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Deb and Bob Smeal at home.

1st lady of Maytown ambulance

Last Thursday the Maytown Fire Company acquired its first woman Emergency Medical Technician when Deb Smeal, of 111 South River Street, Maytown, joined the Ambulance Crew. There are four other E.M.T.'s in the ambulance crew, all men.

Deb, an L.P.N., has been riding in the ambulance since last summer, but wasn't qualified to perform first aid or life support techniques until she passed the test last week.

Deb's husband Bob also serves in the Company as a Fireman. They both joined last summer. Why?

"Two days before Christmas last year I got sick in the middle of the night, and the Maytown Ambulance came to help. That's why we decided to join," said Deb.

"We had been here a year and wanted to contribute to the community," Bob added.

Deb's new job in the ambulance crew carries more responsibility than her old nursing duties; "When you're in the field, it's just you. There isn't any doctor there to take over, like in the Emergency Room," Deb told us. "Also, you have more fear to deal with. The people aren't in a hospital and they don't have that feeling of security. We try to calm them down to help combat

Shock."

We asked the Smeals when Maytown would acquire its first female fireperson.

"I'm qualified to fight fires right now, but it doesn't interest me," Deb said.

We then asked Bob if he thought women could make good firepeople. "Yes," said Bob, "Women can do the same job as a man. They might even do some jobs better."

As for Deb, she would like to see more women on the Ambulance Crew because "Women are more

likely to be home during the day when a number of calls always come in. Also, women patients especially the older ones, can relate better to another woman, I think. That helps them relax."

"The most important thing, though," Deb explained, "Is for the public to learn first aid and especially CPR. No matter how fast we are, there's always a certain amount of time before we get there. Those minutes are critical. If everyone knew these techniques, a lot more lives would be saved."

Hartman, Overlander share home award

Harry Hartman, 452 E. Front Street, and Oliver Overlander, 450 E. Front Street, Marietta, were presented the "Home of the Month" award by Ken Ross, vice-president of the Marietta Restoration Associates. They were given joint recognition because of the way they have worked together to relate their unique adjoining properties to each other in an aesthetically pleasing way. The properties house the joint business of the owner and also serve as their own private residences.

Besides the business the garden areas in the rear are adjoining. They are just as interesting as the houses.

The Hartman residence was originally a planing mill built around 1810. Oliver Overlander's house was the home of the miller.

The restoration Mr. Hartman has done on his house is in keeping with the original industrial purpose of the building. He has not tried to make a replica of an early Ameri-

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Marietta police budget reduced by cutting overtime

In a move designed to cut expenses, Marietta has eliminated overtime work for borough policemen.

The move has aroused some opposition from local police, who will take home less money as a result of the change. Police salaries went up \$300 a year, but the elimination of overtime means less take-home pay for police.

Mayor Barney McDevitt said, "When local police aren't on duty, the State Police are on call. I've got a letter verifying that."

Police salaries are based on a 40 hour week, but many local policemen have been working a 48 hour week.

At the last meeting of borough council, a part-time policeman voiced his opposition to the change in strong terms

As a result, the policeman was suspended from duty. He will get his job back if he apologizes to the council.



Mayor James Gingrich cuts the ribbon at the official opening of the Mount Joy's new First Federal Bank. With the mayor are, from left to right; bank manager Thomas R. Sheaffer; bank pres. James N. Esbenshade; solicitor Lewis S. May, Esq.; solicitor Harris C. Arnold, Esq.; Albert Hendel (vice-president at the bank's Pittsburg headquarters); and vice-president-secretary William E. Glassmire, Jr..

Many new businesses opened in Mount Joy last year

Several new businesses opened their doors in the Mount Joy area in 1976. See the story on page 10 for details.



Linda Ross presents Home of the Month awards to Harry Hartman (left) and Oliver Overlander (right).