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Marietta residents give their opinions on historic districting



Dick White—Pro

The *Susquehanna Times* went from door to door in the proposed historic district area in Marietta last week, asking residents and business people for their opinions on the proposed historic districting in Marietta.

A few of the opinions we got were:

"I like the town historic, but I'm against it. I wouldn't want anyone to tell me what to do with my house" - Sarah Benner

"I'm for it, but it's good and it's bad. I don't want to see anyone forced. It should be put to a vote of the whole

town. Restoration is great, but not the forced part." - Janet Fry.

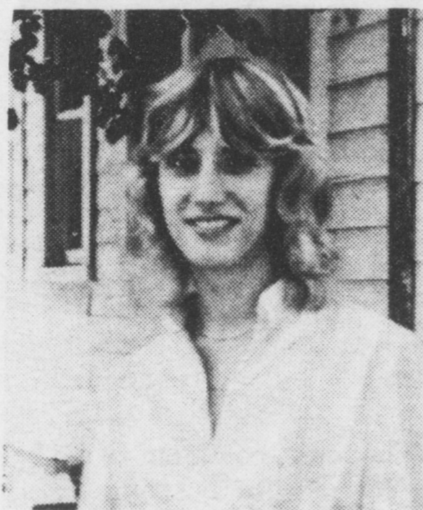
"I think people ought to have their houses the way they want them, although I think the restored houses are nice." - Cheryl Waters.

Many people, like Sarah, Cheryl, and Janet liked the restoration going on in town, but were of mixed minds about the historic districting idea because they felt it may put too many restrictions on the townspeople and their homes. Some people were completely against the proposal for this reason.

Walt Warner said, "I don't like it at all. People should have the right to do what they want with their own homes." Richard "Poopsie" Floyd said, "Basically I'm against it. Our whole society is getting over-controlled."

On the other hand, some were wholeheartedly for historic districting. "I'm for it," said Dick White, and Mr. Showalter told us, "I think it's great."

Mrs. Showalter had not yet formed an opinion.



Sarah Benner—Con

She said, "I see both sides, I don't think I can form an opinion. People should be given more information about it and it's long range effects."

Our very limited sample left us with the impression that there are more people who are against historic districting, than there are people who are for it. However, the official word on the town's opinion will not be known until the results of the upcoming Restoration Associates' survey have been released.

School Board holds tax increase to 7 1/2 mills

By effecting what Superintendent Ragnar Hallgren called "hard economies" Donegal School Board succeeded in holding the proposed property tax increase to 7 mills, bringing it to 99 mills for the 1976-77 school year.

Originally, the Board had been facing a possible 20 mill increase, if all services were to be maintained at their 1975-76 levels.

Translated in a personal example: the owner of a \$20,000 home assessed at \$5000 will be paying \$35 more next year, instead of \$100 more than this year.

Costs were held down by eliminating 11 1/2 positions. Two building principals will be dropped; other administrators will assume their responsibilities.

A high school guidance counsellor will not be

replaced; an elementary counsellor will be transferred to the high school post.

Pay for 4 1/2 teachers will be eliminated, 3 in the elementary schools, and 1 1/2 in the high school.

One clerical, one custodial, and one nursing posts will be eliminated.

A cafeteria worker will be transferred from the school to the food service budget, which is paid by cafeteria income.

Even with all the new economies, the 1976-77 budget will be up 1 per cent over 1975-76, but not as high as the 1974-75 budget.

A loss in income from the state along with increases in teachers' salaries and in maintenance and operations of school buildings were the main reasons for the proposed tax increase.

Last year the local schools received \$1,769,660 from the state, as compared with \$1,650,959 expected next

year. Federal contributions are down from \$66,870 last year to \$61,812 next year.

Local contributions will be up to \$2,070,025 next year, compared with \$1,848,759 this year. Other sources of revenue besides the property tax are the \$10 per capita tax, a half of the 1% earned income tax, the \$10 occupation privilege tax, and a 1% real estate transfer tax.

Following is a breakdown of proposed expenses for next year:

Administration	\$156,163
Instruction	\$2,111,152
Pupil services	\$66,593
Health service	\$50,451
Transportation	\$144,600
Operation	\$481,890
Fixed charges	\$347,741
Student activities	\$59,500
Debt service	\$299,800
Capital spending	\$18,519
Intersystem	\$220,474
Community service	\$2,913

The board expects to begin the new year with a balance of \$175,000.



Kim Lauver

Kim Lauver wins Miss Mt. Joy contest

Kim Lauver won the 1976 Miss Mount Joy Pageant at Beahm Jr. High last weekend. Suzanne Mateer was 1st runner-up.

Kim, a 1975 Donegal High School graduate, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Lauver, 213 Mount Joy Street, Mount Joy.

Kim was crowned by Gloria Longenecker, Miss Lancaster County 1976.

The pageant was sponsored by the Mount Joy Jaycees and supported by many local businesses.

Keith Smith played piano, the Donegal Dance Band provided music, and the Rhythmn Singers entertained.

Jack Richard, of the Hempfield Jaycees, was master of ceremonies.

Judges were: Mrs. Donald Betty, Mr. Lloyd Kingswell, Mr. Ronald Long, and Mrs. J. Timothy Loercher.

Residents object to noisy presses

The Mount Joy Zoning Hearing Board met Wednesday night, May 19, to hear five petitions for variances and special exceptions.

Three hours of testimony brought no immediate decision on the special exception asked for by the New Standard Corporation.

New Standard asked for a special exception to install a 2,700 ton press at their Pinkerton Road plant. Residents of Marietta Avenue, New Haven Street, and

Richland Lane object to the installation on the grounds of noise and vibrations now suffered from present 260 ton and 500 ton presses. Their fears are that a much larger press would heighten the already aggravating situation. New Standard said they have engineers working on noise dampening appliances that would prevent any more noise from the plant.

The board said they will make their decision with the

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Bollenbacher to head Beahm Jr. Hi

P. Philip Bollenbacher was appointed by the school board last week to become principal of Beahm Junior High School.

Bollenbacher, principal of Grandview Elementary, will assume the post from Samuel Harnish who is resigning.

Parents want bus schedule changed

Donegal School Board last week asked the administrations of Beahm Jr. High and Grandview Elementary schools to study the request of 25 parents to change school bus schedules.

The parents complained that their children must wait too long without supervision for buses.

Mount Joy to have sales days

The Mount Joy Merchants' Associates is sponsoring May Sales Days in conjunction with The Mount Joy Bicentennial celebration.

During May 27, 28, and 29 participating merchants in Mount Joy will have sales.

Many local youngsters from the Mount Joy elementary schools made posters for this special May Sales Days event and their posters can be seen displayed in the windows of merchants participating in the Sales Days. (See page 24 to read about the winners of the poster contest.)