

Local ladies look out for stray beasts

by Betty Lutze
Do you know that Vera Kirvinskee of Bainbridge and Betty Lutze of Marietta, R.D. both have some things in common? Both are retired school teachers. Both are friends.

Both go to the same church. Both love animals and can't bear to see them suffer. On Thursday, when the snow was swirling around, they were both on separate errands (neither knowing

the whereabouts of the other, incidentally!) Betty happened to be in the Millersville area and stopped at John Herr's store. A little, white, lost dog was rushing up to all the shoppers, noticable lost and without a collar. If it

would be out all night, it would obviously freeze. This happened at about 3 p.m. At 8 p.m., it bothered Betty so much that she called John Herr's store, asked for the manager and told him what was bothering her and would he check and if the little "poodle looking" doggie was still there, call the police so it could be taken to the shelter. The manager appreciated her concern, said he would check it out.

Would you believe that at about the same time, Vera was going down Route 441 toward the Market-Kart; there was one lonely cow in the field with a little calf. This bothered her so much that she had her husband, George, drive into the farm where she was told their son was on his way to lead "Mama" and her new born to the barn!

Do you know what else they have in common? Both George and Frank think they are a little "Kooky" at times!

Pioneer Fire Co. Auxillary report

Linda Hilty has reported that the January meeting of the Pioneer Fire Co. Auxillary was held on Tuesday, January 4th. Final plans were made for a wedding reception to be served January 15th. The annual banquet for all firemen will be held Saturday, January 22nd.

Chairwomen for the event will be Mary Jane Geesey, Dot Yarnell, and Marietta Bailey. Marion McKain thanks all who sold pretzels and also the public for their support in making the project such a success. A total of 980 cans were sold. Pretzels will be sold thru-out the year.

Ms. McKain noted that the Auxillary forwarded a total of \$6000 to the building fund during 1976. Ladies' 1977 membership fees are due, and can be paid to Dottie Farhinger, Leda Appley, or at our meeting. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month, at 7:30 p.m., at the fire hall.

Girl Scouts plan cookie sale

Mrs. Paul Hay, Maytown, will be in charge of Donegal Neighborhood when the Penn Laurel Girl Scout Cookie Sale starts on

Saturday, January 15. The order taking period of the sale ends on January 29. The orders will be de-

livered by the girls to their customers starting on March 8 at which time customers will pay for their orders.

MYO sponsors party for roller-skaters

The "MYO" is sponsoring a roller skating party at Park City on January 31st., from 7 until 10. Tickets will be \$1.25 per person.

All boys and girls belonging to the "MYO" are urged to sell tickets for this event. This is your project

to raise money to back your teams this spring. Tickets may be picked up at 113 E. High St., in Maytown from Elaine Kraus, or call Pat Crist at 426-2686.

Persons selling 15 tickets or more receive a free pass, plus free rental on skates.

Drive to launch recreation committee

Larry Gainer, 737 Church St., Mount Joy, announced this week an effort is being made to set up a recreation committee. The committee would provide all types of recreation for residents of Mount Joy and would

include all ages. It would be a year-round project. A meeting for all interested Mount Joy residents will be held in the very near future. Date to be announced soon. Anyone wishing more information may contact Larry Gainer.

DID YOU HEAR...

Don Witman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Witman, R.D. 1, Marietta, Pa., was a trumpet soloist with Elizabethtown College's 15-member Brass Ensemble when it performed at a conference of the Pennsyl-

vania Music Association in Pittsburgh on Saturday, Jan. 8. The group performed for a session of the National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors. It represented large ensembles.

Kraybill students raise money to dig a well in African nation

Students and teachers at Kraybill Mennonite School decided not to have a gift exchange at Christmas time this year. Instead they decided to give money to help villagers in the central African country of Chad dig wells for drinking and irrigation purposes. This project receives technical

assistance through Mennonite Central Committee. The students and staff were addressed by Ray Brubaker at a kick-off assembly, December 10. Mr. Brubaker is in charge of MCC development and self-help projects in Africa.

He had returned from a recent visit to Chad and several other African countries. He graphically presented the needs by means of filmstrip and artifact. Chad is one of the central African countries which experienced a severe drought that was much in world news several years

ago. Although rain has come to some of the area, adequate water supplies for drinking, cattle, and crops are still not available. Many persons in the outlying villages need to be abandoned because the sides of the wells cave in. MCC funds provide cement for lining the wells so they

will remain in service over extended periods of time. About \$100 will provide the labor and cement needed to complete a well. The response of the students to this project was overwhelming. A total of \$481.40 was brought in by students for this project.

Each of the teachers had a creative visual display which helped the students see the progress they were making. The students not only experienced the joy of giving to persons in need but also became better informed about their neighbors living in the central African country of Chad.



These Kraybill students built a model of the African town which will be getting a new well, thanks to the students' efforts.