

# ...official buys mansion (cont.)

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 "I just stumbled onto Marietta a month ago," Herrington said. He had seen an advertisement for Riverview Towers, and came to look at it, being in the market for a "nice house in the country." But Marietta charmed him with its historic aura, and he is now quite interested in the town.

"It's a very important area, historically," he said, "and many famous people have come from this area. The 'survival value' is unique."

He told us that he had spent some time previously wandering about Marietta, dropping into antique shops and restaurants. He mentioned the Marietta theater and the Railroad House as being "marvelous" places.

Jack Johnson spent most of the day taking the group around Marietta. He noted that they all seemed to be very successful, intelligent, and well-educated people, many of them having Doctoral degrees in various fields. He also told the *Times* that he was especially impressed by the respect they evidenced toward Mr. Herrington.

Mr. Herrington reiterated the statements made to the *Times* several months ago by Bill Watson of the Harrisburg Historic Preservation office, regarding the rights of homeowners in the Historic District. "This doesn't prohibit the [local property] owner from anything, as long as he's not using Federal money to do it," he said.



At far left is realtor Jack Johnson. Standing behind him (with beard) is host John Hinkle, owner of the first house the Washingtonians visited. Up the stairs is Joseph Towner. Charles Herrington, with mustache, points to the carved railing in Mr. Hinkle's foyer. Bradley Frandsen stands at right. Messrs. Frandsen and Towner work under Charles Herrington at the Office of Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C.

"There are many, many benefits."

He mentioned tax benefits for income-producing property as one example.

Any Federal project affecting the District, he explained, must be approved by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, which consists of all the presidential Cabinet mem-

bers plus a group of private citizens.

Mr. Herrington, talking off the cuff about his job, said that he has about 20,000 contacts all over the country, who keep the Preservation Office up to date on places of historic value. "It's a bit like the Mafia," he said.

The National office was created by Congress in 1935. To date they have set aside about 14,500 listings, comprising close to a million buildings and thousands of acres of land. Their eventual goal is around 75,000 sites and districts: In effect, all the historic property in the nation.

## Dr. Hartzler proposes School Board forum

Dr. Jeff Hartzler, School Board candidate, proposed that the board hold an annual public hearing, in addition to the budget hearing, while he spoke to a group of interested citizens recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gilmartin in Marietta. The purpose of the

proposed hearing would be the airing of parents' and other citizens' views before the school board.

"One of the important variables contributing to quality public education," said Dr. Hartzler, "is the interest of parents in the educational program of the schools. Strong parental

interest motivates students, teachers, and administrators to do a good job. The board should encourage parental interest by sending representatives to meet with each parent-teacher group at least once a year to hear their concerns on problems facing their particular school. I believe the

board is responsible to make decisions consistent with the views of the community."

Dr. Hartzler also expressed concern that no additional cutbacks be made in the number of reading specialists in the elementary schools.

## BPW meets, hears speaker

Jeffrey Waverly, Director of planning for Community Action Program, was guest speaker for the monthly dinner meeting of the Mount Joy Business and Professional Women's Club at Betty Groff's Farm.

Relating case histories of lower income families in Lancaster County, the speaker stated one in every 7 in the Garden Spot of the

World are below adequate income. This puts 47,000 persons in Lancaster County in that category, while only 12,000 receive any sort of assistance. One half of the above persons work but receive salaries below government levels of poverty.

CAP provides services such as health care, recreation, head start, information and referral,

summer camperships, rural adequate housing, and transportation to these people.

Mrs. Pat Eicherly, chair-lady of Personal Development, introduced the girl of the month, Becky Ruhl, and her mother, Eleanor, who was also a guest of the club.

Future activities of BPW will be National BPW

Week, October 16-22; 21st annual Luncheon and Seminar honoring Women in government at the Host, Harrisburg, October 22; November 20, Mount Joy BPW Candlelight Tour; Spring District Meeting, New Holland Hostess club, State Convention, Philadelphia, June 14-18; and National Convention San Juan, Puerto Rico, July 21-27.

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