

Letters

2 cheers, 1 boo for Marietta police

Hooray!

Police Dept., Marietta

Dear Sirs:

Upon completion of our family visit to your fine state, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and also commend your "Dept." for the quick and courteous aid I received while lost for directions in your city, on the evening of

July 5th approx. 11:00 PM. Being an out of state vehicle, and also almost out of fuel, I knew that I could depend on a Dept. such as yours.

Your "Dispatcher" aided us immediately by sending a "Patrol Car" to our location, & gave us directions, also the nearest gas station. This truly was a relief for us.

I would also like to commend the "Patrol Officer" who was on Duty at that time, for his courtesy & helpfulness in our time of need. This is another incident where I've found in my travels out of the State of Conn. that the "Police Depts." are there to help you in any way they can.

Please bring this letter to the attention of your Chief,

so he may rest assured that he has some fine men under his supervision. Hope we can extend the same courtesy in our town in the future.

Respectfully,
Raymond E. Parkhurst, Jr.

Note: Mr. Parkhurst lives in Norwich, Conn. -ed.

Hooray!

Mr. Robert Flanagan
Mayor, Marietta Boro

Dear Sir:

As supervisor of the boro police department I felt that I should write you concerning recent events where the police have responded with the ambulance on emergency calls.

I have received several phone calls and many personal comments on the "fantastic" way the police and the ambulance crew

work hand in hand to save lives in our town. I know, myself, that on several calls that I have been on the police officers did their own job as well as helping the ambulance crew with the patient. One incident sticks in my mind. This was where we had a child struck by a vehicle. My attendant and myself were busy with the life threatening injuries and Sgt. Englert performed the

secondary survey of the patient to determine if there were any further injuries. The care given the patient was like something out of my emergency care textbook.

As you know, two of your officers are members of our crew; Steve Englert and Mel Aldinger; and I have an application from Larry Waltz.

My main reason for

writing is that I feel your department should be commended for their assistance to our crew, which I assure you is being noticed by the residents of our town.

In closing I would just like to say thank you and if I can be of any service to you, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,
Steven M. Bailey,
Crew Chief

Boo!

Chief of Police,
Marietta Police Department

Dear Sir:

As you are probably aware, Marietta has many things going for it since its fairly recent renaissance of the past 10 years or so. These include:

...the yearly candlelight house tour which I have

watched grow in size and have personally attended every year,

...an impressive community center serving the town and its citizens with many worth-while projects,

...the Colonial Inn which strives to serve good home-cooking at very nominal prices,

...the Marietta Theater which has attracted people to the town on weekends for an evening of good entertainment, topped off by a sensational theater organ which cannot be duplicated for miles around, ...more than a fair share of antique shops, of which I have personally visited and usually patronized.

It is fortunate for a small, out-of-the-way town such as Marietta to have these things to attract out-of-towners to spend their time and money.

It is, however, unfortunate that one thing can ruin an otherwise pleasant visit: namely, your Parking Meters that remain in effect until 9:00 p.m. on Friday evenings. West Market Street was deserted at 7:15 p.m. when I parked at Meter No. 80 along with other people, including a couple from Lancaster. Businesses were not operating. No stores were open on that block, no restaurants or shops, not even the Bank of Marietta. Nothing except the Marietta theater which we were attending. Needless to say, all of us received parking tickets.

It is further unfortunate that the couple from Lancaster and myself will think

twice in the future before travelling almost 30 miles to patronize a small-town that quickly entraps its visitors with poorly-marked meters, especially at 9:30 p.m.

I, therefore, feel it is my duty to warn other unsuspecting visitors to Marietta to beware of your system to raise revenue by so notifying as many local newspapers, civic organizations, the Mayor's office, the Historic Restoration Associates, the Marietta Theater, and Antiques Shops by copy of this letter.

I am sure the many other people will just pay their \$2.00 fine and forget the matter, never returning to Marietta. Many expressed their strong, verbal feelings that night. I hope this letter will express to you some of the ill-feelings developed by out-of-towners.

May I again say that it tremely unfortunate that one thing such as a parking meter can mar an otherwise pleasant visit to Historic Marietta.

My best personal regards to officer No. 6.

Sincerely,
Frank Pines



The jaycees provided the tree in honor of George Groff's memory. From left to right are; Bob Stoner, Bob Behling, Bill Bower, Mrs. George Groff and Jim Wetzel.

New park dedicated to memory of George Groff

Before its September meeting, Mount Joy Borough Council members met at Westview Park to dedicate the park and open it to the public.

Borough Council President Charles Ricedorf told those present: "This project took a lot of time and effort in its development and I hope the people of Mount Joy take good care of it."

Omar Groff, chairman of the Parks and Playground Committee, said that the park is only in the first stage of development. He promised more development for the park in the future.

A \$5000 grant from the Community Development Act paid for the play area equipment, Mr. Groff said. Another \$5000 can be expected next year. It will provide a pavillion, tables,

benches and landscaping. Councilman Paul Stehman, member of the parks committee, said, "We were very selective in the playground equipment. We thought first of the safety of the children and the strength of the equipment."

Stehman, who was appointed to fill the term of the late George Groff, added, "I feel fortunate to be able to pick up where George Groff left off." Groff worked avidly for playgrounds and parks in the borough during his 20 years of service with the council.

It was only fitting that a silver maple tree be planted in the new park, in memory of George Groff.

The tree was purchased and presented by the Mount Joy Jaycees.



Mount Joy councilmen officially open the park, while kids try out the new equipment. From left to right are; Charles Ricedorf, Mrs. George Groff, Jim Heisey, Omar Groff, and Bill Bower.

Wanna buy a nice yald?



Here at the *Susquehanna Times*, we've developed an affection for typographical errors. We like to think that our "typos" (a term of endearment used by newspapermen) are subtler and wittier than anybody else's. The chances of finding a really neat typo in our paper are excellent, because we make so many of them.

So far, nobody has returned a newspaper to our office with a big "D" scrawled over the front page in red ink, so a lot of people must appreciate a good typo when they see one.

The photo shows an example of someone else's work, for a change.

Donegal Demos to rally

The Donegal Democratic Club will hold a public rally on Weds., Sept. 21 at 7 PM at the Mount Joy Boro Hall at 21 E. Main St..

The public is invited to come and hear local and

county candidates who will run for office this November.

A second rally will be held at the Marietta Boro Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 7 PM.