

The Susquehanna Times is saddened as it goes to press to learn of the death of Dr. Newton E. Kendig. Dr. Kendig was an integral part of our community. His loss is deeply felt by many.

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FIFTEEN CENTS



Donegal teachers held a surprise banquet at Groff's Farm Restaurant last week in honor of school nurse Sadie Brooks. Photo shows teacher Walt Price giving Sadie a goodbye present. At far left is Sadie's daughter, Pat Eichler. At far right is daughter Betty Eidemiller. Walt and Sadie are in the center.

## Goodbye Sadie Brooks (She's not retiring. She's going to work in the wild mountains of Central America.)

Sadie Brooks is leaving Donegal School District after 29 years as school nurse. Instead of retiring, she plans to head for the wild mountains of British Honduras, where she'll be working in a remote children's hospital.

Mrs. Brooks has served as a volunteer in the Central American nation, where malnutrition is the leading cause of death. She hopes that, by teaching principles of nutrition and sanitation to the villagers, she can help improve the situation.

That sounds like a tough

assignment, but generations of Donegal students have learned that Sadie Brooks can handle almost any problem that comes her way.

Mrs. Brooks says, "If Mr. Public thinks a school nurse's job is handing out aspirin and band-aids, he is wrong."

Students sometimes get pregnant, contract venereal diseases and freak out on drugs, Mrs. Brooks points out. "In most cases, the parents should be advised of their child's problem," Mrs. Brooks says. It's the school nurse's job to talk to the parents. Sometimes

they don't want to hear the bad news. One distraught parent met Mrs. Brooks at the door with a gun in his hand.

Mrs. Brooks is a graduate of Lancaster General Hospital and West Chester State College. She has done graduate work at Millersville. She is a member of the Mount Joy Welfare Board and the Glossbrenner United Methodist Church. When she isn't working, she gardens, rides horses, plays piano and organ, reads and does needlework.

She has two daughters and five grandchildren.

## Stan Curry —again!

Stan Curry has done it again.

Last week Stan won the 440 yard race at the PIAA Track and Field Championships at Shippensburg, making him the fastest in the state. His time of 47.4 was the fifth fastest in the

nation this year (he is tied with a high school runner in Texas). The National record this year is 46.4; the all-time record is 45.8.

Stan won a gold medal, and so did Donegal's two-mile relay team with a

time of 7:58.4. The team is composed of Phil Mitzkavich, Darryl Houseal, Richard Keener, and Henry Klugh.

Next Saturday Stan will compete in the National competitions in Atlanta, GA.

## Patently good business



Linn Longenecker holds part of a Vis-A-Lens crayon set in his company headquarters in Mount Joy (in the Kinsey Archery building). Spread on the table are some of his Christmas cards, unfolded. Notice the die-cut holes in them.

Linn Longenecker is starting a new business in Mount Joy.

His "Vis-A-Lens" firm will sell greeting cards, paint sets, calendars, and children's books - which don't seem to be products that have a great deal in common with each other, until you see how Linn approaches them in his unique (and patented) fashion.

The basis of Linn's approach is overlays - plastic sheets that fold over a printed page to change certain areas, like the frog diagrams in biology texts (the ones that show first the outside of the frog, then various internal layers as you fold back the plastic sheets). Linn has patents granted or pending on all his products.

Linn Longenecker (who is, incidentally, Miss Lancaster County Gloria's dad) got his first patent in 1956, on his paint set idea. "It was the logical next thing after paint by the numbers," he says. Linn's

paint sets start with an outlined scene, like the old number sets, but use transparencies to guide the fledgling artist. "You'd start painting the sky, and flip the overlay over on top of it for comparison as you go along," Linn explains. The sky overlay is translucent, so that the artist's work shows through it; both scenes are simultaneously visible. "The Vis-A-Lens paint set works in the same progression that a real artist uses for an original painting. The background and sky go on the board first, then the foreground objects," Linn told us. Linn knows about real artists - he is one himself. His work hangs on walls all over the area.

Linn sees the Vis-A-Lens paint sets (which come in watercolor, crayon, and oil paint forms) as suitable for people who are beyond painting 'by the numbers', but are not quite ready to envision their own scenes and master perspective. He told us that many of his

sets are already in use for occupational therapy.

The same overlay principal is used in his calendars (which show one scene that changes through the seasons by flipping four overlays, one for each season) and the children's books. Linn showed us one book that outlines the creation. The original scene shows a mountainous desert, but each succeeding overlay adds trees, then fruits, then animals, etcetera, until the desert becomes Eden.

The Vis-A-Lens greeting cards don't use overlays, but are die-cut. Turning a page changes the scene and adds some poetry. Linn could probably sell his patent on this to a large company like Hallmark for several hundred thousand dollars, but he plans to keep it for Vis-A-Lens. "Cards are big business, and the makers are always looking for something a little different, to give them an edge," he says. Then, he adds, "We're going into business with gusto!"

## New shopping center

in Mount Joy  
Construction to begin this summer

A \$2.5 million shopping center is planned on route 230 between Mount Joy and Elizabethtown. Developer Frank A. Nardo of York said the 97,000 square foot center will include a Jamesway discount department store, a Safeway supermarket, and a drug store. It is estimated that the three stores, in opera-

tion, will employ about 125 workers. Parking for 550 cars will be provided.

Preliminary approvals for the project have been received from West Donegal Township, and the plans are now under review by the Lancaster County Planning Commission.

If necessary governmental approvals are received,

construction is expected to begin in the late summer, with occupancy scheduled for the Spring of 1978.

Nardo, who has previously developed shopping centers in Red Lion and Carlisle, said he is convinced that his first Lancaster County project is in "a definite growth area."