

Letter to the Editor

Citizens of Marietta,

In reference to the "Marietta Article" printed in the Lancaster New Era on May 4th, and communications I have received since—

The exact words and intonation of my conversation with the New Era

reporter were lost when the article was composed.

The apology some of you seek must come not from me, but from the New Era.

I feel also that the attitude of the Marietta Restoration Associates has been grossly misrepresented by the

article.

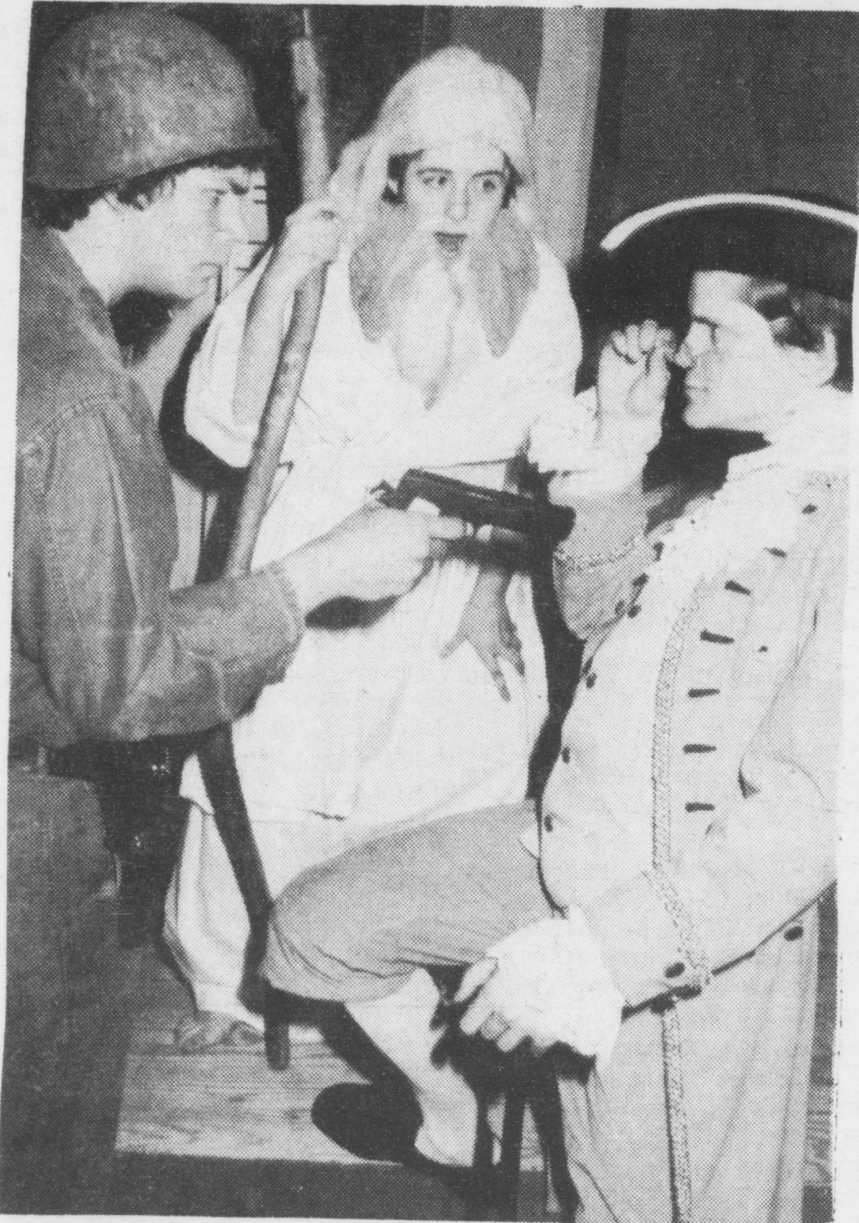
What the article didn't mention is that I moved here from Lancaster over a year ago because I liked Marietta's small town charm and friendliness. I am to be counted among those who like Marietta the way it is

and not those who wish it to change.

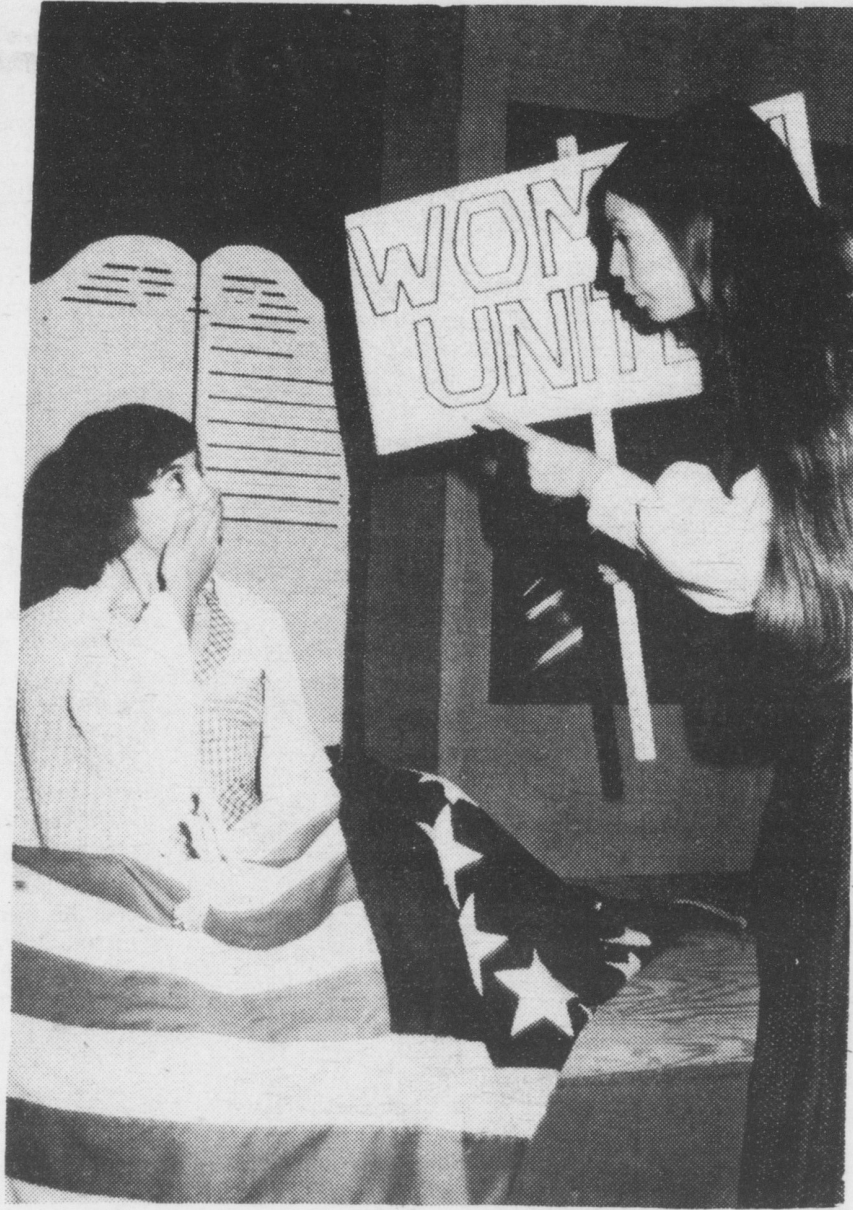
I suggest that interested parties contact me personally to hear my true feelings before any more offended citizens write editorials or letters concerning what I was reported to have said.

Patrick Abel

'Mirth of a Nation' at Donegal Hi this week



General George Patton (Jim Johnson) and Ben Franklin (Steve Hassinger) discuss politics. Father Time (Jane Youtz) looks worried. There are plenty of historical characters in 'Mirth of a Nation.'



Susan B. Anthony (Cindy Charle) lectures Betsy Ross (Jenni Kohler) on the rights of women. Betsy is shocked.



photo by Corky Flick
May Queen Lori Thomas

Lori Thomas crowned at Beahm May dance

Lori Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, 233 Barbara Street, Mount Joy, was crowned queen of the May dance activities at the Wilbur I. Beahm Junior High School, Mount Joy, Saturday night. She was crowned by the 1975 queen, Diane Hess.

Members of the court were Sherri Brackbill, Kelly O'Leary, Lori Sagerer, Robin Snyder, Connie Frey, Sharon Hershey, and Lori Kling.

Sarah Harnish and Sandy Messner were flower girls and David Harnish was gift

bearer. William Earhart was master of ceremonies.

Samuel Harnish, principal announced the winner. Mrs. Joyce Zangari and Mrs. Phiel were advisors to the candidates who made or were assisted with making their own bicentennial gowns. Decorations transformed the gym into a Bicentennial ballroom.

Serving as escorts were Robert Squibbs, Mitchell Johnson, Thomas Markley, Leonard Mummau, Scott Penwell, Jerry Miller, Chris Miller, Duane Gray, and Arlene Mummau.

The Donegal High School Performing Arts Department will present 'Mirth of a Nation' on Thursday, May 13 and Saturday, May 15 at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The musical was especially written for Donegal High School by William R. Overly of Lancaster, brother of Mrs. Mary-Margaret Peraro, dramatics coach for the show. The script was begun by Overly in May, 1975. The musical numbers are songs of American heritage such as "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", "Grand Old Flag," "Turkey in the Straw," and "Over There."

The musical is directed by Mrs. RoAnn Lau with Mrs. Linda Ross as set designer and choreographer. Other faculty members assisting with the production are: Glenn Hess, stage manager; Mrs. Ruth Gantos, properties; Mrs. Kathy Milovanovich, tickets; Ken Depoe, set construction and print-

ing; Miss Sharon Green, publicity; and Mrs. Sadie Brooks, ushers.

The play is a humorous look at American history, but contains serious overtones. There are many great historical figures portrayed in the show such as George Washington, Betsy Ross, Abraham Lincoln, Annie

Oakley, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, and Neil Armstrong. Father Time is a prominent figure who narrates the play as it progresses from scene to scene and year to year.

Some of the many students participating in this performance are: Jane Youtz as Father Time, Jim

Johnson as George Washington, Steve Hassinger as Ben Franklin, Kevin Milligan as Abraham Lincoln, Paul Smith as Dr. Martin Luther King, Mary Kanoff as Annie Oakley, Jennie Kohler as Betsy Ross, Ted Hershey as Harry Truman and Jim Byrd as Wild Bill Hickock.



'Mirth of a Nation' includes a song and dance routine about the wild west. Photo shows, from left to right, Ted Hershey, Steve Lau, and Pat Kenney.



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Sarah and David Harnish, grandchildren of Beahm principal Mr. Harnish, wore colonial costumes to the ball.