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FIFTEEN CENTS

Family of 7 homeless after E. Donegal fire

Fire left a family of 7 homeless near Maytown last week. The home of Raymond Schifflet was destroyed when a chimney overheated and caused a blaze.

Fast work by Maytown, Marietta, Florin and Rheems fire companies put the blaze under control in minutes, but the Schifflets lost their home and furni-

ture. Neighbors have contributed furniture and bedding to help the family, but they are short of cash and have been unable to find a house to rent as we go to press. The home must be in this area because Mr. Schifflet works nearby.

The Schifflets can be contacted by calling Joseph Nye at 426-1564.

Mount Joy Jaycees help kids buy Christmas presents

Santa Claus and the Mount Joy Jaycees joined forces to help kids from the Messiah Homes buy Christmas presents last week.

The kids got a free lunch at the Tastee-freeze and 10 percent discounts on gifts at G. C. Murphy's store. The Jaycees paid for the gifts.

\$20,000 fix-up plan for Mt. Joy train stop

Amtrack will spend \$20,000 to upgrade the Mount Joy railway stop and \$40,000 to upgrade the E-town stop and station, company officials said last week.

The Mount Joy station house was sold and torn down last year to make way for a parking lot.

The E-town station will be rehabilitated, platform lighting will be installed, and a paved parkinglot and driveway will be added.

The railway has not announced any new plans to fix Mount Joy's deteriorating railway bridges.

In Mount Joy, stairways will be reconstructed, passageways and shelters will be rebuilt and platforms will be repaired.

Widow's dog lost

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of a friendly, brown, male poodle named Cocoa can give Mrs. Miriam Gainer a wonderful Christmas present by helping her find her pet.

The dog has been Mrs. Gainer's only constant companion since Mr. Gainer died a year ago.

If you have seen the dog, call Mrs. Gainer at 653-4967.

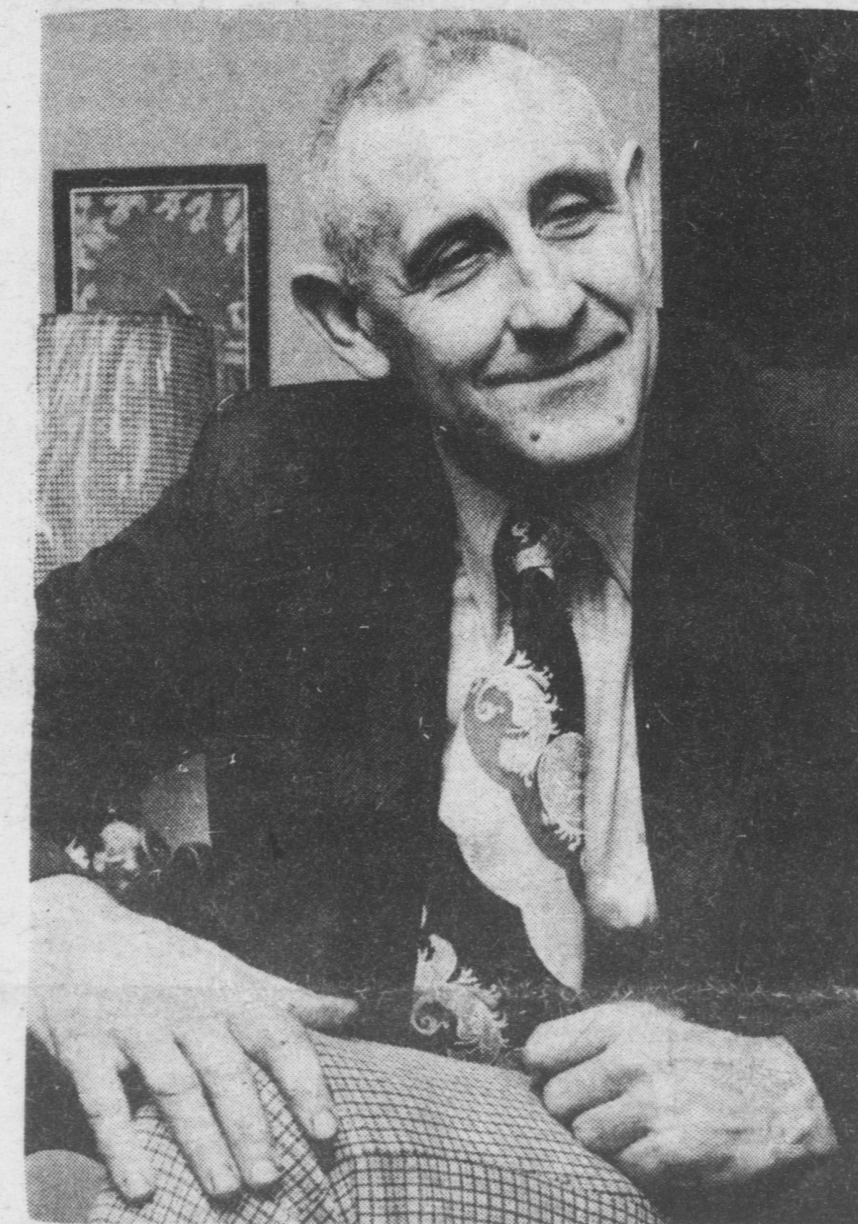
Local author writes restaurant guide

A prediction that Americans will be eating one meal in every two away from home by the early 1980's (it's already one in three) introduces the 1977 **Restaurant Guild** now appearing on local newsstands.

Written by Ron Steinmetz of Mount Joy, the "Guide" describes restaurants within a pie-shaped

wedge of eastern-central PA with the Susquehanna Valley down the center. In 64-page magazine format, the publication covers a selection of dining-places from a region the writer says offers "some of the world's best dining."

Ron Steinmetz, freelance writer and editor, has



Ken Depoe

Local conservationist praised in new book

A newly-published book describes Mount Joy conservationist Ken Depoe's successful effort to restore Donegal Creek to a clear trout-fishing stream.

Tie a Fly, Catch a Trout, by S. R. Slaymaker II (Harper & Row, publishers) is an entertaining introduction to the art of fly-tying. The author, who lives in Gap, has known Ken for years.

The author describes the history of Donegal Creek in these words:

"Time was when the stream's surroundings pre-

sented a tableau more akin to trout-water norms. In pre-Revolutionary days timber predominated over sparse clearings. The then tumbling, white-water stream rose three and a half miles west of present-day Mount Joy from a series of crystalline springs. Here in 1740 the Scots-Irish settlers built Donegal Presbyterian Church. As they moved west, the region was taken over by German farmers, who deforested and cultivated the rich soil.

The church still stands. [continued on page 2]

and several editions of the "Guide to Lancaster and [continued on page 2]

DID YOU HEAR...

Jeff Barclay, 610 West Market St., Marietta, shot a 130 pound Doe last Monday, December 16th. **Congratulations Jeff!**

No millage increase in Mount Joy; garbage fees double

Mount Joy Borough Council voted not to increase taxes Monday evening, but the price of garbage collection will double to \$24.

The new budget is about \$14,000 higher than last year's. Salaries for all full-time borough employees will go up. The average raise is about \$1000. Scheduled projects include storm sewers for the Crossroads area. Delta

St., and Church St. Wood St. will be resurfaced and improvements are planned for the Borough Park and Westview Park.

Council was able to hike salaries while freezing millage because:

The Crossroads storm sewer project will cost only \$94,232. The original cost estimate was \$150,000.

Increased garbage collection fees will raise revenue.

Marietta taxes up; Front St. to be paved

Borough Council approved the proposed budget of \$142,225 which calls for a three-mill tax increase.

Borough Council President Oliver Overlander said, "It was necessary to raise the millage because costs have gone up."

The new budget is up \$8,300 from the 1976 budget of \$133,925.

The budget increase covers an across the board coast of living raise for employees; additional reimbursement for mileage to policemen and the dog catcher; and a street building program for Longenecker Avenue and Mulberry and Front Streets.

Council hopes to apply for federal funds to regrade, resurface and install curbing on both sides and along the entire length of Front Street.

President Overlander said, "We intend to resurface the entire street, even if we don't get federal money. If we don't get federal money we will have to do it in 4 phases over 4 years."

Liquid fuel monies would be used to finance the project. Authority was given to the borough engineer to prepare specifications for all of the street projects.

A request to rezone a 1,300 square foot plot on Hazel Avenue by Ken Fortney was denied due to spot zoning. The request

was to rezone from R-60 (residential) to general commercial.

In other business, council voted to keep a portion of Hazel Avenue between Bridge and Jones streets open for traffic on recommendation of the borough planning commission.

The borough authority will reimburse Marietta Borough approximately \$30,000 over a 10-year period for a loan the borough gave the authority at the outset of the sewer installation project.

Council accepted the bid of \$4,584 from K and R Industries Inc., Pittsburgh, for 125 parking meter mechanisms. The old meters are wearing out, and they cost too much to maintain. The new parking meter fees will be five cents for a half hour, 10 cents for an hour and 20 cents for two hours. Meters will be bagged from Dec. 15 to Jan 1.

Paul Raber was appointed zoning officer at \$3.50 per hour, as were the crossing guard, dog catcher and housing officer.

DID YOU HEAR...

Nancy Gruber won a statewide competition for her display at Stehman's IGA in Mount Joy. Nancy's display featured apples and scarecrows.