

103 years on the ivories: U.C.C. honors two musicians



Photo shows, on the left, Mrs. Elsie Byers, and, on the right, Mrs. Ruth Fahringer.

Mrs. Martin Byers, 63, and Mrs. Ruth Fahringer, 83, were honored at last Sunday's services at the United Church of Christ, Marietta, for their combined total of 103 years of unselfish service as church musicians.

Elsie Byers began playing church organ at the tender age of 13. She has played at both morning and evening, as well as special services at the UCC for the last 49 years.

Born in Marietta in 1914, she is the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth McKain and the late Robert McKain. She was an outstanding basketball player in the Marietta schools and won a service award for being the "Best All-around Student." Her 1932 yearbook says, "She

was known to put her shoulder to the wheel and to do a task well."

Elsie was married in 1937 to Martin "Whitey" Byers. They have two sons: Charles, a physical therapist in Lancaster; and David, a doctor, now living in Camp Lejune, NC. They have four grandchildren.

Ruth Fahringer was born in York County in 1894, but moved via rowboat to Marietta in 1917. In 1923 she was confirmed and joined the church choir. Formerly the featured soloist for the Furnace Chapel, she began playing piano for Sunday school in the 1940's. She still does. Mrs. Fahringer was instrumental in starting the Women's Guild and served as its president for many years.

In addition to singing in the choir, working for the Guild, and playing piano, she is always willing to donate baked goods, and often accompanies the children on trips.

Mrs. Fahringer has three children and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Ray Kunkle, coperson of the surprise summed it all up with: "We are proud as a church family to honor these women and to show our appreciation for all their faithful years of serving our Lord and His church."

Mrs. John Goodling, Jr., co-chairperson of the recognition service presented each honored guest with a money tree and a bouquet of red roses.



Mrs. Landis in front of her home, built in 1732, along Rt. 23 near Marietta.

Landis home has colorful history; builder fought against Maryland

Margy Landis of Marietta recently received a plaque which designates her home an Historic Preservation Trust Site. Mrs. Landis, who began the application procedure 14 years ago, estimates that she has put in hundreds of hours researching and documenting the history of her house. She also filled out enough forms to fill a thick folder

The Landis's home was built in 1732 by John Ross, an early settler. Margy, an avid local history buff, told us some interesting stories about those times.

Ross was involved in "Cressap's War," a border dispute between Pennsylvania and Maryland, which lasted from 1730 to 1736 (when it was ended by an edict from the King of England).

Cressap, a Marylander, was taken prisoner during the war and brought to Philadelphia by John Ross and some other Pennsylvanians. When asked how he liked the town, he replied, "It's the grandest city in Maryland, I'm sure."

At one point Cressap tried to have Ross murdered. Ross's horse was shot out from under him, but he escaped unscathed.

The Donegal Rangers, at that time known as the King's Rangers, were ac-

tive in the war on the Pennsylvania side.

After hostilities ceased, the Mason-Dixon Line was laid out to settle the boundary once and for all. The Line seems to have done its job: Maryland and Pennsylvania have been at peace longer than Canada and the U.S. have—a very good record.

Mrs. Landis has done much research in local archives on Cressap's War. She hopes eventually to get over to Maryland to get their side of the story.

"Just-Us-5" get 1,115 points in one game

Next time you're in Weis Market, you can congratulate Dick Kleckner and

Denny Reick. Their five-man bowling team scored 1,115 points in

a single game on Monday, January 31, at Leisure Lanes.

That was the highest team score ever recorded in the AMF Industrial League, and one of Leisure Lanes' all-time highs.

The "Just-Us-5" team was down 83 points going into that final game. Their opponents scored 1,011, but "Just-Us-5" won anyway.

The team members and their scores are listed below:

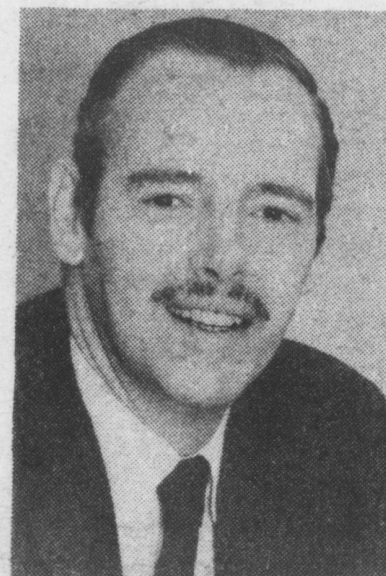
Bob Helm—247; Denny Reick—209; Frank Geib—182; Dick Kleckner—267; Bill Weller—210. Total—1,115.

Dick Kleckner is grocery manager at Weis Market, Mount Joy. Denny Reick is produce manager at the same store. Frank Geib works at the Union National Bank, Mount Joy. Bob Helm works for the Weis Market in Park City. Bill Weller, the only member of the team from outside this area, lives in Willow Street.



From left to right, Danny Reick, Dick Kleckner, and Frank Geib pose with a bowling ball in the Weis Market dairy department. Danny and Dick both work at Weis. Frank works for the Union National Bank in Mount Joy.

Henry Rutherford day



Henry B. Rutherford

The speaker will be Judge Wilson Bucher. Reverend Arthur Schirmer, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Marietta, will deliver the Invocation and the Benediction.

Invited to attend the dedication are members of the Lancaster County Bar Association; members of Ashara Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, Marietta, the Pioneer Fire Company, members of the Marietta Lion's Club, Methodist Church and his family, in addition to the public.

Dr. John H. Brown, former Manager-Director of Wyeth Laboratories, Marietta, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the "Henry Rutherford" Day ceremonies to be held Tuesday, February 15, at 2 p.m. in Marietta War Memorial Park.

Sponsored by the Marietta Restoration Associates, the memorial service will include the dedication of a hemlock tree planted in Rutherford's memory.

Henry Rutherford was District Attorney of Lancaster County when he died at his Longenecker Avenue home in Marietta.

Hang gliders to meet

The Lancaster County Hang Gliders' Association will meet on Weds., Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m., at the Coca Cola Bottling Plant, 1248 Manheim Pike, Lancaster.

Anyone who hang glides, or is interested in the sport, is invited.