

...long journey with Bicen. wagon train

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The problem was two mules, named Molly and Polly. Five hundred spectators ran for their lives when Molly and Polly decided to charge down the gangplank of the barge at full gallop, with Mr. Larson and his wagon rattling at their heels.

"They really scattered," says Mr. Larson. "I never saw anything like it."

Molly and Polly were new at their job, since horses had pulled the wagon out west. They had another excuse for being temperamental. Both are experienced actresses in western movies.

Once the mules slowed down, the PA spectators gave the wagon a friendly reception.

"The people of PA gave us the greatest welcome of any place along the line," Mr. Larson says. "There were rows and rows and miles and miles of people all along the route. It was the greatest hospitality I ever saw in my life."

Sometimes the spectators came too close for comfort. "It's a wonder somebody didn't get kicked or stepped on by the horses, because they gathered around like flies," Mr. Larson says.

The official reception at Valley Forge was not so friendly, thanks to government confusion. "I'd rather forget that part," Mr. Larson says, "but we reached our goal on time, and that's what matters."

Neil and Eldora Larson spent a couple days last week relaxing at the home of some friends: Jay and Jane Howell of Marietta. (Molly and Polly rested up at Groff's Farm and Restaurant).

Leaning back in one of the Howell's comfortable armchairs last Friday, Mr. Larson looked tanned and happy. "When I was a boy," he said, "we drove sheep for 3 or 4 weeks every Spring. I wore out 2 pairs of shoes on that walk."

Driving sheep was work. For amusement, young Neil Larson would ride his horse 30 or 40 miles into the desert, chase wild ponies for fun, then ride home again.

Mr. Larson has made his living as a farmer, sawmill operator, laborer and electrician. He now runs an antique wagon and carriage

business in Salt Lake City, and raises horses and mules for the movie industry.

Jay Howell says, "He probably knows as much about horses as any man alive."

The Larsons and their mules plan to return to Salt Lake City in a gasoline-powered machine.

Mt. Joy supervisors to buy new police car

Mount Joy Supervisors gave their approval Friday to advertise for bids on a new 1977 police car. Specifications will be available at the township office following advertisement.

Charles E. Bailey, chairman of the sewer authority reported that the Federal Housing Administration notified him that 25 per

cent of the funds needed for the township sewer project will be made available at five per cent interest.

A special meeting of the Planning Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the township building to deal with changes in ordinances and the township map.

Lightening starts fires

Sunday, July 21, Friendship Fire Co. No. 1 responded to 2 fires caused by lightning strikes. The first alarm came in at 2:43 a.m. to assist Mastersonville Fire Co. on a house fire at Sunnyside Road and Baker Road in Rapho Twp. Friendship responded with 30 men and was on the

scene until 5:03 a.m.

The second call came in at 8:47 p.m. The department extinguished a tree fire on the Galen Benner property, Pinkerton Road after a passer by, Russell McKinney, reported the fire. Friendship was in service 28 minutes with 20 men responding.

Sewing club meets

The Mount Joy 4-H sewing club held their 4th meeting on July 6th. They played a game and sang a song, then groups worked

on projects.

On July 21st the club will have a round-up and projects will be judged.

Cast of TV show coming to Maytown 26th

The cast of **The Magic Cocoon**, a weekly, religious television program on WGAL-TV, will be visiting Maytown on Monday, July 26, at 11 a.m.

An hour-long mini-vacation church school-type program will be presented at St. John's Lutheran Church parking lot, featuring singing, stories, games, crafts, and dialogue with Christopher Caterpillar, the puppet "star" on the TV program and Debbie. The presentation will be conducted from a brightly-painted van (The Magic Cocoon), which is the home of Christopher and in which the cast travels around throughout central PA, sharing with children an appealing message of the love of God and the life of Jesus Christ.

All children of the community are invited to attend this special personal appearance, which is sponsored by the Maytown Community Vacation Church School.

The Maytown V.C.S. will be held Monday through Friday, July 26 through 30, from 9 to 11 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church. Classes are for age 4 through junior high. All are welcome to attend.

The personality of Christopher Caterpillar and

other puppets in the program comes from Merv Sands, an actor and musician active in Maranatha Productions, a Christian theatrical group. He is a member of North End Mennonite Church in Lancaster and is also the host of WGAL-TV's preschool children's program, "Happy Face."

Debbie, co-host for the program is Miss Debbie Aichele, a recent graduate

of Millersville State College with a major in elementary education. She is a member of St. Philip the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Also co-hosting the TV program and appearing in a few of the summer personal appearances in Pen, the Rev. B. Penrose Hoover, associate pastor at historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster.

The Magic Cocoon tele-

vision program airs weekly on WGAL-TV on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. (except the fourth Sunday of each month). It has been on the air since October, 1974, produced for the Catholic and Protestant faiths by TELERAD, South Central PA Television and Radio Ministry. It is designed for elementary-age children who do not regularly attend church or church school.

Storm sewer, liquor license topics at Mt. Joy Boro Council meeting

Residents of the South Delta Street and South Market Street area again approached council concerning a storm sewer for that area. At last month's meeting a motion carried to have the project given top priority in the 1977 budget, but residents have stated the condition has existed for over ten years and council, until now has not done anything to relieve the situation.

Their complaints state that water lies in their yards and causes unbearable odors and provides a breeding place for mosquitoes. The residents are concerned about the health problems the condition could promote.

Council members were shown four possible solutions to the problems and the public works committee will begin background work such as, legal problems, right-of-ways, etc.

Another group of residents from the first block of West Main Street presented a petition to council asking the board to deny a bar/tavern to be opened at 36 West Main Street.

Council said they could only support the group's petition to the State Liquor Control Board, since the license is only being transferred to another building. The law allows a liquor license owner to retain the license even though the business is moved from one

building to another. Among their objections the resident's complaint stated, "The building is within the 200' limit of a church. The state provides that no bar/tavern may be located within the 200' limit and there are two bars now within that distance from a church on West Main Street." The group also noted that there are now eight bars in the boro and this one would make nine.

Council said the nine bars have been in existence for quite some time and as long as the State Liquor Control Board allows the licenses there is nothing they can do about it. The

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Sad Announcement

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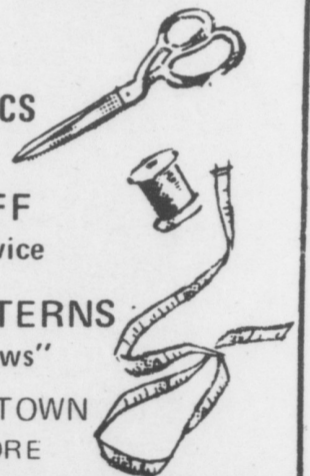
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