

## Along the Susquehanna

Karen Weiss of Manheim sent us this poem written by her husband's grandfather, Frank Bailets, in 1886.

Frank Bailets was born in 1868 in Benvenne, Dauphin County. He wrote "Along the Susquehanna" on May 31, 1886, while he was in high school. He worked as a telegrapher for the PA Railroad until his

retirement in 1936.

In 1910 Frank married Elizabeth Haldeman from Quentin, PA. Three daughters were born to them:

Dorothy, born in 1911, died in 1946. Ruth, died at birth and her twin sister, Grace, is married to Paul Weiss of Palmyra RD #2.

Frank was extremely interested in astronomy. In a

field in back of his house he built an observatory. Stakes were driven into the ground; these stakes were sighted on four stars which he used for telling directions. He could tell time from the positions of the stars and stakes.

Frank died at the age of 86, in 1954, at Colebrook, PA.

### ALONG THE SUSQUEHANNA

by Frank Bailets

The shadows creep,  
The waters sweep  
Along the Susquehanna.  
The mountains brown  
Surround the town,  
Along the Susquehanna.  
Full many o'er from shore to shore,  
Have rowed the boat with busy oar,  
Along the Susquehanna.

Departed fame  
Is but a name,  
Along the Susquehanna,  
Though many brave,  
Have found a grave,  
Along the Susquehanna.  
Ah, by its side, the Indian bold,  
Has frightful tales and legends told,  
Along the Susquehanna.

In summer shade,  
Through mountain glade,  
Along the Susquehanna,  
His feet have trod  
The fertile sod,  
Along the Susquehanna.  
With bow and arrow both in hand  
He's hunted through the forest land,  
Along the Susquehanna.

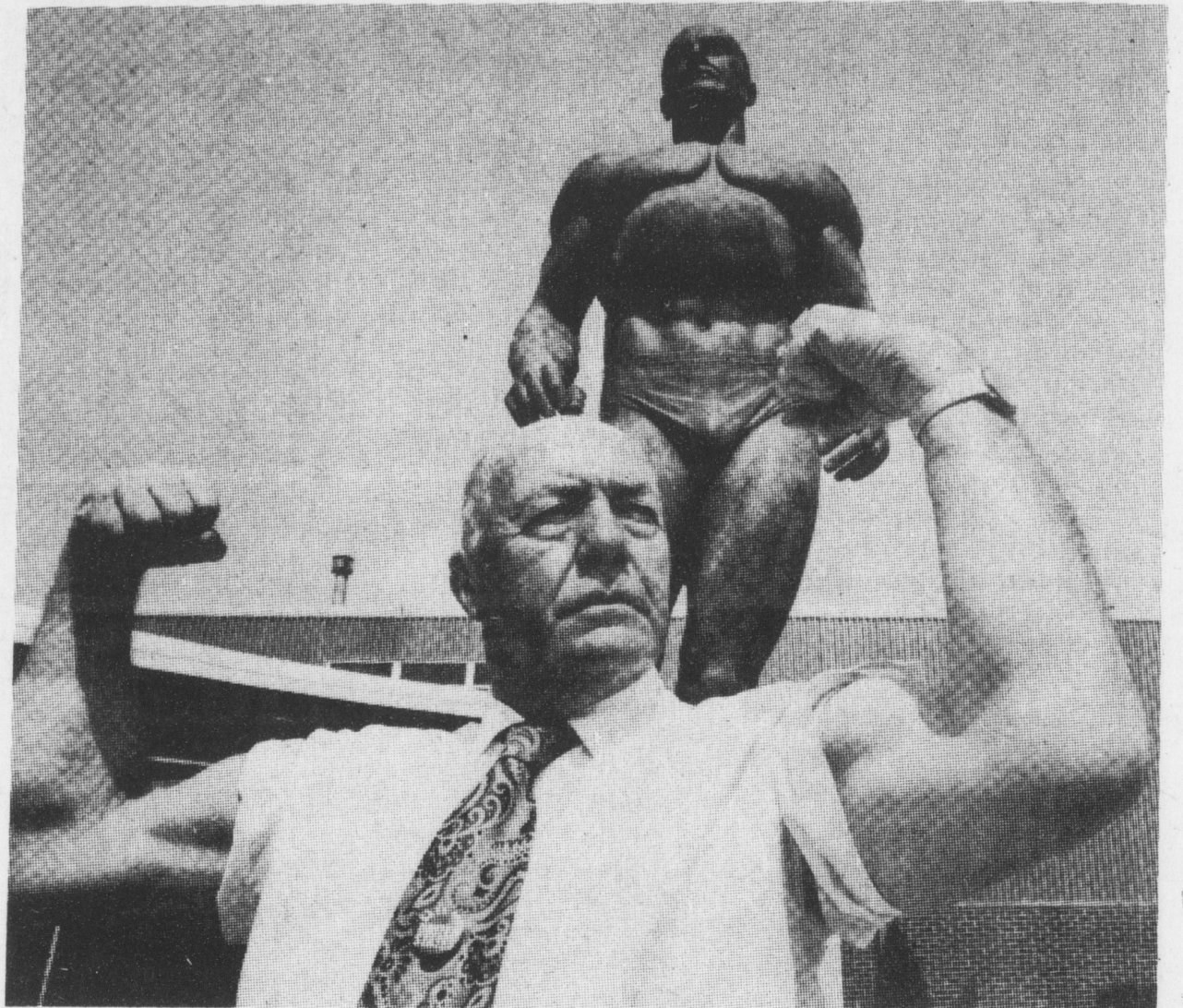
The hunting ceased,  
And in the east,  
Along the Susquehanna,  
The modern sun  
His course begun  
Along the Susquehanna.  
The locomotive's whistle shrill,  
Resounds from lofty hill to hill,  
Along the Susquehanna.

New homes so blest,  
Quite peaceful rest,  
Along the Susquehanna.  
Where wig-wams stood  
In lonely wood,  
Along the Susquehanna.  
The fruit tree quite abundant yields,  
And harvests crown the fertile fields,  
Along the Susquehanna.

Ah, time will change,  
And thoughts estrange,  
Along the Susquehanna.  
And home appears,  
From year to year,  
Along the Susquehanna.  
Yet do the waters flow the same  
In volume and alike in name,  
Along the Susquehanna.

Change cannot be,  
The waters free  
Along the Susquehanna.  
That ripple gay,  
Upon their way,  
Along the Susquehanna.  
The mountain rocks are just as gray  
As were they in the ancient day,  
Along the Susquehanna.

The shadows creep,  
The waters sweep,  
Along the Susquehanna.  
So did it flow  
Long years ago,  
Along the Susquehanna;  
And ever shall it rush along,  
In summer weak, in winter strong,  
Along the Susquehanna.



## Muscular millionaire likes Marietta

"You say you're from Marietta?" said the millionaire to the reporter who had phoned to ask for an interview.

"I'd love to talk to somebody from Marietta. Come on over."

Later, in the millionaire's private museum, the reporter was told, "None of this would exist if it wasn't for Marietta. I got my start in Marietta, you know. It's the greatest little town there is."

The speaker was Bob Hoffman, owner of a six million dollar bar bell, magazine and health food company based in York. Why didn't the business stay in Marietta?

"We had a little problem

with the river," said Mr. Hoffman. "We got flooded out. The mud was a foot deep, all over everything."

In spite of the fact that his bar bell foundry was flooded, Bob Hoffman is also fond of the Susquehanna River. Mr. Hoffman loves all rivers.

In his youth, he set out on a short canoe trip in upstate New York. The trip was supposed to take a week, but "I liked it so much, I decided to keep going," he says. He paddled all the way to Louisiana.

"I used to work out all the time with a home-made bar bell," Mr. Hoffman recalls. "That's why I was so good at canoeing."

Mr. Hoffman won a lot of canoe and rowing races in his youth. He was also a champion "canoe battler."

In the battle event, both canoeists stand on the gunwhales of their canoes and try to push their opponent into the water with their paddles. Bob Hoffman practiced picking up bar bells with his toes, so he could get a good grip on the rim of the canoe.

"I had the world's strongest toes," he says.

Mr. Hoffman was one of the world's strongest men when he opened his Marietta factory in the 30's.

Today, at 79, he is still in better shape than a lot of 20 year-old men. His secret: no booze, cigarettes or cursing.

# CPR can save your life!

A film program that shows how ordinary citizens can learn life-saving procedures to be used when sudden death threatens will be presented by the Friendship Fire Co. Ambulance, Mount Joy on Thursday, April 21st in the basement of the Trinity

Lutheran Church, 47 W. Main Street, Mount Joy.

The program is about CPR, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which is applied to people whose heart and breathing stop suddenly, most often because of heart attacks, but also from drowning, acci-

dental electrocution, and food which gets stuck in the throat. CPR requires no special equipment and can be easily learned by anyone from teenagers on up, without any special background or experience.

The film, called "A Life in Your Hands," narrated

by popular actor Burt Lancaster, is made available by the Advanced Coronary Treatment Foundation of Bridgewater, New Jersey.

The presentation is being shown in conjunction with a course in CPR, sponsored by the Friendship Fire Co. Ambulance. The course is

planned for May 1st, 15th, 22nd, and June 5th, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., to be held at the Friendship Fire Hall, 7 N. Market St., Mount Joy. Certified instructors of the American Red Cross will teach the course.

Registration for interest-

ed persons will be held following the film and also on Wednesday, April 27th at the Fire Hall.

Anyone having questions regarding the course can contact Ron Allemen, 653-1684 or Mrs. Joseph Germer, 653-5139.

## Donegal Democratic Club endorses candidates

The April meeting of the Donegal Democratic Club was held Wednesday night, April 6 at the home of the Club's President, Mr. John E. Matoney.

The Club voted to endorse Mr. John P. Hester, Democratic candidate for Superior Court Judge, and Lisa Aversa Richette, Democratic candidate for

Supreme Court Judge.

They also voted to endorse Mr. Robert M. Going, candidate for Judge of Court of Common Pleas, and Trish Campbell for Jury Commissioner.

Speaking at the meeting was Mr. Jefferson Hartzler, candidate for School Board Director of the Donegal

School District. Mr. Hartzler has served on the East Donegal Township Planning Commission. He presently is teaching Engineering at the Middletown Campus of Penn State. The organization endorsed Mr. Hartzler and Mr. Gerald Barnett for school director. Mr. James Pekarek, candi-

date for Township Supervisor, East Donegal Township, also spoke. Mr. Pekarek is 46 years old, the father of seven children, and an engineer with Allis-Chalmers, York. He has lived in this area for five years.

The organization decided to have an open primary on

the candidacy of Tax Collector in Mount Joy Borough between Mr. Paul Barto and Mrs. Christine Graham.

The membership also voted to hold a garage sale combined with a bake sale on Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

John Matoney, 566 N. Angle St., Mount Joy. Donations for food and articles for the sale will be taken at the Matoney home any evening from 4 to 6 p.m.

At the close of the sale, local auctioneer Mr. Robert "Bob" Sholly, will auction all remaining articles.