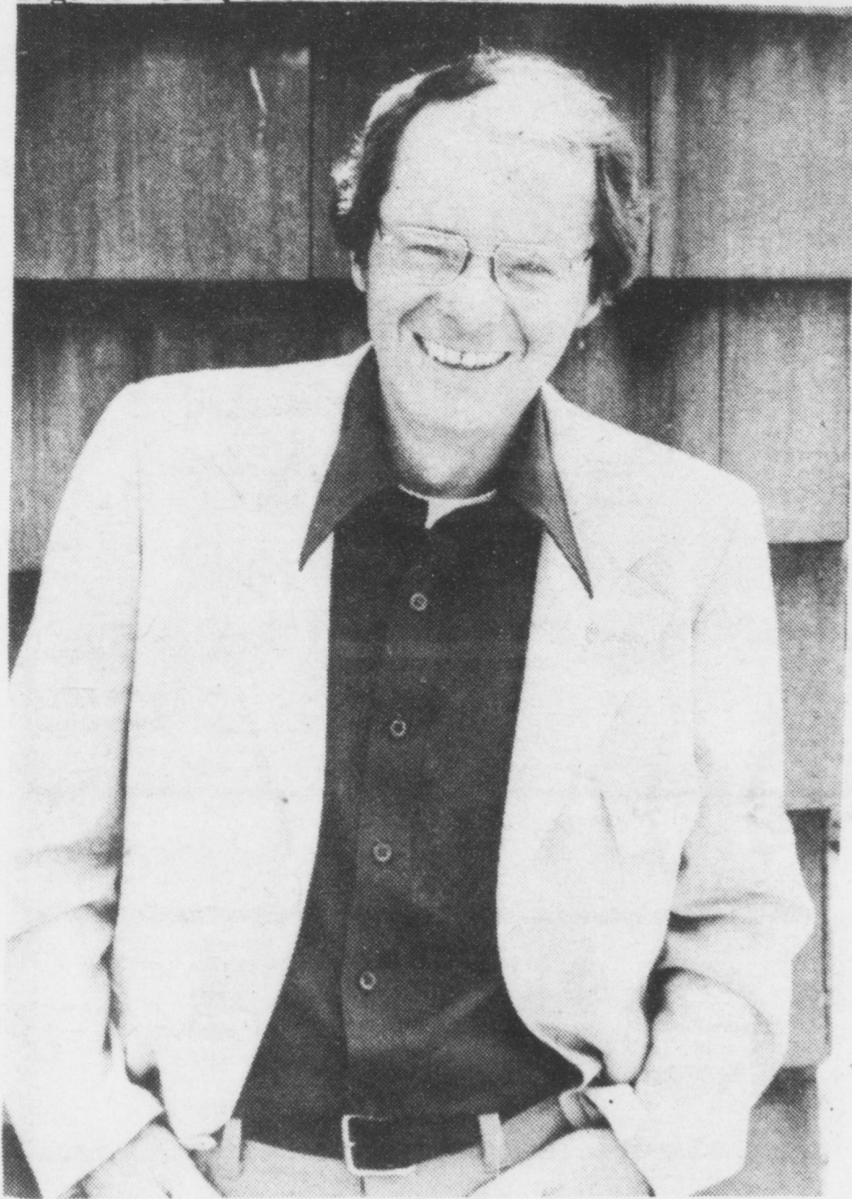


Tom Sheaffer: Big Brother



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Tom Sheaffer has two daughters, but no sons. When he became a Big Brother, it took some adjusting.

"I had to learn all over again just how boys think," Tom told us. "It's been a while since I was a boy myself, and girls are different — I couldn't deal with my Little Brothers the same way I deal with my daughters."

Tom, who manages the First Federal Savings and Loan in Mount Joy, became a Big Brother about two years ago. Tom and Hans Wirsching, county director of the Big Brother program, are both members of the Sertoma Club, and Hans talked Tom into trying it. Since then Tom has become very active in Big Brothers; he now has a total of three Little

Brothers, all in Lancaster (where Tom lives).

"There's a need for more Big Brothers in the rural areas and in small towns," says Tom. "The program isn't as well known in these areas as it is in Lancaster."

What do Big Brothers do? Ideally, they act as just what the name implies, a big brother. "You should not try to be a father, although it's hard not to act as one sometimes. The boys range in age from 7 to 18, and they can't join the program unless their fathers are absent due to death, divorce, or desertion." Tom tries to teach his Little Brothers politeness, and encourages them to avoid bad company and drugs. He told us that he enjoys watching them develop.

One of Tom's Little

Brothers told him not long ago that he had walked away from a group of boys who were smoking marijuana. "I'd like to think that I was partly responsible for that," Tom says.

The Big Brother organization asks only that a Big Brother spend a certain number of hours per week (on an average) with his boy or boys. Three hours per week is a typical number, although many Big Brothers spend more time than that. Activities range from fishing to attending ball games and amusement parks.

It's not hard to become a Big Brother. An interview, three references, and a check on your police record are all that is required. Hours are very flexible.

Tom Sheaffer told us that the chief qualification is simply the desire to spend

time with a boy. If you are interested, call 1-387-7567 or write to Big Brothers, 630 Janet Ave., Lancaster, PA 17601.

Loose addresses BPW

John W.W. Loose, chairman of the history and social science departments at Donegal High School and president of the Lancaster County Historical Society, was guest speaker for the May session of the Mount Joy Business and Professional Women's Club. The address, entitled "Powder Puffs and Ballot Boxes," was about women's influence on politics.

Loose stated that 66,300 women are registered to vote in Lancaster County and that only 63,900 men are registered. Women, he stated, are more important than men in politics for they vote more regularly than men. Women, Loose said, are more practical, more compassionate, and better organized politically than men.

Mrs. Hazel Zeller, chairman of the Civic Participation, introduced the speaker and thanked members of her committee who assisted with the arrangements; Jane Musser, Christine Graham, Joyce Brown, La-Jeanne Miller, Mary Bookwalter, Ethel Shoop, Christine Brown and Joann Zink. Mrs. Lillian Fry, president, conducted the business session. Mrs. Anne Bell introduced the girl of the month, Hollis Baker and her mother, Mrs. James Baker.

The president announced that the Mount Joy club received a citation for its article on the National Business and Professional Week observance at the State Convention meeting in Philadelphia. Reports on the session were submitted by Mrs. Yvonne Koser, Mrs. Molly Hart and Mrs. Dottie Wagner. District #7, of which the local club is a portion, sent 10 clubs with 100% representation.

District #7 theatre tickets for "South Pacific," to be staged at the Fulton Opera House, Lancaster, on August 11, will be available at \$5.00.

Mrs. Mary Sarver was congratulated by the club for her "Woman of the Year" recognition.

Board meeting will be held June 13 at MaryJane Hoffer's home.



Memorial Day in Maytown

The City of Lancaster didn't bother holding a Memorial Day Parade this year, but the traditional celebration was alive and well in Mount Joy, Marietta and Maytown.

There were parades- big noisy parades with strutting drum majors and horn-tooting fire trucks. And there were solemn moments, in the cemeteries and at the war monuments.

