

Interview with Charles Ricedorf



Charles W. Ricedorf

Charles W. Ricedorf, Mount Joy's Borough Council President, is optimistic about the borough's future.

The town is in a prime location for residential development, because it is located midway between Lancaster and Harrisburg.

Charles Ricedorf's main concern is to insure that growth can be controlled without placing a financial burden on the borough and the citizens. He thinks the new zoning ordinance is a big step toward that goal.

Mr. Ricedorf feels that the southwest section of the Mount Joy between Wood Street and Donegal Springs Road lends itself best to residential development. However, he emphasizes that development of any area in Mount Joy should be done cautiously. He would like to see a mixed variety of residential housing types in Mount Joy.

Mount Joy's most pressing problem is the improvement of the seven railroad bridges. The bridge in the Florin Ward is the only acceptable one. Over the years, thousands of dollars have been spent trying to get Penn Central and PennDOT to cooperate on improving the bridges. The dilapidated condition of these bridges hampers fire protection and deliveries to areas across the tracks. The boro is finally making strides toward upgrading the bridges, and Mr. Ricedorf hopes reconstruction will be completed within several years.

Another problem facing the boro council is the inadequate storm sewers. Poor drainage has been a problem for years, particularly in the Florin Ward. There is a \$100,000 storm

sewer project underway in the Florin Ward. The boro has applied for federal funds for this project and the prospects of receiving them look good.

Ricedorf points out that Mount Joy has a fair amount of industry for a town its size. He stated that the boro council tries to work with local industry to protect the needs of everyone concerned. As with residential development, Ricedorf feels that industrial development in Mount Joy should be done slowly and carefully.

Mount Joy is blessed with an abundance of parks. As a result of a survey which indicated that people appreciate Mount Joy's parks, the boro council is currently involved with a state funded program called Project 500. The program promises matching state funds to develop and improve community parks. Phase I of the project has been completed on the park on North Market Street. Phase II has been held up because the state has not released all of its Phase I funds to other parks. However, Ricedorf believes Phase II will be completed within two years. Plans are underway to macadam the parking lot in the North Market Street park.

Due to inflation, Mr. Ricedorf has been concerned with tax costs to citizens. He is personally opposed to a real estate millage increase because it will present a burden to taxpayers. He feels the current 13 mill tax must be held. He feels that the boro offers more services to citizens than most towns in the county. Mount Joy is one of two towns in the county that handles garbage collection with its own manpower and

equipment at a low cost.

In the next 3 to 5 years, Mount Joy's street lights will be upgraded. Mr. Ricedorf noted that presently Main Street is well luminated, but that lighting on side streets is insufficient. He feels that, although the crime rate is very low in Mount Joy, adequate lighting of streets is still a concern of the residents and should be remedied.

Mr. Ricedorf is pleased with the pride residents have taken in upgrading and maintaining their properties. The council has tried to encourage and help citizens in improving their homes by not penalizing them financially for home improvements.

Charles Ricedorf thinks Mount Joy is a community of which its residents can be proud and he hopes this spirit continues in the future.



Coming Mt. Joy Bicen activities

The Mount Joy Bicentennial Commission invites everyone to attend the Bicentennial festivities beginning Saturday, May 22 with the Miss Mount Joy contest and the B.P.W. Craft and Hobby Show.

Many interesting activities are being planned by local organizations including music in the park, baseball game, rifle shoot, window displays, softball marathon, prayer breakfast, parade and carnival.

The Jaycee carnival will feature stands sponsored by local clubs including games, live entertainment, rides, food, and fireworks.

A complete schedule will be published next week in the *Susquehanna Times*.

Plan to join in the festivities and to celebrate our country's birthday.



DID YOU HEAR...

J. Edw. Charles has planted 200 red rose bushes around the perimeter of the Donegal Mutual Insurance Company grounds on Route 441 in Marietta as a birthday gift to our nation for its bicentennial celebration.



Mrs. David Portner (left) and Mrs. Paul Portner (right) will host a colonial tea next week.

Senior League to hold colonial tea

Members of the Marietta Senior League will sponsor a "Colonial Tea" on Sunday, May 23, from 2 to 5 o'clock at the home of its president, Mrs. Paul Portner, Fairview Avenue, Marietta.

Elsie McCloskey, Mrs. George Houseal, Mrs. William Heisey, Mrs. Milton Mowrer, Mary Hartman, Esther Weaver, Mrs. Ruth Fahringer, Mrs. Robert Vanderslice, Mrs. Charles Margraff, Mrs. Frank Houseal, Mrs. Carl Houseal Alice Troutman, Mrs. Har-

old Drager, Mrs. David Portner and Mrs. Marlin McMillen.

The Reverend and Mrs. Arthur Schirmer and daughters will present a musical program.

The public is invited to attend.

The committee arranging the event includes; Miss



Mrs. Glen Leib works on stained glass craft items.

Leibs to show leaded stained glass at B.P.W. hobby and craft show

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Leib, R.D. #1, Bainbridge, will demonstrate their craft of leaded stained glass objects at the Hobby and Craft show, sponsored by the Mount Joy Business and Professional Women's Club.

The event, the kick-off for Mount Joy's Bicentennial week, will be held May 22, and 23, at the Donegal High School Gym. Saturday hours are from 1 to 9; Sunday the show is open from 1 to 6. Tickets are available from any member or at the door at 75c each.

The Leibs have been constructing leaded glass items in a price range of \$2 to \$25 for three years. Basically self taught, the Leibs have created 90 different designs. Designs include flowers, birds, ships, figures of people, and Christmas ornaments.

Each item is produced individually. The glass is usually imported, then cut to the pattern desired. Lead channeling is worked around the grooves of the pattern after which flux is installed prior to the soldering of joints. Solid wire is used to solder the outer edge. Finally, each piece must be cleaned with a tooth brush and detergent. Each decoration is signed at its completion.

Outlets for the products are gift shops, mostly out of

state, flea markets, and of course individuals.

Misses Anna Mae and Ruth Eby registered the participants, which number 76 for this show.

Additional hobbies to be demonstrated will be chair caning, painting, quilling, fly tying, needlework, candle making, terrariums, weaving, woodwork, and dried apple dolls.

Refreshments will be on sale.

The public is invited to attend.



Correction

The name of Kathy Ann Collier was not printed among the graduates in last week's paper.