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## Long hours of training for local firemen

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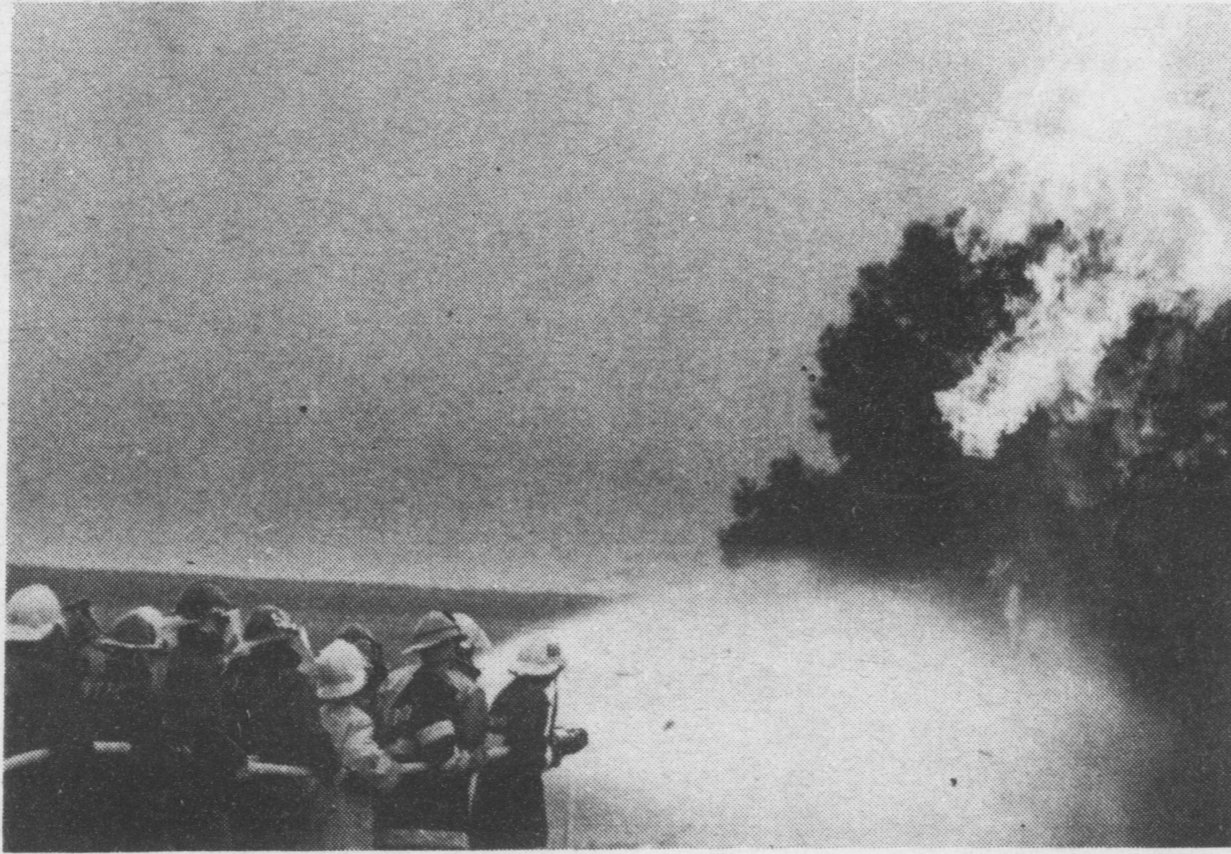
Ask a group of young boys what they want to be when they grow up and chances are at least one will say, "a fireman." Sirens blowing, bells clanging, lights flashing, the life of a fireman seems filled with excitement and glamour. But to become a fireman requires long, grueling hours of training and sacrifice. Just ask any one of the 8 fellows from 2 local companies who attended the Lancaster County Fire School at Willow Street this past weekend—they'll tell you.

Steve Hagey, Lester Stoner, Jim Holt of Mount Joy's Friendship Fire Co., and Pete Barton, Steve Bailey, George Walters, Jay Beaton, Sr., and Jay Beaton, Jr. of Marietta's Pioneer Fire Company were all in attendance at the August session of the 33rd Annual Lancaster County Fire School. Two **Susquehanna Times** reporters were on hand to get a glimpse of the training required to become a skillful firefighter. One of the school's directors, Daryl Gehman, provided us with a schedule of the morning's activities.

### Practical Experience

Amid a steady downpour of rain, groups of students clad in boots, helmets, and bunker coats watched intently while their instructors demonstrated portable dams, hose lays, and techniques for attacking gas fires. Following each demonstration, the trainees took turns duplicating the same techniques shown to them minutes before. For, it is the practical skills that make a firefighter a good one, and each student must practice performing them.

"All the courses are interesting," said Pete Barton of Pioneer Fire Co.,



Firemen from many companies hone their skills at the Willow Street Fire School.

"You really learn something." Pete is essentially a driver with his company. He became an active driver with Pioneer by accident. During the Flood of '72, the ambulance drivers were out on flood detail, when a call came in requesting an ambulance to take a coronary victim to the hospital. Although at the time, Pete was not as ambulance driver, he was the only person available to drive, so he did. Since then, he has become a driver with the Pioneer Fire Co. and has recognized the importance of personal involvement in the business of saving lives and property. He attended the July session of fire school and plans to attend the October session as well.

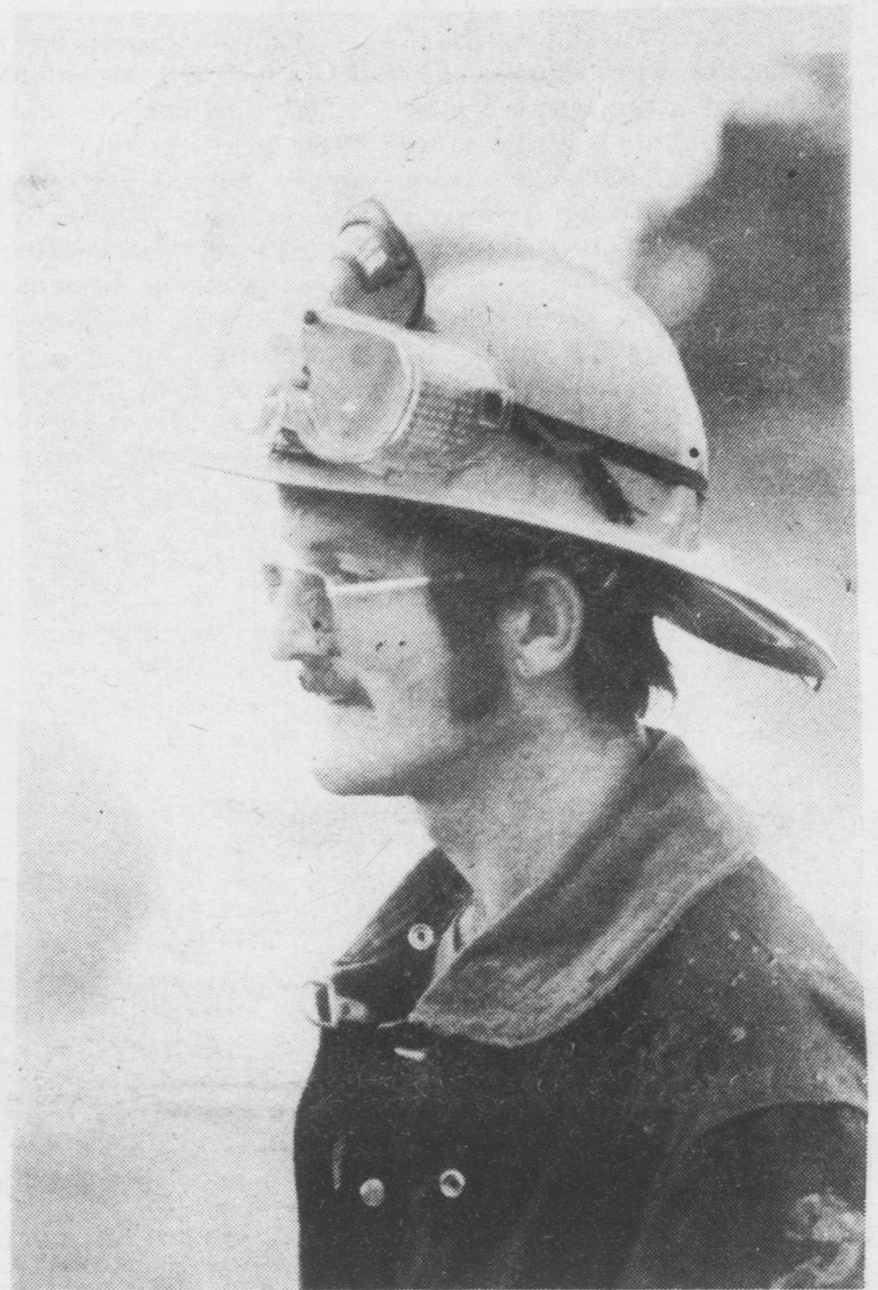
Steve Hagey of Friendship Fire Co., sports a beard which caused him to be mistaken as an Amish fireman when he first appeared at fire school. He and another young man from Friendship, Lester Stoner, were learning all about fighting rural fires.

Both men were enjoying their experience at fire school, although they were disappointed with the low attendance from their own company.

"I think fire school is a real good thing," Hagey

whose wife, Deb, is an Emergency Medical Technician with Friendship Ambulance Crew. "There are also fire fighting programs given at the Vo-Tech schools which are real good

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Pete Barton at the fire school.

## Marietta look-alikes cause double trouble

On the dark night of Marietta's 4th of July celebration a strange man walked up to LuAnn Ibaugh and said, "Are you ready to come home, honey?"

LuAnn recalls, "He almost had his arm around me before he realized I wasn't his wife."

LuAnn Ibaugh and Karen Roberts look so similar, that Karen's husband Jay was fooled that evening.

The girls aren't related, and didn't even know each other before the 4th of July.

Both have hazel eyes. They go to the same hairdresser, and had similar hairstyles back on the 4th. (Today, Karen's hair is longer and LuAnn's has been cut shorter). They even have similar moles.

Both graduated from Donegal High School, and both live on Market Street, Marietta. They were 2 years apart in high school, but LuAnn lived in Mount Joy before her marriage, so they never became acquainted.

Jay Roberts isn't the only one who gets confused. People often ask LuAnn why she isn't at work when they see her on the street during banking hours. Meanwhile, strangers are walking up to Karen, who works at Farmers First Bank in Marietta, to congratulate her on her "new

job."

Karen reports that friends, neighbors, and relatives often accuse her of snubbing them.

"You walked right past me without saying hello," they tell Karen. "Why are you angry?"

Marta Herr of Herr's

Fruit Stand knows both girls. When one of them walks into the store, Martha says, "Which one are you today?"

The only person who apparently never has trouble telling LuAnn from Karen is James Ibaugh. LuAnn's husband claims there is no resemblance.



LuAnn Ibaugh (left) and Karen Roberts

## Sidewalk sale starts in Mount Joy Thurs.

The Mount Joy Merchants Association will be sponsoring its Summer Sidewalk Sale Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 12, 13, and 14.

A coupon drawing will determine a lucky winner who may receive \$200 worth of Joy Bucks or a prize of his choice.

There will be many bargains out on the sidewalk.