

Sarah Teats taught herself to play the organ



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People who dine at the Copper Lustre Restaurant near Columbia on the old pike to Lancaster enjoy their food along with soft organ music coming from behind the bar.

The organ music is provided by Sarah Teats who lives in Sagerville near

the back road from Maytown to Bainbridge. Fridays and Saturdays she is joined by a drummer and a singer. Patrons often marvel that Sarah, who often plays Chopin's *Polonaise* upon customers' requests, can play hard rock right along with her somewhat younger

colleagues.

Sarah likes and can play all types of music. It all depends on her mood what kind she, herself, prefers at any one time. But at the Copper Lustre she plays to suit the moods of the patrons. Without having to ask and without receiving requests she has a sixth sense which tells her what kind of music the audience wants on a particular night.

To hear her play you would think she must have studied at Juilliard or Curtis. But the truth is Sarah never had a lesson on how to play the organ, and she had only a year of training in piano when she was eight years old.

She always liked popular music and was glad when the lessons stopped and she could play more than just the exercises and classical music her teacher had required. She didn't have to buy sheet music because she had such a good ear she could hear music on the radio and then play it on her piano.

When she was eleven her uncle took her to a skating rink he managed near Middletown, where he let her play the organ. Every weekend she would practice on the organ when no one was skating. When she was

thirteen she was so good, the skating rink hired her as its regular organist.

Sarah's musical career was temporarily interrupted when she married Jim Teats and then had two children: Jim and Sissy.

For a while she had a non-musical job in Harrisburg, but she kept talent sharp by playing a rented organ during her lunch hour for 50 cents a half-hour.

About eight years ago she came back to music professionally by playing first with one bank and then another, carting her Hammond organ in a station wagon. Sometimes she played as far away as fifty miles.

It was a relief to start playing at Copper Lustre, close to home, with an organ permanently set up that she did not have to tote in and out.

Musical talent runs in Sarah's family. Most of her six brothers and sisters are musical too. Her next to youngest sister, Ruth Sealer of Hershey, sings and plays the guitar at churches and old folks' homes. The brothers and sisters frequently get together at the home of their parents, Christ and Eva Good in Elizabethtown and make music together. The Goods have an organ in their home for Sarah to play.

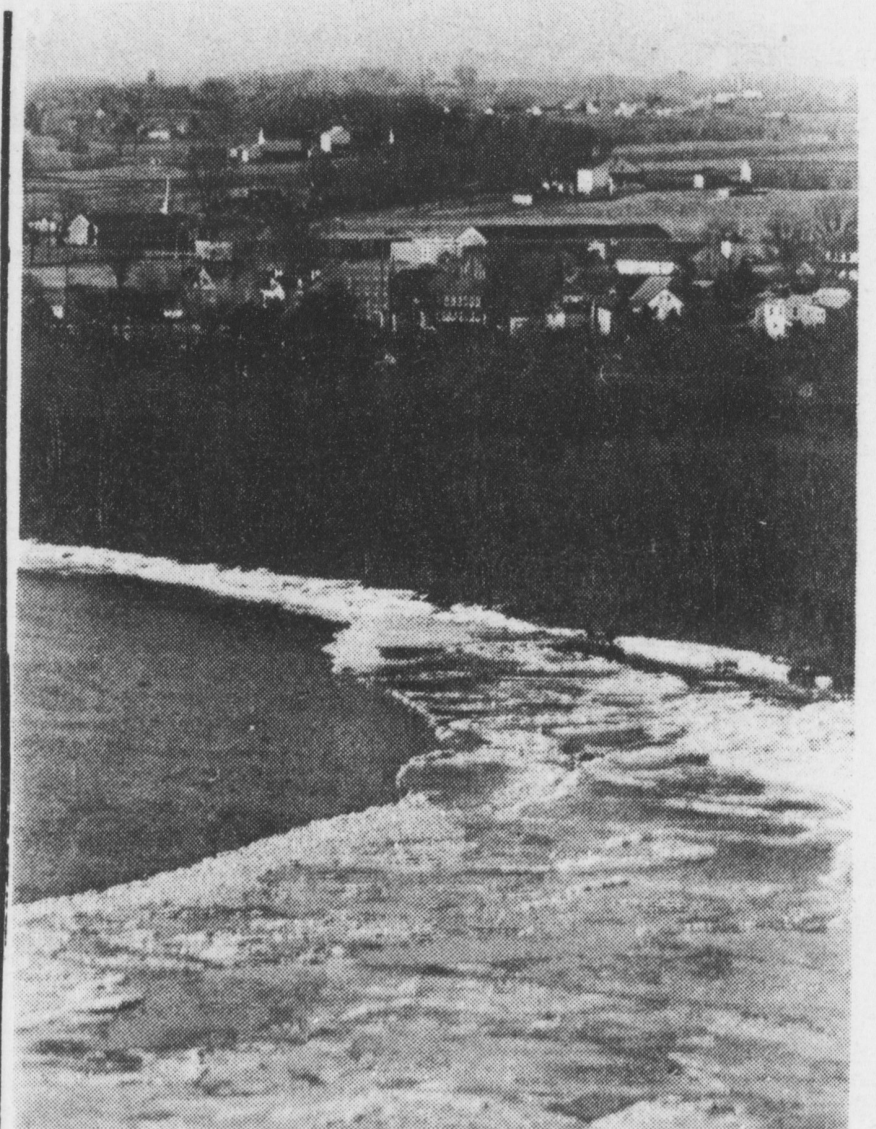


Photo shows pack ice piling up along the shores of Marietta during this week's cold snap. At Columbia, the ice was thick enough for ice-boating.

Girls are grateful for warmth



Heidi with the bouquet

Mrs. Loletia Gehman, Mrs. Fredine Bednarzick and her daughter, Heidi, had a pleasant surprise when six young ladies of Donegal High School delivered a beautiful bouquet to the home at 129 N. Market Ave., Mount Joy.

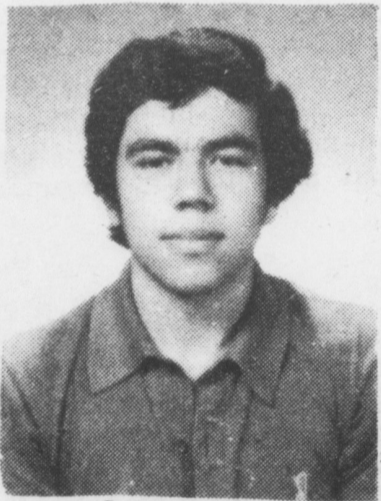
It seems the girls received an invitation to stand inside the warm house on these last several weeks of cold

weather and they wanted to say thank-you.

It all started when they were seen trying to keep warm at the chimney at the side of the house.

The card was signed by: Sandy Fegley, Kim McKinney, Jackie Shearer, Sue, Donna, and Hazel Rogers. The note read very aptly, "Thank-you for your warmth and hospitality."

Costa Rican gets good look at Donegal High



Juan Jimenez

by Hazel Baker

Juan Carlos Jimenez, San Jose, Costa Rica, is the guest of the F. D. Hassinger family, Birchland Avenue, Mount Joy for nine weeks.

He will attend Donegal High School as a senior with the Hassinger's son Steve. Juan's visit to the United States was arranged thru the "Open Door Exchange Program". The youth is 17 years of age and has graduated from eleven years of school in his native land. He plans to enter the University of Costa Rica in March where he will study Business Administration. Upon completing his college course he will enter his family business which manufactures plastic and aluminum tubes for toothpaste and other containers.

Snow was quite an experience for Juan since he has

never seen the white stuff before. He enjoyed sledding while it was available.

Traffic circles were also a first for the Latin American visitor and proved to be a mystery to him.

Juan's goal in life is to learn to fly an airplane.

Christmas in Juan's homeland is similar to that in America with Santa and gifts. But the tall skyscrapers were a curiosity to the traveler since the tallest structures in San Jose are 25 stories. Nothing is higher since small earthquakes send tremors over the area regularly.

Juan is one of five children. Juan's eldest brother is

studying Oceanography at San Jose University while his older sister is studying French in Switzerland. She plans to teach when she returns to her homeland. The remaining children are still of school age.

Juan applied four months prior to his leaving for his vacation and was one of perhaps a hundred students who came via Washington D.C. and then to Lancaster County. He speaks English, which he studied for six years.

His favorite food is meat, either T-bone steaks or lamb. He thinks food served at Donegal cafeteria is some good, some bad.

Sweetheart Baby Contest deadline: Jan. 28

by LaVon Harnish

The deadline for entering your child in the annual Sweetheart Baby King and Queen Contest is very near. All photos must be received by January 28 and can be mailed or delivered to Mrs. Jeff Brown, 245 Marietta Ave., Mount Joy or to Mrs. John Harnish, 526 Terrace Ave., Mount Joy.

Children between the ages of 9 months and 3 years inclusive, whose parents have a Mount Joy mailing address, are eligible.

The contest starts January 30 when local residents begin to vote for their favorite child by placing money in canisters next to the pictures. Photographs will be placed in several local businesses. These lo-

cations will be announced next week.

The contest will close at 7 p.m. on February 13 when the money will be collected and taken to the bank where it will be counted by a bank teller.

The names of the winners will not be revealed until the crowning ceremonies on February 14. The ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m.

at the Borough Hall. Registration of contestants will begin at 10:15 that morning.

The winners will be crowned, given flowers and a \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond, compliments of the Mount Joy Joyceettes. Each participant will receive a token of appreciation.

The proceeds from the contest will be donated to the Donegal Dental Clinic.

Jay Houseal heads Authority

by Hazel Baker

Members of the Donegal School District Authority re-elected members at the January session in the school library.

Serving one term will be Jay Houseal, president; James Baker, vice-president; Robert Greider, secretary; William Eby, assistant secretary; and Robert Kline, treasurer.