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Sweetheart Queen Melissa Long and Sweetheart King Alexander Roberts.

Melissa & Alexander reigning sweethearts

by LaVon Harnish

The 1976 Mount Joy Sweetheart King and Queen were crowned on Saturday, February 14, at the Mount Joy Borough Hall. The King, Alexander Roberts is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, 285 Marietta Avenue, Mount Joy, and the Queen, Melissa Long is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Long of 970 West Main Street, Mount Joy.

The other winners of the contest were: Shane Stehman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stehman, 734 West Main Street, Mount Joy, first runner-up to the King; Troy Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wagner, R.D. #1 Mount Joy, second runner-up to the King; Abby Gohn, daughter of Mr. John Gohn and the late Mrs. Gohn, 12 West Donegal Street, Mount Joy, first runner-up to the Queen; Elizabeth Hower, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hower, 389 North Barbara Street, Mount Joy, second runner-up to the Queen.

The King and Queen each received a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond and flowers, compliments of the Mount Joy Joyceettes, sponsors of the contest.

A record of \$780 was raised by this year's contest. Mrs. Sadie Brooks, Don-

egal High School nurse, was present at the crowning to accept the \$780 check for the Donegal Dental Clinic.

The money was raised when pictures of 38 babies were placed in Mount Joy businesses. Residents selected the winners by donating a penny per vote.

This year's chairman was Mrs. John Harnish. Assisting her was Mrs. James Gingrich, Mrs. Jeff Brown, Mrs. Rudy Ney, and Mrs. Carole Hager.



The second runner-up to the Sweetheart King, Troy Wagner, is held by his mother, Mrs. Stephen Wagner (left). Beth Hower, second runner-up for Sweetheart Queen, is held by her mother Mrs. Charles Hower (center). First runner-up for Queen, Abby Gohn, is held by her father, Mr. John Gohn (right). Shane Stehman, first runner-up to the Sweetheart King is not pictured. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stehman.

School board consults residents on 21 mill estimated deficit

In an unprecedented action last Thursday night, Donegal School Board very frankly presented to taxpayers its budget problems for next year.

Unless taxes are raised or the state appropriates more money (which doesn't seem likely) or essential services are cut—Donegal School District faces a 21 mill tax deficit for 1976-77.

Each person attending the meeting was given charts explaining in detail where school monies come from and where they go. Dr. William B. Landis, president of the board explained the charts projected on a

screen.

Money received from the state will be 6.9 mills less than last year because of a local change in "aid ratio status." At the same time, the state mandates a \$300 raise for all teachers.

The biggest items in the budget cannot legally be cut: teachers salaries (totaling nearly \$2 million or 132 mills of taxes) and fuel and utilities (\$176,000 or 12 mills).

"Discretionary items," which the board would be permitted to reduce, do not account for much of the budget: books, maintenance equipment, teacher training, extra-curricular activi-

ties, community service, etc. Eliminating all these necessary services would balance the budget, but would cripple the educational process.

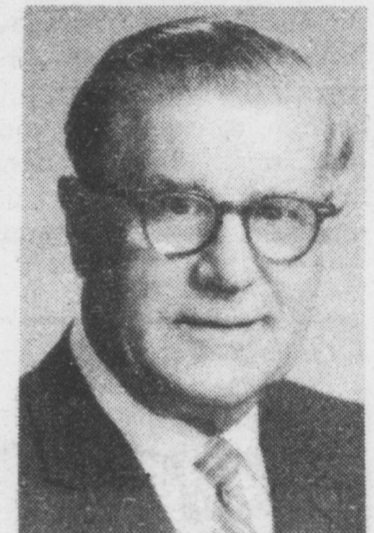
Copies of the budget are available for public inspection at the school business office in the Washington Building.

The proposed 1976-1977 budget will also be available for inspection for 30 days between the time of proposal and the time of adoption.

The next school board meeting will be held Feb. 19, at 8 p.m. in the Washington Building.



Elmer Zerphey



Daniel Wolgemuth

Marietta Council passes ban on new trailers in most areas

New mobile homes will be banned in most of Marietta, under a new zoning law passed at last week's borough council meeting.

Existing mobile homes are permitted wherever they are, but future construction is limited to two areas.

One plot where new trailers are permitted lies east of town and south of route 441. The other is on West Front Street.

Council also voted to go ahead with plans to expand police headquarters into the empty fire hall.

\$2100 was voted for the expansion. This is the amount council saved when they rejected pay for themselves at last month's meeting.

Mayor Barney McDevitt will lead a volunteer construction crew in the project.

Council also passed an ordinance specifying \$5 to \$100 fines for failure to clear sidewalks after snowstorms.

Any accumulation of snow must be cleared from a 3 foot path by dusk of the day the snow stops.

Albert Huck resigned from the Marietta and

Marietta-Donegal Authorities. He was replaced by Ben Thompson.

Henry Rich resigned from the housing committee. Jerry Martin was appointed to a 3 year term, Kenneth Ross to a 2 year term, and David White to a one year term.

White will serve as committee chairman.

Council deadlocked on a request from a resident to close Cherry Alley. The tie vote could not be resolved in the mayor's absence, and the request was declared "status quo."

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E Donegal plans new ballfield

The East Donegal Township Supervisors have voted to start building another ballfield near the new Municipal Building.

A grant from the federal government will cover 50 percent of the cost.

The township applied for the funds 5 years ago, but the U.S. did not approve the grant until recently.

The first step toward building the ballfield will be the opening of bids for the removal of ground beside the firehouse.

Rotary honors Zerphey and Wolgemuth

Daniel Wolgemuth and Elmer Zerphey received certificates of appreciation for their services to Mount Joy at the meeting of the Rotary Club on February 10.

The introductory remarks read when the awards were presented are reproduced below:

ELMER L. ZERPHEY

"Elmer L. Zerphey was born in a log cabin in Mount Joy Township near Mt. Pleasant Church. Mr. Zerphey's service to Mount Joy began on February 1, 1927, when he was sworn in as a constable. His role as a policeman in this Borough just grew out of this assignment. During his first year on duty he went everywhere on foot. At that time the political boss in Mount Joy was JMay Carmony. One day when Elmer was downtown, a speeder went whizzing through town.

He looked up and said, 'Boy, if I had a motorcycle, I'd get him'. Carmony heard Elmer and said, 'Do you really want a motorcycle?' Mr. Zerphey replied in the affirmative and he almost got one on the spot. He continued to serve Mount Joy as a constable and Chief of police for twenty years [continued on page 15]