dolly." They also challenged the fans not to have spirit "just tonight and tomorrow night, but all year long."

THEN CAME a cheer by members of the Tornado Club, selections from the band and the fireworks display.

Climax of the 25-minute display of 120 shells — three to four fired every minute — was, as expected, a special ground display of "Go Dover — Beat Phila" in changing color, highlighted by two giant pin-wheels.

As a precaution, the fire department inspected rooftops on Evergreen dr. following the rally. Nothing was found except paper pieces of fireworks in the street.

Tornado Club members announced that if this new rally met with good public response, it would continue.

Principal Schrock said he liked everything but the cold temperatures. "There were some gaps, some delays, but these things can be corrected," he explained. "We'll discuss it, but this could be an annual event."