

# Letters

## Disagrees with Council

Dear Editor:

In response to assorted members of council editorial as printed in the January 19 issue of *Susquehanna Bulletin*, I submit the following facts.

First: "life time citizen" did sign his name to you, as Editor, but not to the public-his prerogative!

It is quite ludicrous, as stated by the editorial, "how high millage would be if outsiders didn't move into Marietta and fix up homes". Did these members of council lose "total recall" that two local life time citizens (Mr. Michael Longenecker, and Mr. J. Edward Charles) contributed, by their developments, more tax monies for the borough than most of all reclaimed or restored properties. These two gentlemen also had no government aid nor reduced costs offered.

A mention of the zoning

## Tax collectors getting raw deal

Dear Editor:

In a recent article, Mount Joy Borough Council stated that they are reducing the commission of the Tax Collector because they feel that he is paid too much for the amount of work involved.

As Deputy Tax Collector for Mount Joy Borough, I put in over 750 hours, collecting taxes and doing the paperwork for the job. This was for the borough alone. I also collect for the Donegal School District and the County as well.

My gross income before deductions, from Borough Council was \$1,943.60. As anyone can see this is not

refusal for the Steak Shop & Mini Market- (I'm not particularly fond of promoting either, but) where were the zoning board and borough council when the second "junk yard" was established and open storage allowed in the western sector of the borough?? A real detriment to the value of surrounding properties. The "junk yards" also are a breeding place for dozens of stray cats which "claw up" refuse containers within hours after placing for pick-up.

Affirmative: Marietta is a decent town but its lifetime citizens deserve far more credit than previously given them. It's many of the "die-hard residents and businessmen" who've been sustaining themselves, have in fact paved the way and who now deserve respect of their own. Also, there are many lovely "new friends" who've never sought any limelight,

even minimum wages.

My office is in my home, and maintained by me at no expense to the taxpayers. Now the council wants to cut the salary by 1/2 and expects someone else to run for this office.

The emotional stress of this job isn't worth the pay I get now. This is no gravy job. I speak from seven years of experience. At a time when everyone is getting a cost of living increase the Tax Collector is facing loss of 1/2 of his annual wages if he wants the job.

Good luck finding someone to take on your so called gravy job. I'll be

never adamantly imposed additional financial burdens upon Marietta's residents, have conscientiously and without publicized fanfare achieved beautiful results in restoration involved in interests of the town without promoting their own businesses and ventures and have otherwise been total assets to our area, meshing and respecting the old and the new.

We're all striving, steady citizens who desire advanced improvement, without capsizing encumbrances, for our town. Remember, you cannot have a living branch without its attachment to the entire tree. We need to respect one another and listen to different drummers now and again, seeking a reasonable combination of experience, fortitude, and innovation.

Let's all exercise our ears as well as our mouths.

A sincere citizen,  
Mrs. Joseph J. Gilmartin, Jr.

happy to show him what he's in for.

P. M. Leatherman  
Deputy Tax Collector  
Mount Joy Borough

## On taxmen and school staff

Dear Editor,

A passing thought for all school district taxpayers. Isn't it ludicrous to have given the local tax collectors a decrease in earnings and an increase in salaries to school administrators and teachers!!!

A "puzzled" citizen

## No news, sloppy writing, in this paper

Dear Mr. Bromer:

I moved to Mount Joy when I was two years old. For the past 27 years I have called Mount Joy "home," and for nearly that long, I have been reading the hometown paper. When the *Mount Joy Bulletin* was sold I thought I might be seeing the end of careless journalism in the paper (an obit heading that read "East Pete Grocer Passes" - one example that to this day makes me cringe). I was overly optimistic.

I am the first to admit that the Mount Joy/Marietta/Maytown area is not a continual hotbed of high level excitement. On the other hand, I cannot believe that the greatest

concern this past week was the history of the shifter sandwich (Vol. 77, No 2 January 12, 1977). The exclusive front page story? Really!

Take a look at your back story on the Kraybill students (same issue). Halfway through the article you printed a sentence that reads as follows: "Many persons in the outlying villages need to be abandoned because the sides of the wells cave in." Are caved-in wells sufficient reason to abandon "persons"? (I would have used "people" rather than "persons.") I also would have taken a little more care in proofreading and writing.

I find errors in editorial judgement and in printing - equally as flagrant - in virtually every issue of the *Susquehanna Times* with only a casual perusal on my part.

Perhaps my background in journalism and writing makes me particularly less tolerant of sloppy journalism than most people, but perfection in any enterprise should always be the goal. There is no reason why a newspaper need be boring or filled with errors simply because it is small.

I will continue to read your paper, and I will keep my eyes open for some improvement.

Sincerely,  
Shelby E. Chunko

## Two Guards of Month at Seiler



Shawn Maxwell [left] and Marty Miller [right] were both named Guard of the Month at Seiler Elementary School. Usually, only one student wins the honor, but Shawn and Marty are equally outstanding.

## Last chance to enter baby contest

Wednesday, January 26, is the last day that pictures are being accepted to enter your child in the annual Mount Joy Sweetheart Baby King and Queen Contest. Deliver your photo by 7 p.m. to Mrs. Harriet Ney, 711 Hill St., Mount Joy. Children between the ages of 9 months to 3 yrs. inclusive, whose parents have a Mount Joy mailing

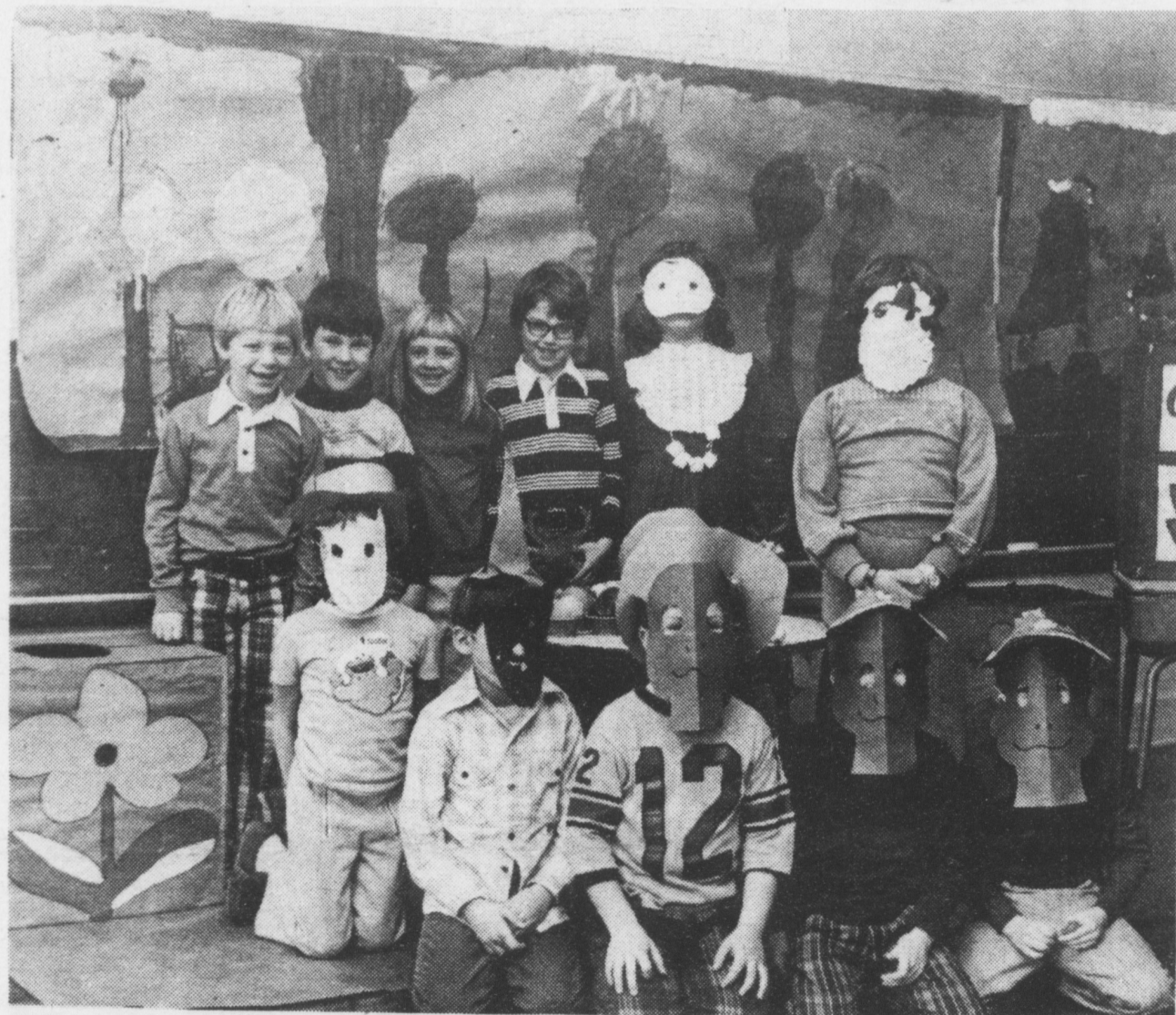
address, are eligible to enter. Include the child's name and age, the parents name and address, and the parent's or child's social security number on the back of the picture. All photos will be returned at the crowning ceremonies, February 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Voting will begin Friday, January 28, so deliver your

pictures promptly. The public will select the 1977 Sweetheart Baby King and Queen by penny-a-vote. Balloting will be at several local businesses where the child's photo and a canister will be displayed.

The Mount Joy Joycettes, sponsors of the Contest, will award the winners a \$25 savings bond.

## Maytown 1st graders on stage



Mrs. Bateman's reading group gets ready to act.

A most enjoyable story for young people at Maytown is *The Missing Necklace*. After reading the story one of Mrs. Bateman's reading groups decided to dramatize the mystery. They worked under their own direction preparing the event and designing and making their own props and costumes.

On Friday 12 parents were in attendance for the play as well as Mrs. Davis' kindergarten class. Members

of the group are:

Joey Garber; Matthew Basham; Sabrena Herr; Eugene Hess; Kelly Wil-

liams; Hob Wilson; Donald Ruth; Jon Bixler; Erik Williams; Noel Doutrich and Lori Homsher.

## Ray Kauffman, Jr. landed heftiest carp in the state last year

The Pennsylvania Fish Commission recently announced that J. Ray Kauffman, Jr., of Marietta

caught the largest carp, 37½", 21 lbs., of the 1976 season. Ray took the giant fish from the Susquehanna River.