

## McDevitts were first to restore one of Marietta's fine old homes

The Marietta Restoration Association chose the home of Mayor and Mrs. Barney McDevitt for this month's "Home of the Month" award.

Barney and his wife launched the restoration movement in Marietta when they began fixing up the old mansion.

"It was the first house in town to be restored," said Restoration Associates president, Dennis Shumaker.

"People said we were crazy when we started," Barney recalled.

The house was built in 1844 by the late Abraham Cassel. Cassel operated a lumber yard directly across the street and used the finest wood in the construction of the dwelling. It is one of the first six brick houses in Marietta.

Bricks used in construction were made in England and were brought by boat up the canal. Glass in the six over six panes is almost all of the old type. The house has several hard wood floors downstairs, while the remaining rooms have white pine floors. The upstairs floors are all uncovered except for throw rugs.

The house had a bake oven enclosed in a separate out-building when the current owners purchased the property but it was removed. The McDevitts also tore

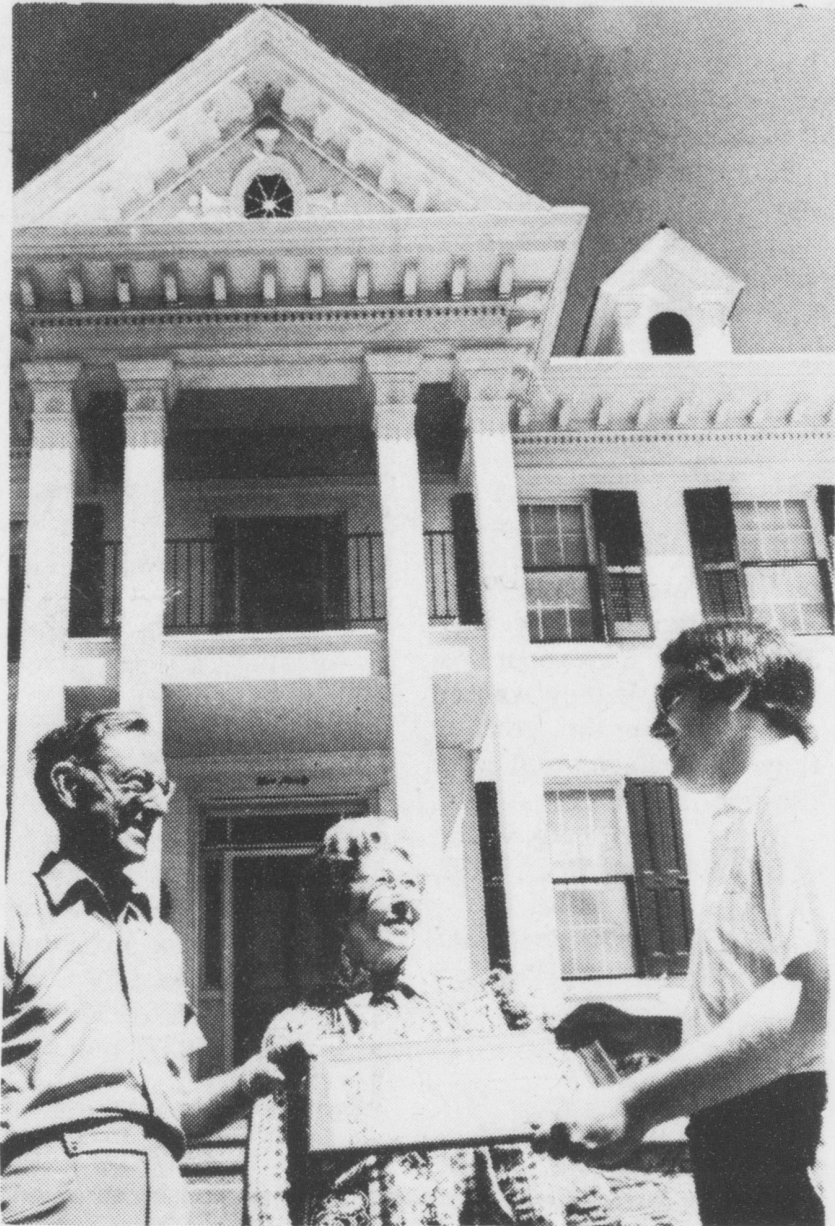
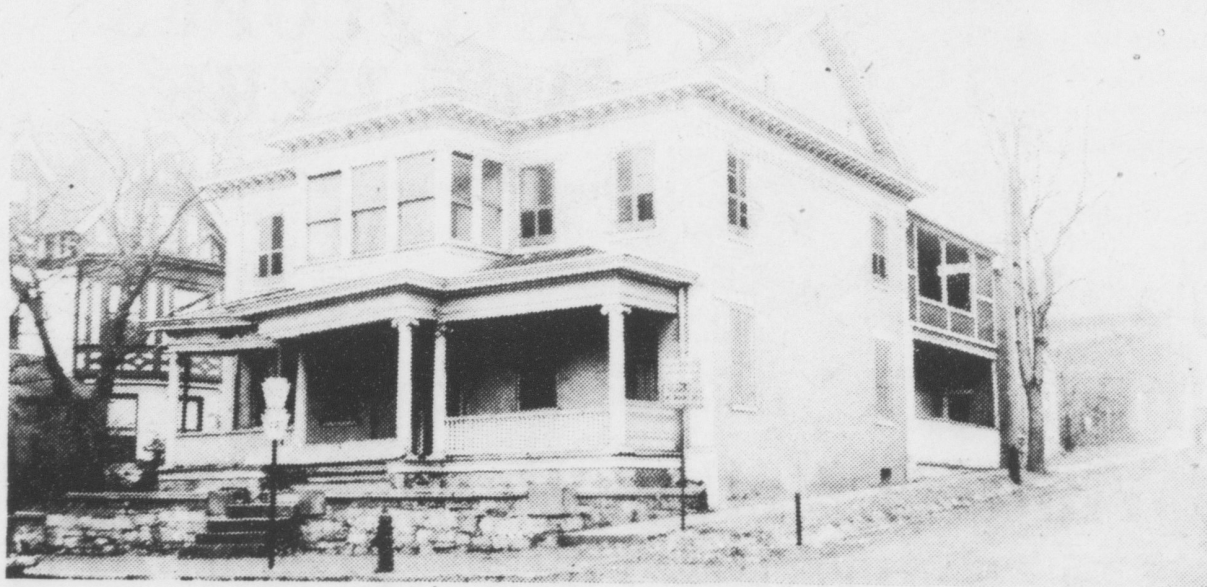


Photo shows Denny Shumaker (right), president of the Marietta Restoration Associates, presenting "Home of the Month" award to Mayor and Mrs. Barney McDevitt in front of their home in Marietta.

down a 4-room wing. The house features a communications system via ships' tubes. The tubes were built within the walls all the way to the third floor. Stables and a carriage house to the rear of the property have been converted into apartments.

The Marietta Restoration Associates recognizes one home owner per month and presents him with a plaque commending him on his accomplishments. Incoming president, Dennis Shumaker, made the presentation to Mayor and Mrs. McDevitt for the July award.



The McDevitt mansion before restoration. The McDevitts bought the place at a price so low, it could make a strong real estate man cry.

## Wm. Kerr Study House dedicated

On Sunday, July 13th, the newly restored Study House at Donegal Church dedicated a brass plaque on the door was unveiled, and the house officially named the William Kerr

Study House in honor of the pastor of Donegal during the time of its construction in 1810-11. Among persons present with more than a casual interest was Elmer (Bud)

Schroll who was born in the house when it was occupied by his parents, Roy and Jennie Schroll, from 1907 to 1912. Mr. Schroll served as sexton during that time.

## Sam Zuch honored by N.Y. Life

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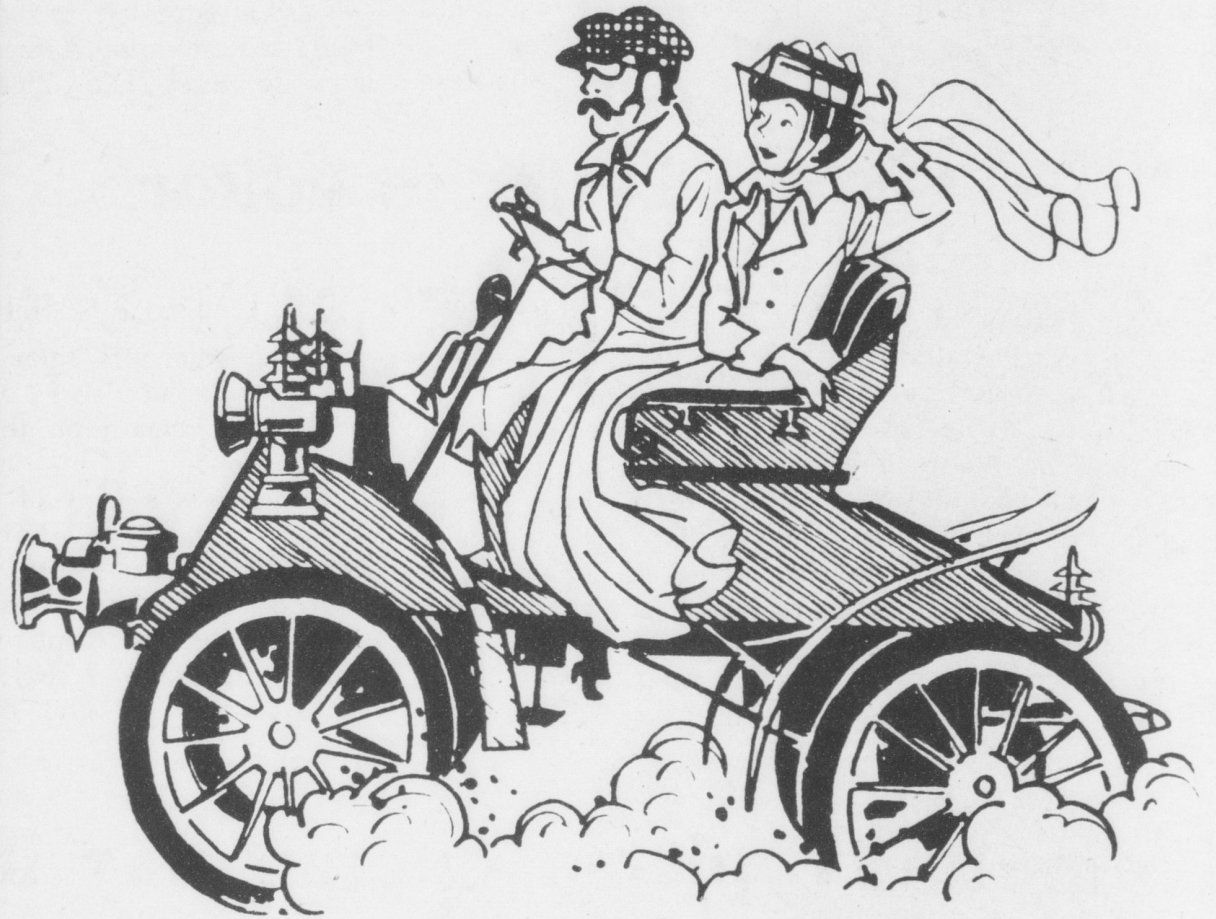
Vice President of the company's Middle Atlantic Region.

The Star Club is composed of New York Life agents who have achieved significant sales records.

Membership is based on 1975-76 sales figures, according to James E. Wollaston, general Manager of the company's Reading General Office in Wyomissing, PA.

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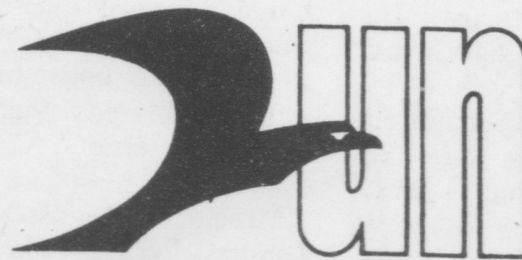
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