

## Letters

Dear Editor:

Donegal School District uses their error to receive additional Tax Dollars. I never received a Tax Notice but last week I received a letter addressed to me with a Spring Garden Apartment address

[This is a copy of a letter sent to Schools Superintendent Ragnar Hallgren recently. —Ed.]

Dear Mr. Hallgren:

I would like to thank the Donegal School District and, in particular, Mr. Glen Leib for the courtesy and cooperation shown to me during my recent visit to Donegal High School.

On November 12th, I

telling me to pay 10% additional taxes because not paying from the original notice. What a way to attempt to rip off the Tax Paying Public.

[signed] G.W.A.  
[full name withheld  
by request]

attended the Woody Herman Concert to obtain interviews and background information for a Voice of America broadcast. Mr. Leib and his students were most helpful, and I am sure that the material I gathered at Donegal High will be a valuable addition to our program.

Sincerely yours,  
Shirley Shanahan  
Voice of America

## Mount Joy Council Agenda

The agenda for the Mount Joy Borough Council meeting on December 12th, at 7:30 PM in the Borough offices building, is as follows:

1. discuss the proposed 1978 budget;
2. Discuss a resolution that would require an amended payment schedule for the remission of taxes by the tax collector;
3. Get feedback from citizens concerning the 1978 applications to the Community Development program;
4. Review and discuss the Hess-Ulrich subdivision at 108 W. Main Street;
5. Discuss the final subdivision of Howard Bernhard for 12 lots located in the Florin Heights development.

## Mount Joy bike licenses Necessity is questioned by councilman

In 1962, the Mount Joy Borough Council signed an ordinance requiring the licensing of bicycles. This ordinance states: "No bicycle owned or operated by a resident of the Borough of Mount Joy, and no bicycle regularly operated by a non-resident of the Borough in the Borough shall be operated on any street unless it is then currently licensed and bears a license plate issued under this ordinance."

Recently, Councilman George Fitzkee asked the other Council members to consider abolishing the bicycle license ordinance. Council took the request under consideration.

At the November meeting the Council heard police chief Bruce Kline state the case for the license requirement. "The prime reason for the license," he said, "is that when a bicycle is registered, the police have a record on file of the serial number, and therefore it is easier to identify a stolen, misplaced, or lost bicycle when it is found."

Kline says the bicycles must now, according to the new State Vehicle Code, be operated under the same rules that apply to autos. In other words, running a stop sign on a bike would make one liable for a \$35 fine.

Kline said that the borough could go to "once and done" registration

from the present system of two-year registration periods. Under this system, the bike's plate would be good for the life of the bike or the length of ownership.

Mayor James Gingrich thinks the once and done idea is unsatisfactory. The present system automatically reminds the public of the license requirement, he feels.

The police department makes no profit on the bike licenses. In fact, the cost of the plate and band is more than the \$1 it costs the owner.

The police get about 30 calls a year on stolen or lost bikes, according to chief Kline. Of these, about 20 are returned. Asking "How many black bicycles do you see in town?" the Chief said that without the positive identification provided by the plates, the number of cleared bike cases would drop.

The police know that most people don't bother to write down their bikes' serial numbers. If two identical bikes were lost at the same time, a serious identification problem would result.

Borough Council president Charles Ricedorf favors the once and done approach over abolishing the ordinance. With once and done, he said, "people would have the necessary registration without having to bother with renewing

each two year period."

Several citizens were polled about their opinions on the matter. One said he was "all for it" because his son has a very expensive bicycle. Most people, whether or not they had very costly bikes, agreed.

One aspect of the question is that each year the Mount Joy police and the Jaycees hold a "Bicycle Rodeo," open to all licensed bikes. If a person has no registration, he may get it there. All the bikes are inspected at the same time for dangerous mechanical defects. There is no fee for the rodeo itself. This tends to get all the bikes to an inspector, and their riders to a safety course, periodically.

It is a question in some people's minds whether the government should impose, even for the good of the public, yet another requirement by law. In some other towns the registration is optional. Those who wish to protect their property have that option merely by going to the police station. Those who don't take their chances.

Other sections of the Mount Joy bike ordinance require a bell or horn, and lights after dark. It prohibits riding on sidewalks, riding without hands on the bars, doubling up riders, riding three or more abreast, and racing.

cost \$40 each. The one on mall fires is Dec. 10 and 11, and the officership training will be on Jan. 7 and 8. For more information, call Ron Melchiorre at (717) 787-7753.

The 9 to 4 daily courses



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lenhert with the plaque

## Marietta Museum gets plaque 144

The Marietta Old Town Hall Museum got its very own historic marker last Friday.

Plaque number 144 of the Historic Preservation Trust (the 144th in the county) was placed by Museum curator Henry Lenhert near the main door. It was presented by Robert Cresswell, past

president of the Marietta Restoration Associates on behalf of the county historical organization.

The plaque was placed just in time for the annual Candlelight Tour.

The Museum was originally built in 1847 and contained lodging rooms, government offices, and

the jail. The land was donated to the town by David Cook, founder of Marietta (or Waterford, as it was called then).

It was about to be demolished in 1961 when the Lenherts came to the rescue. They leased the building, restored it, and installed the museum.

## Mount Joy Community Chorus to sing at Trinity Lutheran to sing in area churches

by Mrs. James Heilig

Christmas is the time for singing carols — old and new — and the Mount Joy Community Chorus will present "Songs of Christmas" on Sunday, December 11th, at 3:00 PM at the Trinity Lutheran Church, West Main Street, Mount Joy. The concert will be presented also on Sunday, December 18th, at 7:30 PM at Glossbrenner United Methodist Church, Church and Angle Sts., Mount Joy.

The chorus, a group of 40 voices, is under the direction of Miss Dorothy E. Schock, well known for her work with musical

organizations and many outstanding choral productions at McCaskey High School in Lancaster before her retirement.

Mrs. Carole Bubacz is the pianist and Miss Beulah Smith, organist at Trinity Lutheran Church, will play the offeratory.

The special program will be in two parts with the first including three French carols: **Come Join the Angels Singing, Three Kings, and Lullaby of the Christ Child.** A sixteenth century carol, **Sing Ye All, Now Rejoice**, arranged by Hawley Ades will feature special instrumentalists

Mrs. Carole Bubacz and son Alan, flutists; Miss Sandy Heisey, finger cymbals; Miss Betty Girven, triangle; and Mrs. Beth Warren, tambourine.

The second part of the concert includes **Sing a Song of Merry Christmas, The Innkeeper's Carol** by Eddleman, **Merry Christmas Past**, and **Christmas Calypso** featuring Miss Sandy Heisey playing guitar and Mrs. Jackie Roberts with maracas.

The "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's **The Messiah** will conclude the program.

A free-will offering will be received.

## Christmas music at DHS

by Patty Shenk

The Donegal High School Concert Choir will present their annual Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 17 at 8:00 PM.

They will perform a cantata titled "The Song of Christmas" by Roy Ringwald. This work comprises original music, selected excerpts from twenty songs, carols, and abridged verses from the Holy Scripture. It was performed for the first time by Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians on NBC December 25th, 1945, and has been popular as a portion of many choral Christmas concerts ever since.

The choir will also perform a secular portion of Christmas music. Among these numbers will be two recently written numbers — **Happy Holidays With Jingle Bells** which was arranged by Howard Worthes and **So My Sheep May Graze** written by Rod McKuen and arranged by Milt Rogers.

The Donegal High School Rhythm Singers are back again this year. Some of their numbers are: "What Month was Jesus Born In?" "Let's Go Buy Our Christmas Tree," "All I Want for Christmas is my Two Front Teeth," "Rockin Round the Christmas Tree."

Members of the Rhythm Singers are: Jolene Lindemuth, Joi Shearer, Allison Hawthorne, Becky Zimmerman, Lisa Mummaw, Deb Torres, Jim Johnson, Wayne Mylin, Jim Landis, Bruce Wagner, Patrick Kenny, and Mark Wagner.

Freshmen Chorus will sing a section of the concert. Three numbers included in their portion are "Lying in a Manger" by John Carter, "Jesus was His Name" by Mark Johnson and "Silent Night" by Joyce Eilers.

Accompanists for the various groups are: Jolene Lindemuth, Mark Wagner, Deb Torres, Joyce Darkey, and Mrs. Lau.

## Attention volunteer firepeople

Want to improve your fire-fighting skills? Penn State Capitol Campus at Middletown is holding a series of courses on the subject for volunteers and staff, covering such topics

as emergency driving, codes, officership, safety, mall fires, planning, rural fire fighting, and investigation.

The 9 to 4 daily courses