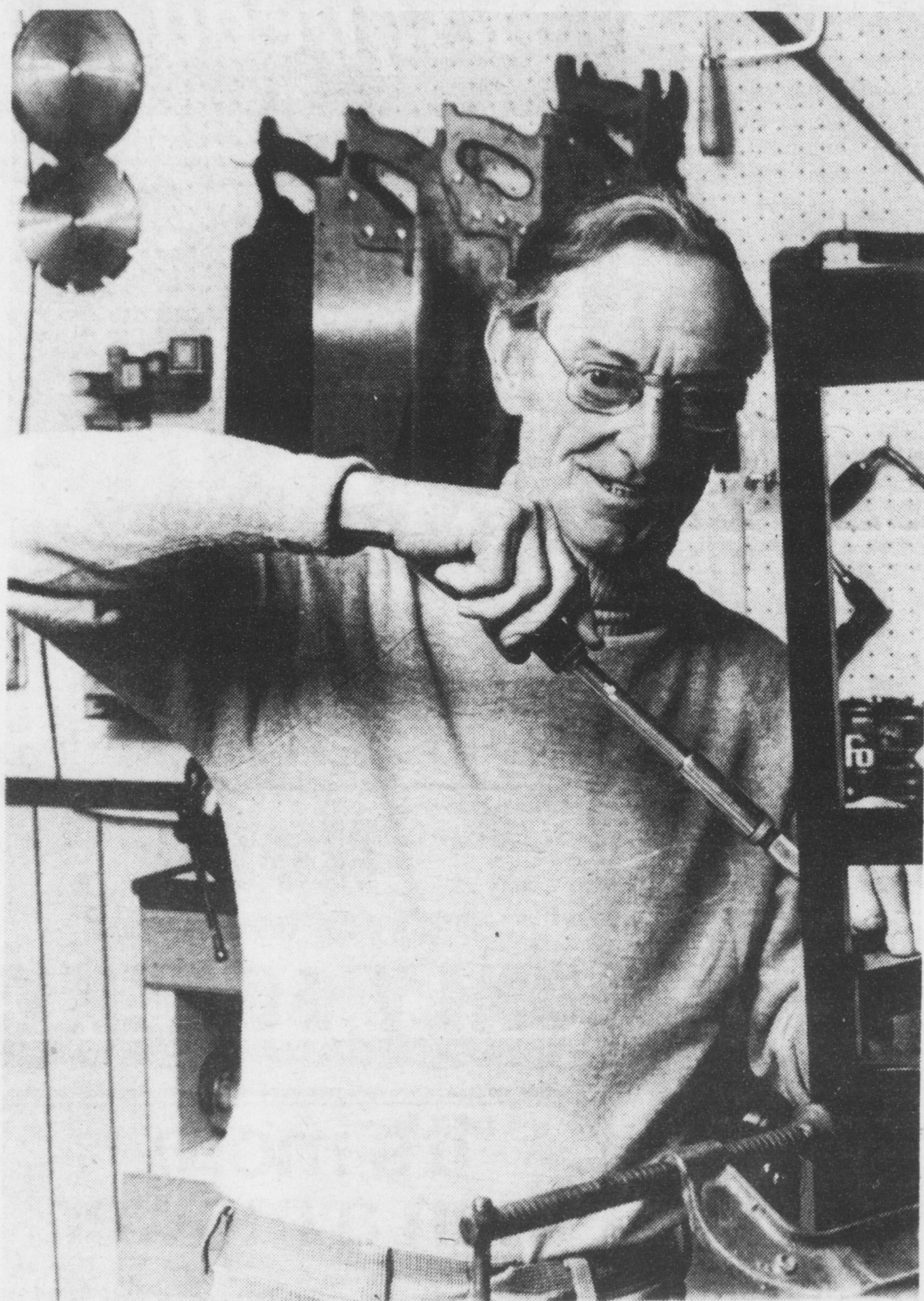


# Barney; ex-equestrian Hollywood stuntman and ex-mayor



Former mayor Barney McDevitt in his newly-opened Fix-It Shop on Bank Street

"After twenty years as a councilman and mayor, I've done my share. It's time for younger people to start taking over."

Barney McDevitt, recently retired mayor of Marietta, spread some more stain on the chair propped on the workbench. The **Susquehanna Times** was visiting him in his newly opened Fix-It Shop on Bank Street, where he refinishes furniture, among other things.

"Yeah, I really like it here," he continued, waving at his shop. "I work for a while, then I smoke a cigarette and watch TV for a while. It's great to take it easy for a change."

Barney, who resigned last week for health reasons, has had a long and varied career. Born in Marietta in 1911, he learned about politics from his father Paul (himself a long time member of the Borough Council) and about horses from his grandfather, a veterinarian.

Graduating from Marietta High in 1929, Barney traveled west to California, working with horses. He spent one year as a stunt rider in Hollywood.

Returning east in 1935, he continued to work with horses and teach riding, until he went into the contracting and hardware business in 1938. The same year, he married his wife

Kathryn.

Barney served on the Borough Council from 1940 to 1952, and again in 1965. He was also a county committeeman, tax assessor, and member of the sewage committee. His term as mayor began in 1966.

Barney considers his greatest achievements as mayor to be the remodeling of the council chambers, widening of the intersection of Market Street and Rt. 441, and the Christmas decorations along Market Street. He wanted to enlarge the Borough, but the program was "never completed to my desire. Everybody just ran out of steam and forgot it" he told us.

Although a mayor is a "figurehead" with no real power, it's still a tough job. The toughest parts? "Keeping harmony among my office, the police, and the townspeople can be difficult," Barney told us, "and the other thing is educating the people to call the councilman responsible for their specific complaint. Everyone seems to call the mayor."

The time he enjoyed the best was when he entertained the Governor during the Marietta Horse Show, "the nicest highlight we've had for a long time," said Barney, who founded the Horse Show.

Barney sees continued development in Marietta's future. "Route 441 will be solid with businesses in ten years," he told us, "and I expect that Marietta will become an Historic Town. The State may designate us that soon, I suspect." Barney doesn't dislike this idea. He is doing his own thing to keep Marietta history alive by talking to older citizens and recording their information.

Barney asked us to relay this request to the public: anyone who has old photos or information about local history should contact Barney. Any material lent him will be handled carefully and returned promptly.

Mayor McDevitt spoke highly of his successor, Jay Robert Flanagan. "He's the man for the job. I support him wholeheartedly," Barney told us. "He doesn't pull any punches - he'll tell you exactly what he thinks. But he won't hold a grudge, either. He's a good man." The new mayor's biggest problems in the future will relate to streets, sewage, and the Police Department, according to Barney.

In summation, he said, "It's been a great pleasure to work with the people of Marietta." The **Susquehanna Times** is sure that the people of Marietta feel the same way about him.

## Letter

Dear Editor:

At the recent Donegal High School Fair, parents and friends were allowed to come in the auditorium and observe a drama workshop. A drama workshop is exactly what the name implies, we work on concentration, alertness, diction and on over-coming inhibition. Sometimes it does get a bit loud and boisterous. However, I feel this is much more constructive than racing around in cars and defacing school property.

Some parents found the noise (?) offending and made a point of saying so. Therefore, I'd like to defend the cause.

In the first place, most people did not even sit close enough to the stage to really see what was going on. In the second place, the workshop was not meant to entertain the audience. And, in the third place, I don't feel that many (if any) people in the audience had any theatrical experience, otherwise they would have realized we had a very successful workshop.

A Disgusted Dramatist



From left to right are models Liz Edwards, Tammy Shelly, Stephany Robeson and Pat Enos.

## Seiler fashion show

The Seiler School and Home Association will hold its bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, March 22, 1977. The business meeting will start at 7:15 p.m. and the program, starting at 7:30 p.m., will be a Fashion Show.

The children's fashions will be shown from the Tot to Teen Shop in Manheim.

The models for the show will be students from the Seiler Elementary School. They are as follows - Stephanie Robeson, Kyle Hipple, Greta Brenner, Todd Keener, Stephanie Ricedorf, Mathew Blasick, Tammy Shelly, Jerome Chappel, Stephanie Maxwell, Mike Lehman, Liz Edwards, Mark Wagner,

Tammi Johnson and Andy Shank.

Also modeling, will be 3½ year old Erin Sites, and 5 year old Dylan Sites, the children of Seiler School's principal, Woodroe Sites - Scott McDonald, 4 year old son of Mrs. Judy McDonald, a third grade teacher - and Chris Pierce, 2½ year old son and Missie Peirce,



Mrs. Belle straightens Stephanie Ricedorf's outfit for the fashion show.

6 year old daughter of Mrs. Barbara Pierce, also a third grade teacher at Seiler.

Women's fashions will be shown from the Orange Owl, Mount Joy. The models will be teachers from the Seiler School. They are: Mrs. Anne Bell, second grade teacher; Mrs. Patricia Enos, Music teacher; Mrs. Ann Fitzkee,

Primary reading teacher; Mrs. Winnie Geyer, fourth grade teacher; Mrs. Judy McDonald, third grade teacher; Miss Linda Smeltz, second grade teacher; Mrs. Cheryl Wise, Art teacher and Mrs. Dorothy Young, first grade teacher.

Everyone is invited to attend, and there is no admission charge.