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Chickies rock becomes County park



County Commissioner Jean Mowery addresses the Lions

Last week the Lancaster County Commissioners took action on the Chickies Park question: The park is going through.

Speaking at a meeting of Lion's Club in Marietta's Colonial Inn, Commissioner Jean Mowery announced the decision to apply for HUD and Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Funds, on the basis of a 650 acre tract designated as future park. The tract encompasses over one square mile between Columbia and Marietta, including Chickies Rock.

The unanimous vote of the Commissioners was based on the "need to preserve open space" according to Commissioner Mowery. She said that Lancaster county is "falling behind" in park development.

Resolution 11, the document decreeing the park, states that the county will apply for \$100,000 dollars from the Federal government. Half will be sought through the county, and

the other half through the state. If the money comes through, the county will begin buying available land. The eventual cost is highly uncertain, given rising land values.

Included in the resolution was a clause promising not to condemn privately owned land by the power of eminent domain. This amounts to a pledge by the current Commissioners and does not legally bind future Commissioners, who retain the right to condemn any private property in the area. (Land belonging to utility companies may be exempt from confiscation.)

In addition to their promise not to condemn land in the area, the Commission will appoint a member of the Chickies Homeowner's Association, elected from within that group, to the Lancaster County Park Board, starting the first of next year. Until that time, the homeowners will receive minutes of the Park Board's meetings. They may also attend the meetings at any time as non-voters.

In a question and answer session following Mrs. Mowery's speech, Dennis Shumaker of the Marietta Planning Commission asked why the riverfront had not been designated as a park instead of the Chickies area. Mrs. Mowery replied that a "variety of topography" was needed. If the Chickies park ends up resembling Lancaster Central Park, it will include a good many developments such as pavillions and ball diamonds.

New mayor in Marietta



Jay Robert Flanagan, new Marietta mayor

J. Robert "Red" Flanagan Sr., was sworn in as Mayor of Marietta at noon on Thursday before District Justice of the Peace Ray Knorr. He will complete the term of B. R. McDevitt, who resigned after seven and one half years as mayor.

In a letter of resignation, read by council president Oliver Overlander, McDevitt stated health conditions as the reason for resigning. The resignation was accepted with regret.

McDevitt is in his second term as mayor, having served for seven and one-half years.

Mr. Flanagan has served on Boro Council for 10 years. He was president for 4 of those years, and has served on every committee of the council.

As mayor he hopes to improve cooperation and communications within the police force and has scheduled a meeting per month

with all police personnel and the safety committee. By discussing the boro's problems, the police, safety committee and mayor may be able to present joint proposals to Council.

Flanagan said he "Accepts the job as a challenge and hopes to work for the betterment of the community."

Employed with Wyeth Laboratories as a pharmaceutical processor #2, Flanagan is married to the former Martha Bullock. The couple has two sons, J. Robert Flanagan Jr., Marietta, and George Edward, York, and two grandsons.

A native of Bainbridge, Mr. Flanagan graduated from the Bainbridge High School and spent three years in the United States Navy. He was discharged with the rank of a third class Petty Officer.

He enjoys watching all sports, and fishes while relaxing in the mountains.

Betty Groff; Woman of Year



Ray Wiley, Jr., presents the "Woman of the Year" award to a surprised Betty Groff (of Groff's Farm Restaurant) at the Mount Joy Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet last week. The event occurred at Hostetter's Banquet Hall.

Good luck, Jerry!

Donegal's Jerry Garner is heading for Penn State and the Pennsylvania wrestling championships next weekend. Jerry got 4 straight pins in the District finals. The Districts established him as the best 132 lb. wrestler in south-central Pennsylvania. Now he'll get a shot at champs from other corners of the state.