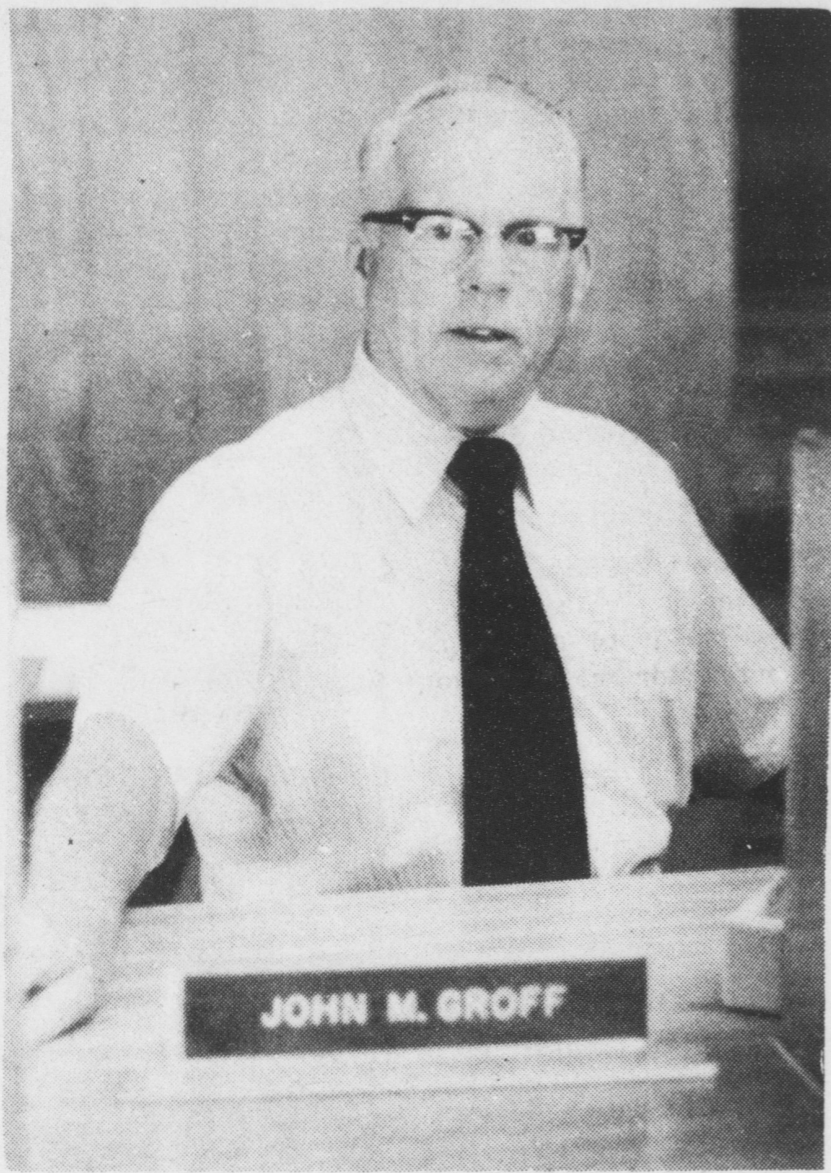


John Groff retires from bank



John Groff on his last day at work in the bank

John M. Groff, 130 East Market Street, Marietta, retired from Farmers First Bank, Marietta Branch, Friday after thirteen years as teller. Groff also owned and operated Groff's Food Market for 25 years.

His wife is the former Kathryn Zook, of Lititz. The couple are the parents of two daughters: Nancy, wife of Richard Regensburger, Cleveland, OH and Doris, wife of Gerald Garland, Frederick, Maryland. The Groff's have three grandchildren.

Mr. Groff plans to continue his service as a Real Estate Associate for Jack Johnson, Columbia. He will also continue as Deacon of the Florin Church of the Brethren.

Obviously, Mr. Groff plans to keep pretty busy. However, he hopes to have more time for gardening, hunting, fishing, and travelling.

A special recognition banquet was given by fellow employees of Marietta Farmers First Bank on Saturday night at Historic Strasburg Restaurant.



Photo shows the retirement party in honor of John M. Groff at the Historic Strasburg on Saturday, August 28, 1976. Top row from left to right: K. Claire Houck, Emma Penwell, Miriam Acri, Lloyd S. Myers (Manager of FFB) Gloria Foreman, E. Patricia Eno, Elizabeth Nau (Assistant Manager) Second row: left to right, Sherri Barto, Marie Williams, John M. Groff, Mary Miller, and Karen Roberts. Not shown are the husbands and wives of the employees— Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spangler, Rev. and Mrs. John Hiestand, Genevieve Gano, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Heisey, Mr. Groff's daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Garland.

American consul visits Lanc. Co.

by Hazel Baker

The former American Consul to Brazil and his family, visited friends and historical landmarks in Lancaster County this week. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown and their 4 children were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Ranck, Paradise R.D. #1.

They were also guests for a buffet supper at the home of Mrs. Ranck's mother, Mrs. Clyde Wivell, Columbia R.D. #1, Tuesday night. The group toured Donegal Presbyterian Church and grounds while in the area.

The American Consul is between assignments. His

next two year appointment will be in Mauritius, near Madagascar. The function of an American Consul is the protection of American citizens traveling abroad, maintaining contacts between governments, and promoting cultural exchanges.

The Lancaster countians were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Brown at a dinner party in their honor while they were traveling in Brazil last summer. Mr. and Mrs. Don Ranck were associated with the "consul" while serving in Recife, Brazil, when Don was administrator of Diaconic for five years. The Diaconic project is sponsored by the Mennonite Central Com-

mittee, which emphasises the work of the government and the church.

Richard Brown, formerly of Oklahoma, married Anne Brown, the former Ann Ehlschlager of Washington, D.C. They met while he attended college in Washington where he majored in Political Science.

This is the first tour of the garden spot area for the Browns who find quite a contrast between the average farmhouse here and the tile or grass roofed straw hut in the interior of Brazil.

The Deputy chief of Mission's was previously assigned to Rio and he is looking forward to his new location where the weather is ideal.



Both Sue Mateer (left) and her mother Betty (right) have entered pageants. Sue competed in the Miss Mount Joy pageant. Her mother is signed up for the Miss Ellaneous Pageant, in which the ugliest, least talented girl wins. We are certain that Betty doesn't stand a chance. However, Mount Joy residents are urged to attend the contest to root for contestants from Lancaster City, Ephrata, or anyplace else.

Betty Mateer in 'Ugly Pageant'

Betty Mateer of Mount Joy will be appearing in the "Here She Is, Miss Ellaneous" ugliness pageant on Saturday, September 18 at Manheim Township High School, Rt. 501 North, Neffsville.

Mrs. Mateer is a member of the Sweet Adelines, Inc., a group of Lancaster County women who are de-

voted to the art of singing Barbershop Quartet— style songs. The Sweet Adelines are sponsoring the Miss Ellaneous pageant to raise money for the Lancaster Association of Retarded Citizens. In the pageant, the Sweet Adelines will be judged in swimsuit, talent, and evening gown competitions. Whoever is ugliest,

clumsiest, and least talented will be crowned Miss Ellaneous, 1976.

The Sweet Adelines include both a chorus and a quartet called the Bow-Kays. The group is available for all sorts of events in our area. They are also looking for new members.

For more information, call Betty Mateer at 653-1065.

MCA to hold special meeting

A special meeting of the Maytown Civic Association has been called for September 14 at the Township Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. Citizens are urged to attend the meeting.

Officers of the Association feel that the organization should be enlarged to include all concerned citizens and should become the forum in which community affairs are discus-

sed and plans made for the town's betterment.

Numerous suggestions for action will be presented, and it is hoped that many more will be contributed by newcomers to the group.

Duke McCarty hauls in big fish



Photo shows Duke McCarty with the 38 inch muskie he fished from the Susquehanna last week.

Duke McCarty and his son, Mike, were about to quit fishing and go home to Marietta when Duke felt a very powerful tug on his 10-lb. test line. He couldn't believe it was a fish.

"I thought we were hung up," Duke says.

The thing on the end of the line was a fish, but it took half an hour to haul the big beast from its home in a grass bed near Bainbridge and into the boat. Mike maneuvered the boat

while his father worked the line.

Eventually they landed a 38-inch, 16-lb. muskie. Duke plans to mount the head, with its double row

of razor-sharp teeth.

Although Duke's fish isn't a record-breaker (muskies can grow very large) it sure is a big fish.

MJ Library will display local art work

Local artists who wish to display their art work may do so at the Mount Joy Library for one month starting in September and

it will run on through May. Five or six projects are acceptable. Free of charge. For more information call 653-4961.