

Two new teachers in the Donegal High School English Department



Susan Zorich seldom sits at her desk when she teaches.

Teaching 9th grade English involves a lot of physical exercise for Susan Zorich, who is running a classroom for the first time at Donegal High School this fall.

"I dance around the room and do a lot of theatrics," she says. Susan gets pretty tired by the end of each class, but the breaks between bells let her rest enough to put on an energetic performance for the next group of students. After school, she gets another workout while serving as assistant cheer-leading coach.

Susan comes from western PA. When Donegal School District offered her a job, she felt apprehensive about leaving her old friends and familiar surroundings. However, once she arrived here, the D.H.S. teachers quickly made her feel at home. "The faculty has been just great to me," she says. "Everyone's made me welcome. I came down knowing no one."

The students were another pleasant surprise. "The kids are so well behaved, it's amazing," she says.

Susan graduated from college in December, 1975. She has worked as a waitress at a MacDonald's and as a doctor's receptionist, but her full-time teaching career began when school opened this fall.



When the *Susquehanna Times* photographer asked for some students to pose with their new teacher, all the girls in Steve McCartney's class rushed up to his desk.

What does she think of her new profession? "It's fun," she says.

The other new teacher at DHS uses a more relaxed classroom technique.

Steve McCartney, the new 10th grade English teacher, was asking his students thought-provoking questions about literature when our reporter visited his classroom.

Steve sat quietly at his desk, giving the students plenty of time to think about their answers.

"I spend the first days trying to learn what level

they're on in reading, spelling, and grammar," he says. The way students answer Steve's questions tells him what they need to learn.

Steve graduated from Millersville in 1973. He spent one year teaching and one year substituting before coming to D.H.S. this September.

"Donegal is a big improvement over the private school I taught at because there was no discipline there," he says. "The kids here are very well behaved."

Steve will serve as varsity club advisor this year. He hopes to get a chance to help coach basketball or baseball.

Paul Hipple's corn is tall as a giraffe's eye



Photo shows 16 ft. high corn stalk grown by Mr. Paul Hipple, Bainbridge R.D. 1. Mr. Hipple is showing the corn stalk to his grandchildren Daryl, age 6 (on ladder) and Edward, age 7. Daryl and Edward are the children of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Thomas, R.D. 1, Marietta.

Hard labor, deep mud and silent forests

by Ella Louise Altland

Thirty-eight tired, unshaven, forest fire fighters from PA's District #17, hot shot crew, stepped out of a turbo prop, airliner at 12:40 Saturday, at the Harrisburg Airport.

With smiles on their faces, the men stepped onto PA soil for the first time in 2 weeks.

Three of the men were members of the Elizabethtown, Mount Joy Forest Fire crew. Michael Boozer, Jeff Becker, and A. Jay Shank.

Members of the PA's hot shot crew were originally ordered to go to Michigan, but one half hour before boarding the DC9 plane, on August 31, the men were told that they would be going into Minnesota. After arriving in Duluth, Minnesota, the men were transported to the Rice Lake fire by bus.

By 6 o'clock they were issued head lamps, pulaski, and shovel. Working an average of 13 hours each night, the men put in a mile and a half of fire line around the fire. This fire had been burning approximately two weeks before PA's men arrived.

The men slept under the

stars by a fire camp. Not even a chirp from a small bird disturbed the silence as the men lay in their paper sleeping bags. The forest was quiet, except for the crackling of fire, which destroyed all woodland and much wildlife. Arizona Indians could be heard singing on some nights and the men would like to think they were doing some kind of rain dance. If they were, it was to no avail.

Once the fire was under control, the men worked several days at the Federal Ranger's Station, before they were bussed to the Roy Lake fire.

Here the 19 men in PA #2 crew were expected to clear all timber from the river in three days.

As well trained as our local crew, they completed this job in a day. Two men fell in the lake but were rescued and were none the worse for the experience.

The crew travelled by bus, boat, and canoe to another fire zone where they managed to re-roll 6½ miles of hose in less than 13 hours. The hose was single jacket, 1½ inch.

The men hiked in knee-deep swamp bogs. When they first experienced this, they thought it was quick-

sand and were a little alarmed.

The most outstanding experience for all the men was the quietness of the forest—no birds, no life at all. Some had fled and some burned. Several burned animals were seen.

The men worked 138 hours—feverishly—to preserve our precious woodlands and our wildlife.

We need to give thanks to almighty God for bringing them back home safely. Mike Boozer said he wore out his boots from so much walking, and Jeff Becker said his goat skin gloves "just got burned up." All came back healthy with a week and a half's growth of beard but the same smile, as they landed on PA soil.

The Elizabethtown, Mount Joy Forest Fire Crew, the crew's warden, H. Eugene Altland, and the families of the men all wish to thank the employers for letting the men have time off their jobs, so they could go to Minnesota. They are especially grateful to Mr. Russell Martin (Martin's Electric); Mr. Donald Engle (Continental Press); and Mr. M. O'Keefe, (Boro Office, Elizabethtown). They also thank the members of the district office

MYAA Auxiliary needs workers

Parents and friends of Little League and Girls Baseball teams are urged to attend the reorganizational meeting of the Auxiliary to the Marietta Youth Athletic Association on Monday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m., in the Marietta Community House.

More personnel is needed to man the concession stand at War Memorial Park and for the many jobs that occur during the summer baseball program.