

## Thanksgiving a poem by Chester Wittell

Bleak and dreary is the landscape;  
Bare and barren stands the hill;  
Now the dreamy days grow shorter,  
Autumn winds more loud and shrill.

But within each home and hostel  
Festive hearths glow warm and bright,  
While the scent of savory viands  
Stimulates the appetite.

For today our hearts are gladdened  
By a custom old and dear.  
Work and worry are forgotten  
At a time of rest and cheer.

Hallowed be this joyful season  
To all mortal men that live.  
May the star of fortune hover  
O'er the lives of those who give.

Let us thank God for the bounty  
He provides against the dearth,  
Which—but for His grace and wisdom—  
Were the heritage of earth.

## DHS Band to march in the Gimbel's parade

The award-winning DHS Band, which has already performed at Disney World, the International Azalea Fest in Norfolk, the Apple Blossom Fest in Winchester, and other places, will march tomorrow in the 58th Gimbels Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia. Dressed in their new uniforms, they will march before a million people in the streets of the City of Brotherly Love.

The original parade in 1920 had 50 people marching. More than 5000 will participate in this year's.

CBS-TV will carry portions of the parade, and WPVI (channel 6) will air the whole thing.

## Letter —license that dog!

### Letter to Ed.:

Notice to all dog owners of Marietta: Pennsylvania Dog Law #437, Section 201, states that all dogs six months of age and older must have a license, and Section 202 of the Pennsylvania Dog Law states that

this license must be attached to a collar of a harness and worn by the dog at all times.

The 1979 license will be on sale on and after December 15, 1977.

All dog owners not having a license on their

dog after January 15, 1978, are liable for prosecution under State Dog Law #437, Sections 201 and 202.

Signed,  
Paul J. Raber,  
Marietta Dog Law  
Enforcement Officer  
(Officer # 10)

## Lions plan Christmas dinner

The Marietta Lions Club will hold its annual Christmas celebration at the Host Diner Theater on December 8th.

The public is invited to join the Lions for this

event, which includes not only a buffet dinner, but also a play, "Move Over, Mrs. Markham." This play is a comedy of errors about what happens when a couple mistakenly loan out their apartment to dif-

ferent friends for the same night. The cost for everything is \$10.25 per person.

Anyone who would like to go should contact Bob Spangler at 426-3377 immediately.

The party begins at 6:00.

## Follow the numbers back

### More than 200 words

were submitted by Gail Hawthorne for the "Mount Joy—my kind of town" essay contest, so we're printing ALL of it!

This is Gail Hawthorne's epic contribution to the "Mount Joy: My Kind of Town" contest. We got it preceded by the following letter.

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My entry for the Mount Joy—My Kind of Town" contest is enclosed. However, in no way could I limit myself to 200 words or less! I understand if that disqualifies me, but it really doesn't matter. I just don't think I've ever said or written anything in less than 200 words!

My great-grandfather, Henry Shelly, built our house in 1857, and his son and his son's son, my

father, have always lived here. Now I am raising my family in this same house and this is five generations dating back to the 1800's and the contest limits me to 200 words to tell about five generations of living in Mount Joy! As the kids say today... NO WAY!

Since reading your article in the Times that you haven't received any entries at your office it just could be that most people can't express in 200 words or less how they feel about their town. I think I have about 1200 words and didn't even include the fact that I love small town newspapers and I can remember WHEN (I hate to keep using that, it dates

me!) the Mount Joy Bulletin was two sections and 24 pages, and my favorite section was Main Street—just news about local folks and people stopping by the office to tell them they just saw the first robin or who had the first tomato on the vine—no earth shattering news—let 'em read the New York papers for that stuff—just give me the small town gossip! I also didn't mention that my Mother could go into Kitty's dress shoppe (now an antique store, with no offense to my mother) and take home 2 or 3 dresses to try on and bring back the ones she didn't want, maybe she would get them back the next day or the next week,



The Marietta Community Chorus practicing at First United Methodist

## Christmas by Candlelight tour will cover 14 structures this year and music, dancing, exhibits

All of fourteen houses will be included in the Christmas by Candlelight tour in the Marietta area, a benefit sponsored by the Marietta Restoration Associates. It will take place on Sunday, December 4th, between 2 and 7 PM.

Besides the structures themselves, there will be continuous screening of old flicks at the Marietta Theater; a slide show at the United Church of Christ; the singing/dancing Donegal Rythm Singers at the Presbyterian Church; greens by the pound at the Sultzbach house; and a Christmas contata, *Down From His Glory*, by John W. Peterson, at the First United Methodist at 8:00 PM (performed by the Marietta Community Chorus). Seasonal hospitality will be extended to all.

Tickets are \$3.00, and are available at any of the above-mentioned places. Along with the ticket you will get a free brochure with itinerary and facts of interest. Partial rates are not available.



Sunday, Dec. 4  
2 till 7 p.m.

ADMISSION: \$3.00