

Letter

To the editor;

Joseph Siberski was not dismissed by the Donegal School Board for charging the board and administration with anti-Polish and anti-Catholic bias. If they were biased against Polish Catholics they never would have hired him in the first place; nor would they have employed a number of other Polish Catholics in the past, persons, incidentally, that had the respect and good feeling of the school community. The "technicality" mentioned by the *Times* is in reality a state law that compels a school district to follow the law or face a possible loss of funds that could amount to nearly a mill of tax. Previous teachers that failed to earn the specified credits from accredited colleges resigned rather than invent excuses.

Mr. Siberski's better qualities, namely his enthusiastic interest in dramatic productions, have received wide publicity, which is proper. Not as well publicized were his difficulties with students,

parents, teachers, and administrators. It is somewhat unfair to say simply that Siberski and his principal, D.W. Drenner, "have sharply differing styles." It would be more appropriate to say "Siberski has a sharply differing style from the majority of the Donegal adult community." Parents and taxpayers rightly expect their school employees to possess and practice values and standards that conform to those of the community. That does not mean that school employees must lower their values, drop to the common level of morality, or dampen their intellectual curiosity. Teachers are expected to set high standards for their pupils to imitate. Nevertheless, the person that strays too far from the norm should be ready to accept the consequences. Tenure is a weak defense against an alienated community.

[signed] OBSERVER
[name withheld by request]

Breakfast with Santa

Joycee-ettes sponsoring it

by Kathy Bower

For a morning of fun, join Santa Claus for the breakfast at Hostetter's Dining Hall, Mount Joy, on Saturday, December 10th, from 9:30 to 11:30. Everyone will enjoy a breakfast of juice, donuts, and hot chocolate. Following breakfast there will be entertainment including a Christmas film and singing of Christmas carols. All children will have the

opportunity to visit with Santa and receive a special gift from him.

The breakfast is being sponsored by the Mount Joy Joycee-ettes. Tickets are still available at \$1.75 for children and adults. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling Mrs. Kathy Bower at 653-4460 or through any Joycee-ette.

PreChristmas Shopping

by Chester Wittell

The year is coming to its festive end,
And as the papers all advise us yearly,
You plan to do your Christmas shopping early.
One of the many who, as you, may wend,
Thinking about the presents they will send,
The thought occurs, as usual, to remind you
That of the budgets pared and left behind you,
How much on what for whom you're going to spend.

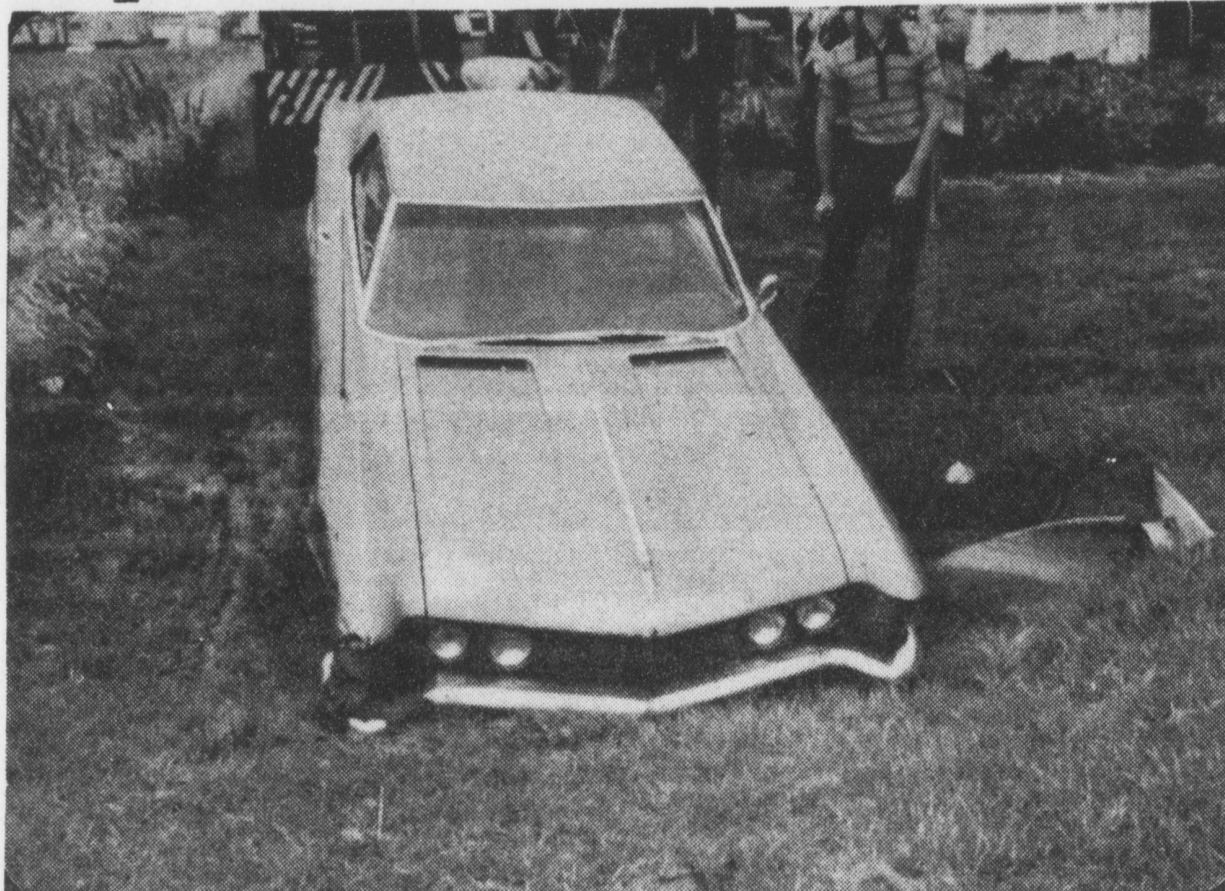
Despite opinion, all things have their price,
And I agree that Christmas should be merry.
Although exchanging gifts is very nice,
I wish 'twere done with less expensive flurry.
But it could be more costly yet I fear.
Think: what if we'd have Christmas twice a year!

MCA Card party

The Maytown Civic Association will host a card party on Friday, December

2nd, at 8:00 PM in the East Donegal Township Municipal Building.

Oops!!!



Some people just don't always look where they're going. This car, belonging to Barry Fahnestock of RD3 Ephrata, fell into the storm sewer drain at the end of Spring Alley near where it intersects with Green Alley. The drain was installed last summer, but no barricade has been placed there yet. Perhaps the Borough didn't anticipate people from Ephrata driving through the alley on rainy and foggy nights.

Chiques Adult Athletic Association

The Chiques Adult Athletic Association has reorganized the old Chiques Basketball League into their sports program. Since the Association will honor all of the past statistical records, the league has opened its 12th season this past week at the Maytown Elementary School with two

games on tap. The first game started at 7 PM and the second game started at 8:05 PM. Thursday night games will be played at the Farmdale Elementary School and Maytown on Monday nights.

The members of the teams participating this season are: United Steel-

workers (Local 5149), the Bombers, the Celtics, and the Kings.

The program for the season will have a 12 game schedule, playoffs, foul shooting and one on one tournament for all players in the league and a possible all-star game with another league in the area.

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Christmas by Candlelight tour

—What you'll see when you tour Marietta this Sunday

Here is a list of houses on the upcoming **Christmas by Candlelight** tour in Marietta, which will take place on Sunday, December 4th from 2:00 to 7:00:

1.] The Brick Tavern on Rte. 23 east of Marietta—this house, built in 1808 by one George Snyder, is still being restored. It was once a stopping place on the Lancaster-Harrisburg turnpike. It has also been a tobacco shed, a chicken house, and a home. There are 11 fireplaces and an oval spiral staircase.

2.] Circle Creek Camp off 441 on Long Lane— is all that's left of a 1715 grant from William Penn. In 1893 the Donegal Railroad Company bought a right of way through the farm, and the supports for the old trolley tracks are still there, supporting a series of shelters. The stone building has hard wood floors and low ceilings, typical of early farmhouses.

3.] 13 South Pine Street— an early 19th century semi-detached brick structure, it was redone after Agnes with a blend of contemporary design and early Americana. Some of the brick has been exposed.

4.] Olde Town Hall Museum, Walnut and New

Haven Streets— used to be our seat of government, but now houses a fine collection of Lancaster County miscellanea. The little museum is curated by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lenhart, who leased the structure in 1961 to save it from the wrecker's ball. The old town clock, an early fire engine (the first Marietta ever had), a Civil War Library, and a dungeon cell are among the exhibits.

5.] Sultzbach-Reinhart house, #1 Elbow Bend— is the special project of the Restoration Associates. Built in 1810, it's a fine example of early architecture. Greens by the pound are for sale. The door pieces are of interest.

6.] The United Church of Christ— is open for its first tour ever this year. It was built in 1902. A slide show will be presented in the Sunday School rooms.

7.] 258 W. Front Street— was built in 1800 by a blacksmith, whose workshop has been restored by a former owner, Jerry Martin, who was careful enough to use the original colors. The kitchen is modeled on a Colonial tavern. Six fire places have the original fluted mantles, and an early corner cup-

board and a Columbia Railroad filing cabinet will be on display.

8.] "Old Hickories" at 55 Fairview Avenue— is a Victorian structure built around 1850. Its appointments are similar to those of the Blair House. The builder, Mr. Barr Spangler, installed the following: speaker tubes to the main bedroom; a fan-blown air circulation system; and gas lights. The four fireplaces date from various eras.

9.] The Print Shop at 31 W. Market Street— is an old log cabin built before 1800. It has 13 rooms and

an original fireplace in the basement. Although contemporary throughout, original appointments add charm to the house.

10.] The Marietta Theater— will show old films with accompaniment by the nation's fourth largest pipe organ throughout the tour hours.

11.] The English Presbyterian Church— the Donegal Rhythm Singers will sing and dance in seasonal style for you.

12.] "Westerly" at 214 W. Market Street on Center Square— was built

Cantata

Don't forget the cantata **Down From His Glory** which will be presented at 8:00 PM next Sunday (Dec. 4th) at the First U.M. Church in Marietta.

The director is Mrs. Gerald Libhart. Soloists are Vicki Lilly, Rose Livelsberger (sopranos), Lauralee Baker (alto), and Dave Sanford (bass). Accompanists are Mrs. George Bryant (piano) and Mrs. Sanford (organ). Don Kugle will narrate.

Other persons taking part in the production are

Jackie Pickle, Daine Miller, Peggy Brenner, Mary M. Brown, Peggy Myers, Frances Makle, Eunice Rex, Jane Simmons, Shirley Proctor, Nancy Oberholtzer, Cathy Miller, Naomi Myers, Vesta Charles, Myrtle Erdman, Richard Waters, Samuel Zuch, Robert Erdman, C. Calvin Rex, A. Hoffman Charles and Anthony Clark.

Hoffman Charles is the president of the club, and Clara Bryant is the secretary-treasurer.

Yuletide Magic

by Sharon Roberts

The annual bazaar and bake sale "Yuletide Magic" of the Mount Joy Welcome Wagon Club will be held on Friday, Dec. 2nd, 3—8 PM, and Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 9 'til noon, at the Mount Joy Borough Hall, 21 E. Main Street.

There will be a selection of gift items for all the family, Christmas tree and house decorations, and a delicious assortment of homemade baked goods. A drawing will be held for 3 special gifts. First prize will be a family portrait from Maurice House of Portrait, second a bailer twine wreath, and third, a personalized Christmas stocking. Special ornaments will be made while you shop. Just bring a small wallet size photo, or a photo in which the subject could be framed within an 1½" circle to the bazaar. These ornaments make great gifts for parents and grandparents and will be one to cherish always.

So mark a date on your calendar. Come to the bazaar, see Santa come to town on Friday night, and then enjoy shopping at the Mount Joy stores.