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Watermen made good wages for the time (about \$20 for the Lock Haven-Marietta run) and they must have spent a large chunk of their pay on whiskey. One old pilot recalled that his crew always killed a bottle of whiskey before breakfast.

Since the rafts ran only downstream, the watermen had to walk upstream after their rafts were broken up for lumber. (Some watermen poured whiskey into their shoes as a cure for sore feet.) At Marietta the rafts were converted to lumber and shipped overland to Philadelphia.

A few daring pilots, who made their homes in Marietta, specialized in buying rafts here and running them to tidewater in Maryland. Log brought a high price in Maryland, because few pilots were skillful enough to get there in one piece.

The rapids at Safe Harbor (now tamed by the giant dam) were the worst on the river. The Marietta pilots plunged into those rapids on rafts that were as

long as a football field and harder to steer than the Titanic.

Three men wrestled with giant oars at both ends of the raft. Those oars were the only steering mechanism.

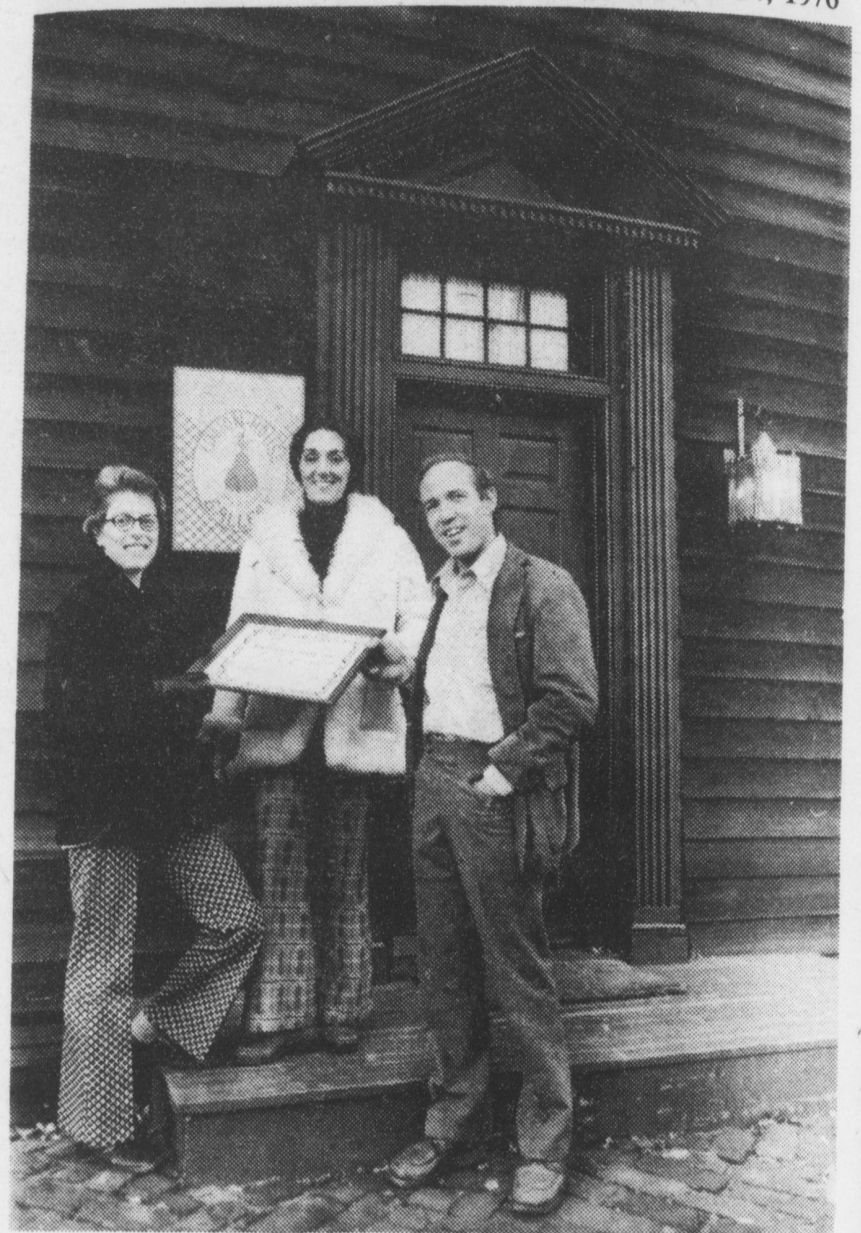
The logs in a raft were often 90 feet long. They weighed many waterlogged tons. When a raft hit a rock, it buckled under the force of its own momentum. Crewmen jumped overboard to save their lives, and the big logs churned and crushed together in the boiling water.

Rafting reached its peak during the Civil War. It didn't disappear until the twentieth century, when the last big trees in Pennsylvania were cut.

When the watermen disappeared, the waterfront sections of the river towns became less colorful, less prosperous, and more respectable.

A bit of their slang has survived. The watermen called their rafts "hicks." They sometimes called themselves "hickmen."

To this day, a backwoodsman is a "hick."



Mrs. Robert Spangler (left) presents the Home of the Month award to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shaub.

**Jack Shaub's house is Home of Month**

"The Home of the Month" award, presented by the Marietta Restoration Associates, was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shaub, 220 West Front Street, Marietta.

Until very recent years the house was a two family dwelling.

Dating from 1830, it was owned from 1859 to 1969 by the Schaffner family. Acquired by Sam Gibble in 1969, it was doomed to condemnation upon his death.

However, it was saved for preservation and restoration by Dr. Robert Cresswell, past president of the Marietta Restoration Associates.

Paul Elliot a resident of York, bought the property and began restoration, but the flood in 1972 halted work until 1973 when the present owners purchased the house.

Jack and Joanne Shaub converted the house to a one family unit with a central door.

When the Shaub's bought the property seven months after the flood the house was virtually a shell. The house had no utilities or plaster and part of the roof was gone. The large fireplace in the rear keeping room was basically intact but was used as two

fireplaces, half by each family in the former two unit house.

They have installed a heating plant, wiring, some new windows, plaster, replaced some flooring and restored the fireplace.

Now 220 West Front Street is the perfect background for the owners' collection of early furniture and art work.

The grounds surrounding the property, in 1973, were nothing but a grassless plot of ground. Jack and Joanne have transformed this yard into a very interesting 18th century herb garden, brick patio, and sunken terrace.

Along with the restoration of their home, the Shaub's have been busy with other interests. Jack is a water colorist whose work appears in area shows and galleries. Joanne has recently acquired her masters degree in American studies at Penn State University. She has done much research into PA German Gardens and at the present is overseeing the restoration and planting of the period gardens at the Plough Tavern in York, PA.

The large west room in the "Union House Galleries," the name the Shaub's have given to their gallery home, houses a folk art shop.

**Farmers 1st stock up**

The Board of Directors of Farmers First bank, Lititz, has declared a dividend of \$.22 per share payable December 15, 1976 to stockholders of record November 26, 1976. In making the announcement, Robert S. Bolinger, President of

Farmers First Bank, stated, "This dividend, which represents a 10% increase, is reflective of the continued growth in assets and earnings of Farmers First Bank."

Farmers First Bank has a branch in Marietta.

**Patty Wolfe meets Mt. Joy Jaycee-ettes**

by Jacuie McCurdy

The Mount Joy Jaycee-ettes held their November membership meeting at the home of president, Sandy Gingrich. Joni Madara and Emily Foley were guests for the evening. Patty Wolf was introduced as a new member of the club.

The Jaycee-ettes hosted a pizza party for the children of the Messiah Home on November 20, 1976.

Committees are now being formed to start work on the fashion show—card party planned for March 14, 1977. Fashions will be provided by Junior Colony-Fashion-Colony of Park City.

Deb Newcomer and Sharon Funk are co-chairmen for the Sweetheart King and Queen contest to be held in February. Contributions from this project will go to the Donegal Dental Clinic.

A January hoagie sale is being planned by Sue Thomas and Joanne Frymoyer.

The december membership meeting will be in the form of a progressive dinner, with all the Christmas trimmings.

After our business meeting, Mrs. Hagen from "The Chef's Bazaar" presented an enjoyable program on the preparation of hors d'oeuvres and finger foods.

**Letter to the editor**

Dear Editor:

It has been my privilege to represent the United States Air Force at the Donegal Area High School Veteran's Day Program. Reflecting on the program I cannot but feel that this Country's Government, business, and defense IS and WILL be in good hands. You get this feeling after understanding that the students are the ones' that put this program together.

I know that the Parents,

Community Leaders, Members of the Mount Joy Legion Post #185, and school officials are proud, I know the program made me feel proud.

I would like to salute all members of the Donegal's Drama Club, Chorus, Band and student body, on behalf of all former, present, and future U.S. Force Members' for a well planned and executed Veteran's Day Program.

Best regards,  
James C. Ellington, TSGT