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**DID YOU HEAR...**

Mary Pittenturf's political career has been a roller coaster ride of ups and downs lately, thanks to some bungled arithmetic at the County Board of Elections. Mary thought she had lost her bid for a seat on Marietta Council, until the board announced that she had won. Then the board changed its mind, catapulting her back into private life, and embarrassing quite a few people. The folks at the board think they have added properly, this time. For the moment, at least, Mary seems to have lost.

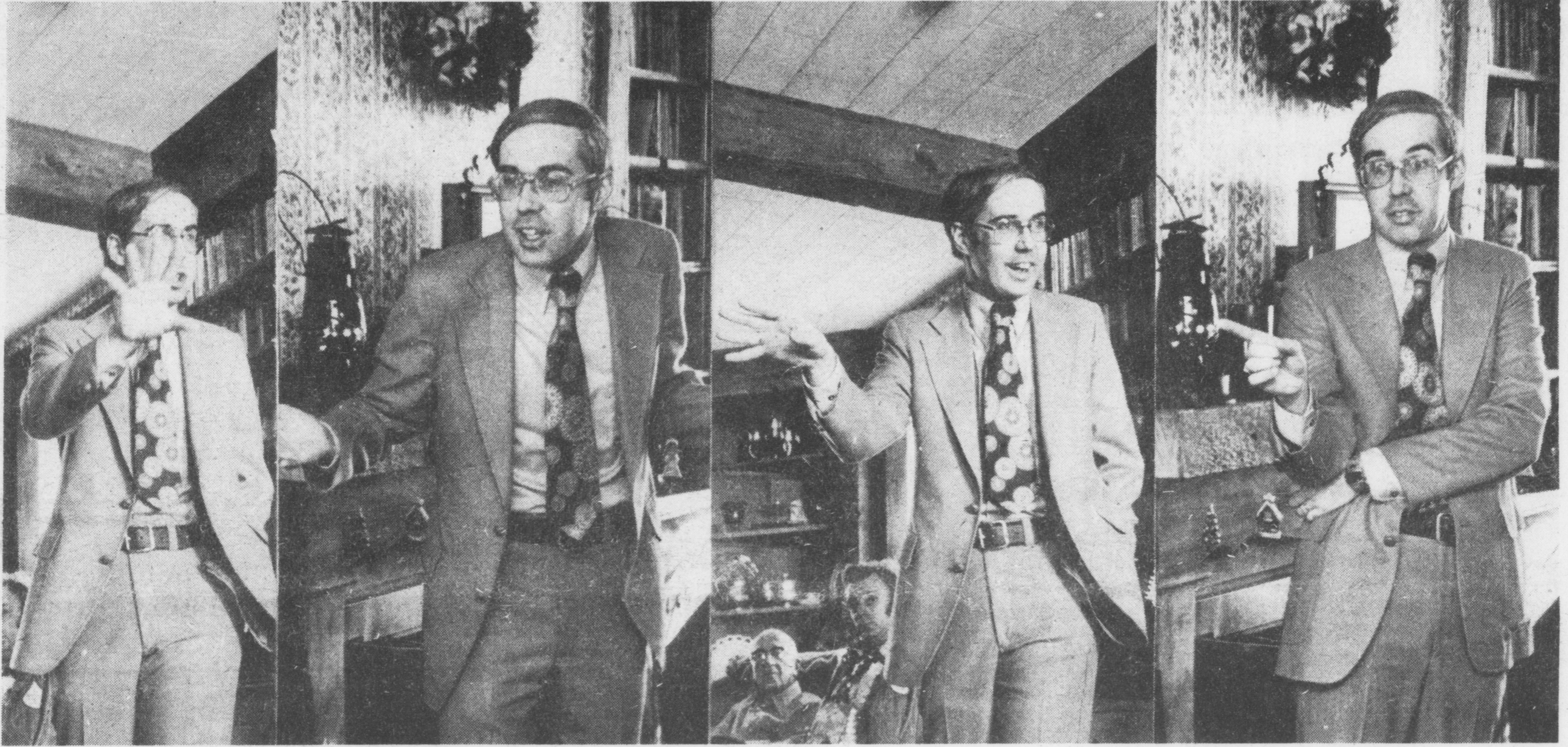
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## Congressman Bob Walker visits Harold Ney — story on back page



## Marietta Council spends more, but *Taxes won't go up*

Marietta Borough Council adopted a proposed budget of \$159,450 for next year. Although this was higher than last year's budget of \$142,000, council decided not to raise taxes. They will stay at 19 mils.

Some of the increased costs of this year's budget are: a 5% across the board pay hike for borough employees; revenue sharing allocations amounting to \$18,795 for roads and \$3000 for street light construction; \$14,000 for unemployment and workman's compensation, required for the first time this year under a new law; and \$2000 extra dollars on the police budget, up to \$37,245.

Council decided to pay \$6,124 for resurfacing Mulberry Street and Longenecker Ave. \$1800 of the amount will be held until the contractor finishes off two minor jobs.

Mrs. Margaret Booth, the Borough's secretary, was named tax collector and authorized to open an account at Farmers First.

An ordinance was voted in which requires hearings on home occupations and multi-family dwellings. If you live next to an owner requesting a variance, you will be notified a week before the variance hearing and a card will be placed on the property in question at the same time.

This ordinance was previously reviewed by the Lancaster County Planning Commission.

Hazel Avenue near Waterford Avenue will be patched for the present. Next spring, council will accept bids for fixing the drainage problem.

The repairs on New Haven Street near the tracks were certified as complete.

Project Tremendous was reported to have planted 100 trees. Dead trees and stumps will be removed this winter. The tree committee was authorized to open a bank account for donations for additional trees.

The borough is developing a survey of residents to find out public opinion on various borough matters. This survey will be distributed to all residents over 18 years of age. Results will be made public next year.

Survey director Paul Sonntag (Marietta's Borough Planner) presented a list of 7 proposals to the Council for inclusion on the questionnaire (residents would give their opinions of the proposals). Council voted to include all but one proposal, for a day care center, on the questionnaire. Mr. Sonntag asked that other proposals not be released now for fear that people would be influenced by discussions with their neighbors, thus biasing the survey results.

Jack Frey, a member of the zoning board, submitted his resignation.

John Reuter was given authority to investigate and build an ice-skating rink in Memorial Park.

The Restoration Associates requested permission

to file an application for funds to fix up the interior of the old Zion Church. It was granted.

Council's reorganization meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 3rd. The new council members were introduced by council president Oliver Overlander. They are Carl Markley, Harold McKain, and Jay Roberts. John Reuter is beginning a new term.

Salaries of Marietta Borough employees have been made public. They are as follows:

Borough secretary Margaret Booth, \$9,573.45;  
Mrs. Judy Bass, \$6,064 for a 25 hour week;

Bill Breckline, \$9,096 for 40 hours per week;

Chief Millar, \$10,623.38 for a 40 hour week;

Sgt. Englert, \$8,926.63 for a 40 hour week;

Crossing guard Lois Shellenberger, \$2,379 (at \$3.68 per hour);

Dog officer Paul Raber, \$300;  
Part-time patrolmen, \$4,992 all together (at \$3.68 per hour).

## Interview with Santa



Santa was on hand for the East Donegal Jaycees' Christmas party for local kids last Saturday. Linda Hoffines, Martha Bixler, and Janet Drager organized the event, which featured free cookies, punch, and Disney cartoons as well as an interview with Mr. Claus. About 60 youngsters came and had a good time.