

Santa at Herr's

Santa Claus landed on the roof of Herr's Fruit Stand last week. Photo at right shows Santa waiting for his reindeer to come back from Marco's Restaurant (the reindeer were begging for pizza at the back door.)

After a while, Mr. Claus came down the chimney and visited the shoppers at Herr's. Photo at lower right shows the jolly old elf telling Jimmy Yeaglin to be a good boy.



Marietta Jaycees help Santa answer phone

In cooperation with the Columbia Telephone Company, the Marietta Jaycees were able to assist Santa in answering about 150 children's Christmas requests by telephone.

Approximately 50 happy children visited Santa at the Jaycee center on his one night visit before returning to the North Pole to load his sleigh for the "Big Trip." Some children were surprised to see Santa on foot on Market Street as he checked to see who was naughty and nice before fulfilling requests for toys.

Friends, Jaycees hand out baskets

Fourteen grocery and 20 fruit baskets from the Marietta Community Friends were distributed by the Marietta Jaycees, Wednesday night to shut-ins and aged in the area.

Supported both by civic and church groups and by individuals, the Community Friends function primarily at Christmas to help citizens who may appreciate a Christmas remembrance. Recipients are nominated by persons knowing of their need.

The "Friends" president is Mrs. James R. Baker. Albert Dettinger is secretary-treasurer. Items were distributed from Zion Lutheran Church.

The Community Friends were first organized in 1956.

The Marietta JC's announced the winners of this year's Outdoor Christmas Lighting Contest.

First prize went to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Fischer at 464 E. Market St. The second prize was awarded to Mrs. Pauline Zink, 310 Essex Street, and third prize was won by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bigler, Jr., of 115 Essex Street.

Those receiving honorable mention were; Donald Roberts, 205 East Market; Mr. and Mrs. Armor McKain, 660 West Market; and Mr. and Mrs. Paul McKain, 618 West Market.

Chairman of the judging committee was Gary L. Morris.

The street decorations were administered by the Lion's club this year.



Our letters to editor policy

We have gotten a lot of interesting letters to the editor lately, but we can't print most of them. The reason; we don't know who wrote the letters.

Our policy is to print all

letters to the editor, even if the writer doesn't want to sign his or her name. The writer must tell us his real name, however, or we can't print the letter.

This rule is necessary to

protect us against libel suits. If you want to write an unsigned letter, your identity will be held in strict confidence, but you must let us know who you are.

Letter to editor

Dear editor;

I dare you to print this in your paper! That is, if you have the backbone to do so. If not, check a few of these situations out then print a thorough coverage in your paper.

Marietta Boro is raising its taxes 3 mills. What for? I tell you; a \$100,000.00 project to do repairs and fix up Front St.

They could use their \$100,000.00 for things like better police protection and pay our policemen better wages. Instead of that they cut our policemen down to a 40 hr. week and no raise in pay that amounts to other than \$.03 cost of living. They want our town to depend on State Police for protection after our men have their 40 hrs. in. Did you ever have to call the State Police for an emergency on a weekend or a holiday? Well I did a year ago, at night, around 3 a.m.. It took them 2 1/2 hours to respond, because

there wasn't a car close to our area.

I have nothing against the State Police. I think they do a terrific job. I am just trying to make a point. Sometime somewhere we might need a policeman in a hurry. Maybe the Council better stop and think; when our policemen aren't on duty, a child on his way to school could be molested, or a home could be being robbed, or a bank, etc.

With extra money, so many things could benefit many people instead of a handful of so-called antique dealers. Council could try and establish something for our kids to do instead of hanging on the streets. No, all Council thinks of is Front Street in Marietta and their \$100,000.00 project. I'll tell you one thing; if there wouldn't be so

if there wouldn't be any restored homes and certain Council members owning them, they wouldn't give a darn about Front St.

Indoor soccer at Donegal High

The elementary, junior high, senior high and alumni championships of indoor soccer "The Winter

Classics," will be held in the Donegal High School gym on New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31st. Starting time is 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend. Admission is by donation. All proceeds go to project D-Lites.

Chief Geesey gives Santa tour

Marietta's Pioneer Fire Company Chief, Kenneth D. Geesey, recently received a rather unusual phone

call from the North Pole.

The call was from Mr. S. Claus, who visits the boro on a regular yearly basis.

Although Mr. Claus has visited the town several times in the past few weeks, he was not sure of the location of some of the addresses in his book. Chief Geesey felt he had a solution to his problem.

"How about a guided tour of the town?" inquired the fire chief.

"Sounds like the perfect solution to my problem," replied Mr. Claus.

So, early in the evening on Christmas Eve, Chief Geesey and other Pioneer Fire fighters gave Mr. Claus a tour of the Marietta Boro. To make sure Mr. Claus could see all the addresses better, the Pioneers had fitted a special chair for him on top of one of the fire trucks.

Mr. Claus had a small token of his appreciation for the children of the boro who came out to see him.

Mr. Claus also gave a special thanks to Firefighter Lloyd Kennedy, who assisted on this project.