

Will Union Meeting House be restored?

Mariettians are hoping for federal money to restore a local church which they feel is an historic landmark.

The "Advisory Committee of the Local Government Historic Preservation Subcommittee" rated the request of Marietta Boro

Council and the Marietta Restoration Associates sixth highest priority among the historic preservation programs.

The Lancaster County Community Development Authority recommended the amount of \$85,000 be included in the County's

application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Before the program may be funded, the County's application must pass through state and local A-95 clearing houses, and be approved by HUD. The

fiscal year will begin August 6, 1977: at this time final procedures to effect the release of funds will begin.

Research on the old Zion Church, now called "Union Meeting House", revealed that the original door was on the south side of the brick structure and that a gallery and bell tower were added at a later date. With these additions removed the structure would appear similar to the sketch.

The Marietta Restoration Associates hope to lease the building from Marietta Boro Council and proceed with a restoration project. Monies received from federal and state government would be used to improve the grave stones (which have deteriorated since 1857, when additional burials were terminated by boro officials), restore sagging walls, and for interior preservations.



Drawing by Linda Ross

Marietta Boro council

Marietta Boro Council adopted the street repair schedule presented by Jim Sanchez (a representative of Sacra Engineers) at its Tuesday night session. Longenecker and Mulberry Streets will be resurfaced after curbs are installed by property owners. August 15 is the deadline. Council will advertise for bids by June 15, review contracts and award same by September 13 with actual work beginning the 26th and completed by November 13.

Reconstruction of Front Street from Perry to Waterford Ave. calls for curbs to be installed prior to August 15; advertising for bids April 14; and awarding contract at the May 10 council meeting. Separate sections of curb will be installed on the south side of Front Street by the boro by July 1. Liquefied fuel and federal monies would pay for both projects.

Expenditures amounting to \$1850 were approved for equipment for the police cruiser. Items would include a radio, light system, fire extinguisher, gun rack, night sticks, siren, etc. Voted to buy a duplicating machine, a mower, and new locks for the park.

Property owners with irregular sidewalks and broken curbs will be notified to repair them.

Mayor J. Robert Flanagan proclaimed May 2 to 28 as "clean up, paint up, fix up" month. He is investigating a plan to have

specific items of trash removed by boro trucks. Violators of ordinances will be prosecuted after June 1.

Earl Roberts' resignation from council was received with regret. He mentioned the time factor as the reason for resigning. John Hinkle, John Reuter and Dave White were named as a committee to find a replacement.

Persons with stray dog complaints should notify the dog catcher, Paul Raber.

Permission was granted

Outdoor art show Children's art

A children's outdoor art show will be one of the attractions of the Memorial Day weekend in Mount Joy. The art show is sponsored by the Mount Joy Bicentennial Commission. The show will be held May 29 at the Mount Joy Memorial Park.

The art show is open to children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Categories include:

- 1. collage; 2. pencil; 3. crayon; 4. watercolor; 5. tempera paint; and 6. printing (block and gadget).

Drawings may be in any of the mediums listed above and on any type paper, but should not be

larger than 11 by 14 inches. Entries will be exhibited and judged at the show.

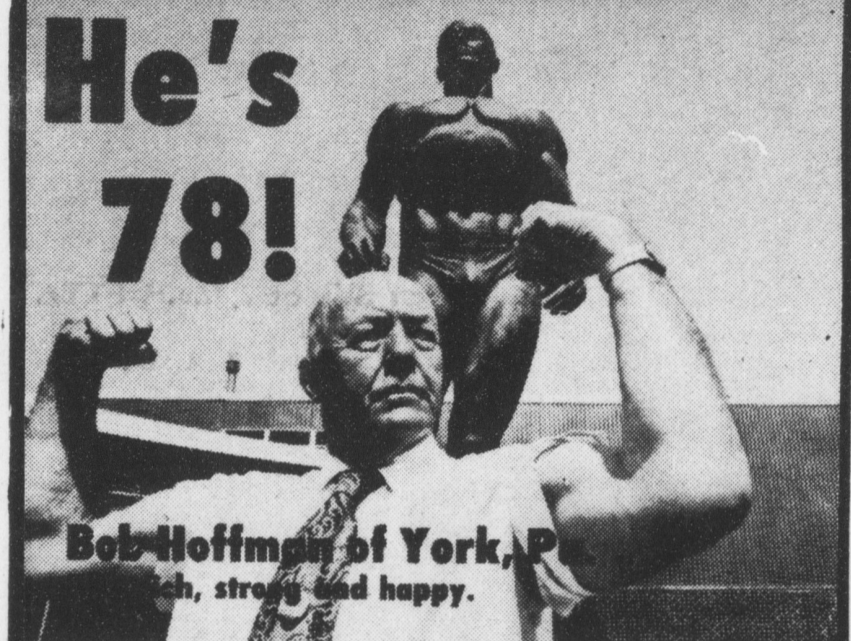
Judging will be done by school grades: kindergarten to third grade and fourth to sixth grade. Ribbons will be awarded for prizes and the names of the winners will appear in the local papers.

All entries should be taken to the Mount Joy Library and placed in the containers provided. It is most important that the artist's name, address, age, school, and grade appear on the back of the drawing. Deadline for entering is May 23. Any questions contact Ella Gainer at 653-2355.

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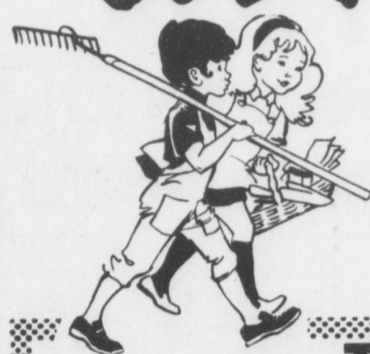
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