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Bateman will collect taxes

In a special meeting September 29, the Mount Joy Boro Council accepted the resignation of Phyllis and Steve Leatherman, as tax collectors for the borough.

At the same time council appointed Borough Manager Joseph Bateman, tax collector until the November 14, council meeting. At that time council will consider appointing another person for the unexpired term.

Free trees

Marietta Borough residents will see some new trees in town later on this fall. A community beautification project, funded under the Emergency Jobs Program Extension Act, part of the President's current economic stimulus package, is presently underway. The project will entail the planting of some 200 new trees along borough streets. Old trees will also be trimmed or cut down and replaced.

Borough residents will be given a choice of trees to be planted among which the red oak, red maple, sugar maple and male ginkgo stand as the most suitable for the town environment. The effects

of this one year project will continue to provide shade and beauty to Marietta residents for years to come.

The details of Project Tree-mendous will be discussed at a town meeting on October 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community House, 258 W. Market St. All are welcome to attend. Mr. Ray Boltz of ERB Landscaping and Nursery on Lititz Pike is the featured arborist who will address the Citizens Council regarding the project.

Anyone wishing to have a young tree planted in front of their house is urged to contact Project Tree-mendous at the Marietta Borough office.

Want to live to be 94?

Maybe you should stop exercising.

Mrs. Gertrude N. "Gram" McGee of Mount Joy recently celebrated her 94th birthday.

Born in Philadelphia in 1883, Gram McGee has lived for the last 7 years with her grandson, Gilbert Hamilton of 308 Market Ave., Mount Joy. She lived in Wilmington Delaware for most of her life.

"She's a bird, I'll tell you," says Gram's granddaughter-in-law, Helen Hamilton. "She reads three newspapers a day, and still corresponds with a girl who used to play jacks with her in grade school." Helen must actually pen the letters for Gram, who has arthritis in her hands. "She has lots of friends she writes to," according to Helen.

For a 94-year-old, Gram McGee is very spry. She is hard of hearing, and gets around in a walker since breaking her hip four years ago. But she is still sharp. Helen thinks that Gram "keeps a good head because there's a lot happening around the house. Gram has a great mind, and a fantastic memory."

Unlike many old people, Gram can remember recent events as well as recalling older memories.

What is the secret of Gram McGee's longevity? One factor is, no doubt, that she never smoked or drank. Her other habits don't fit the mold, though. She was never much for exercise, and in fact avoided it when younger, believing



Gram McGee

that she had a heart condition. Her diet hasn't been wonderful, either: according to Helen, Gram eats mostly pizza and candy.

Gram does have one unusual eating habit: she doesn't eat much, and never snacks. This may be a factor in her excellent health: scientists have found that underfed rats live longer and healthier

lives than rats who are fed "adequately."

Gram's longevity is found in the rest of her family. Of six brothers and sisters, three are still alive.

Gram raised her grandchildren after their mother died, and helped raise her grandchildren's children. Helen told us: "She's been a good mother, a good grandmother, and a good great-grandmother."

Homecoming this week



The Homecoming Queen candidates: Top row, left to right, are Donna Germer, Mary Ann Derr, Dawn Greider, and Diane Yingst; below are Mimi Ginder, Stacy Miller, Deb Ross, and Deb Sarbaugh.

The Homecoming Weekend promises to be a real blast this year. The festivities will commence this Thursday, and the action won't stop till Saturday night.

At 6:30 on Thursday the parade will start at AMP and strut its stuff down Marietta Avenue to Beahm Jr. High. Both the DHS and Beahm bands will be marching, as will the eight Homecoming Queen candidates pictured in the photo above. Last year's Queen Suzanne Frey, will

add her august presence, and four huge floats, one from each class, will be judged as they trundle majestically through the streets of Mount Joy.

The parade will culminate in a roaring bonfire at Beahm.

Friday will be Color Day at DHS. All faculty, staff, and students will wear the school colors of green and white, and a pep rally will prepare everyone for the big game with Elco.

Friday night, at 7:15, the Homecoming festivities proper begin, with a

parade of floats, the Elco Band, and the crowning of the Queen. The football game will start at 8:00 on the DHS field, and the DHS Band will perform during half-time.

The dance will begin immediately after the game and end at 11:30.

On Saturday there will be alumni soccer and hockey games, a chicken barbeque sponsored by the wrestling team, and, at 7:30, the Donegal Coache's Association will show a film, *The Way We Were*.

Don't miss it!

Indians back in the saddle

Winner of Homecoming Game will lead section; it looks like a tough contest

Next week's homecoming game may be the most crucial contests the Donegal Indians will face this season. The winner will take over the number one position in the section.

Donegal has never defeated Elco, and for the last three years, Elco has not allowed the Indians to score.

Elco's record this year is just as impressive as Donegal's. Elco has a

strong defensive team, and uses a power running attack, like the Solanco Mules who handed Donegal their only loss of the season two weeks ago.

Donegal is favored to win the contest by a slender margin, but being picked to win has seemed to hinder the Indians this year.

A hard-fought defensive battle is likely, and a one-sided win by either team is unlikely.

Donegal confounded the experts last week by upsetting Manheim Central 34-0.

Running back Pete Splain and end Gary Buid sparked the Indian attack with outstanding offensive performances. Splain picked up 210 yards on 14 carries and Buid gained about 140 yards on 5 pass receptions.

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