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## Barking dog saves master in Marietta fire

A fast-burning fire destroyed a home in Marietta last Monday and kept six fire and rescue companies busy for two hours.

The fire broke out at just before 10 AM in the basement of the home of Walter F. Ellis at 242 West Walnut Street. Mr. Ellis was awakened by the excited barking of his dog, Tuffy. The dog's alert may have saved Mr. Ellis's life. (Bystanders said Mrs. Ellis was out of the house when the fire started.) Mr. and Mrs. Ellis and the dog all escaped serious injury.

Mr. Ellis, who is in his seventies, tried to put out the fire with buckets of water, but it had already gotten out of hand. The firemen were summoned, and the Pioneer Company arrived in three minutes, to find the fire already out of control. They took one look and radioed Maytown for assistance.

"It was nothing but smoke and flames," said one firefighter who arrived shortly after the first truck.

During the course of the blaze, the Columbia #1, Silver Spring, and Florin companies all fought the flames or stood by. Susquehanna Rescue was also on the scene.

Altogether about 50 men took part in the operation.

After escaping the burning house, Ellis and his wife were taken in by their next-door neighbors. The Red Cross people arrived and began making arrangements for the Ellis's welfare.

County Fire Marshall Paul Knier and Pioneer Chief Ken Geesey will investigate the cause of the fire after the basement is pumped clear of water from the fire hoses. The fire started in the basement.



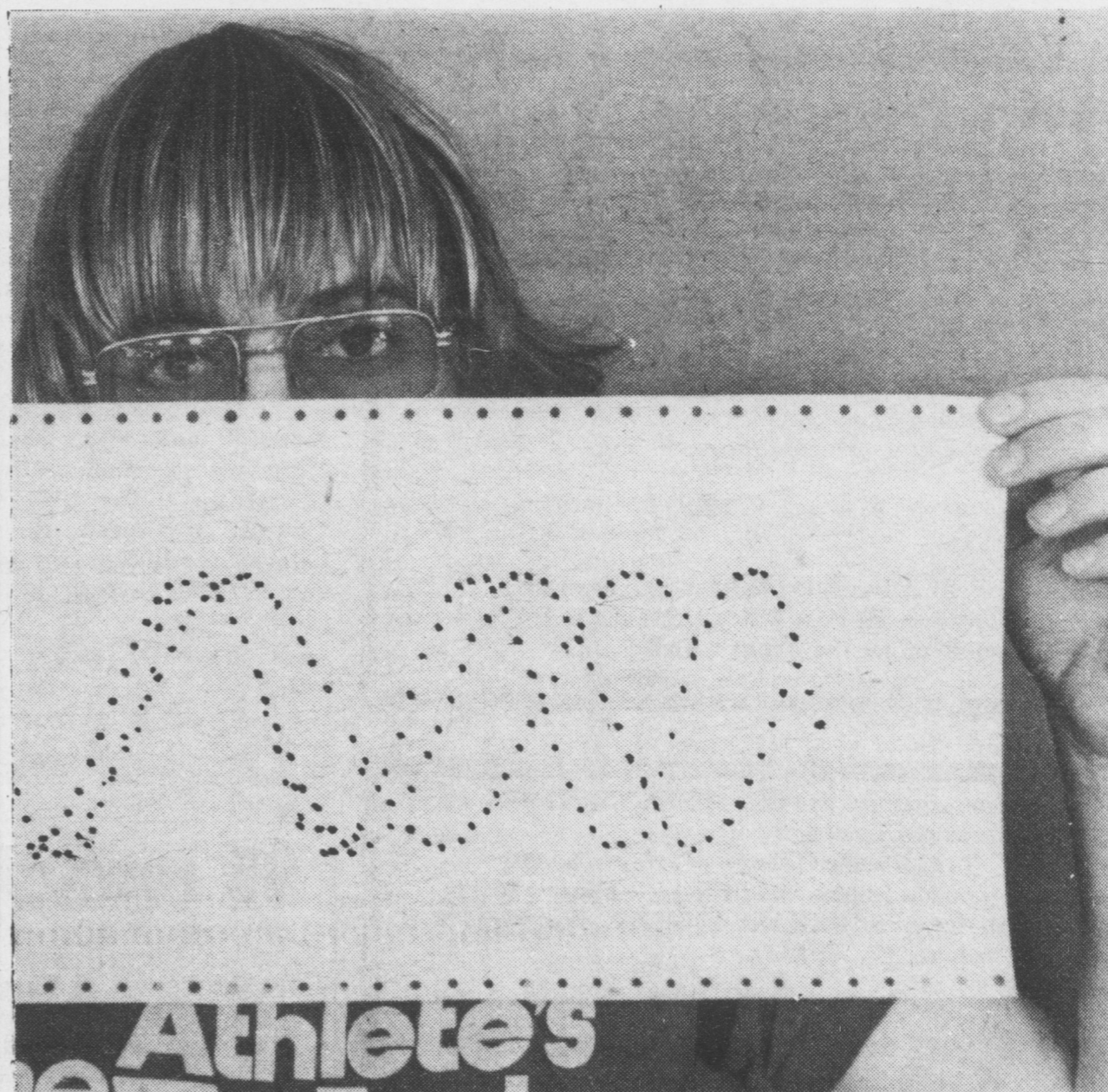
A fireman sprays water onto the smoldering ruins of Ellis's house.

The Presbyterian Church has offered the Ellis family a place to stay.



Walter Ellis, center, is flanked by Pioneer Fire Chief Ken Geesey, left, and Elliott Robinson, Director of the Red Cross's Safety Programs. The photo was taken about two hours after the fire.

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Eric Steinhart with computer biorhythm chart for math whiz Bob Pekarek

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A Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course for Mount Joy residents will be held on March 3rd, 4th, and 5th. For information or

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to make a reservation, call Fred Straub at 653-5481.

CPR is the most valuable life-saving technique you

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can learn. The course won't cost over about \$2, so you don't have much excuse not to know how. The course is only 12 hours.