

Easter

A poem by Chester Wittell

Now winter's tyranny is done
And spent the boreal blast;
The glory of the risen sun
Shines on the world at last.

The snowdrop rears its tiny head
Beside the garden wall,
And the welcome bird whose breast in red
Pipes its heraldic call.

Supernal Lord of life and hope!
Vouchsafe Thy holy light;
Pour forth Thy golden rays where grope
The doubtful shades of night.

Pour forth the wonder of Thy rays
And for the sake of earth
Relume the deep and darkened ways
By the wonder of rebirth;

That we, in faith so sorely tried,
May win Thy grace and know
The faultlessness of Him who died
Two thousand years ago.



Vandals destroy gravestones



Vandals smashed gravestones in the Marietta Cemetery last week. Owner Sam Kline is offering \$100 reward for information leading to the apprehension of the criminals.

Damage was estimated at several thousand dollars.

The stones, 42 in all, were broken off at their bases.

Kline referred to the perpetrators as "morons" and guessed they were celebrating Easter in some perverse fashion.

This is the first time the cemetery has been vandalized.

Jewels stolen

Burglars stole between 35 and 42 thousand dollars worth of uninsured merchandise from Billmyer's Jewelry Store on West Market Street in Marietta last weekend.

As a result of the theft the store may be forced out of business. Billmyer's has been serving Marietta since 1915.

Melvin Heistand, who operates the store with his wife, Geraldine, explains that insurance for jewelry costs about \$200 per \$1000 worth of merchandise. Small jewelers can't afford insurance.

"Whether we'll be able to endure, I can't say,"

Mr. Heistand says.

The thieves obviously were both familiar with the store and aware of which gems were valuable. They entered the store by breaking through a door in a neighbor's apartment. (The neighbor was away for the weekend.)

After breaking in, the burglars cut their way into the steel safe with a torch.

"They left a few things," Mr. Heistand says, "but they took all the most valuable stuff."

State Police have taken over the investigation, but no new developments have been reported as we go to press.

Beahm stoodants will compete in spelling bee

Beahm Junior High is getting ready for its annual spelling bee, to be held at 1:40 PM on March 31st. Students from Beahm, Grandview, Maytown, Seiler, and Riverview will compete in the bee.

Students who will partici-

pate are listed below after their schools:

Beahm, grade 7: Jerry Berning, George Cizsauskas, Bill Cox, Lori Harvey, Kathy Lippiatt, Betsy Marley, Grace Snyder, Sariat Sritulanandha, and Sarah Russel;

A bit of history

There is only one newspaper in the Mount Joy and Marietta area today—the **Susquehanna Times**.

But the **Times** is only the latest of many newspapers which have existed in this area.

The first local newspaper was **The Pilot** founded in Marietta in 1813 by John Huss. After a year Huss gave up journalism to join the army, and the **Village Chronicle** became Marietta's paper. In 1816 the **Chronicle** folded.

William Pierce, publisher of the **Chronicle**, then brought out a monthly called **The Ladies' Visitor**. After a couple years Pierce gave up the **Ladies' Visitor** and again brought out a weekly paper called the **Pioneer**.

Around 1830 the **Marietta Advocate** was founded, but was soon moved to Lewistown.

In 1840 Thomas Taylor brought out the **Ant**. Next year Israel Goodman started the **Orb**. Then in 1842 Taylor and Goodman together founded a temperance paper called the **Washingtonian**. In 1844 Goodman and Frederick L. Baker began publication of the **Weekly Argus**. About the same time John F. Weischampel was publishing the **Little Missionary** in Marietta.

In 1854 the first issue of the **Mariettian** appeared on the newsstands. Israel Goodman, John J. Libhart, James P. Wickersham, Abraham N. Cassel, Samuel Patterson, Dr. William K. Mehaffey, and Frederick L. Baker all had a hand at different times in publishing the **Mariettian**. It was the first paper in Marietta to endure for more than a few years.

Oldest local fire co.

The Pioneer Fire Company of Marietta is the oldest local fire company.

It was incorporated in 1840.

Among its founders were: James Wilson, Samuel M. Yost, Jacob Stibgen, Robert Ramsey, John Bell, John Huston, William A. Spangler, Henry Charles, James T. Anderson, Samuel Algier, David Rinehart, John Park, Samuel Oberlin, John B. Maloney, Simon S. Nagle, John J. Libhart, Samuel D. Miller, Joseph Inhoff, and

In 1860 its name was changed to **Marietta Register**.

The **Marietta Times** was founded in 1896 by George Gilbert Cameron. Later publishers were I.S. Geist, J.H. Schutz, and J. Andrew Haas. The **Marietta Times** continued publication until the mid 1960's, when it was absorbed by the **Columbia News**.

The **Mount Joy Herald** was the first newspaper in the Mount Joy and was founded in 1854 by Frank H. Stauffer, who later wrote fiction. Later publishers of the **Herald** were Rev. E.H. Thomas, Jacob R. Hoffer, and John E. Hoffer. The **Herald** ended in 1909 when John Hoffer gave it up to edit the **Elizabethtown Herald**. It had lasted 55 years, something of a record for local papers.

In 1873 the **Mount Joy Star** began publication. In 1875 the **Milton Grove News** started. In 1879 these two papers became the single paper, the **Star and News** under the ownership of J.R. Missemer. Mr. Missemer was also owner of the **Florin Independent**, the **Bainbridge Banner**, the **Sporting Hill Messenger**, the **Salunga Siftings**, and the **Landisville Vigil**.

The **Mount Joy Bulletin** was founded in 1901 by John E. Schroll. Under the editorship of Richard Rainbolt it continued publication until 1975, when it was merged with the **Susquehanna Times**, which had been founded in 1974 as a paper mainly for the Marietta area. The **Susquehanna Times** is the first local newspaper to be circulated throughout the area of the Donegal School District.

A. N. Cassel.

Some descendants of the founders are still living in the Marietta area.

In 1872 the Pioneer Fire Company owned a third-class Silsby steam fire engine. Chief engineers then were Henry W. Wolf and Samuel L. Emswiler.

By 1883 the officers were: George H. Ettl, president; Jacob Songmaster and Andrew Williams, vice-presidents; Amos Grove, secretary; and George W. Reich, treasurer.

Maytown: Scott Sipling, Michele Vogt, and Cherie Johnson (alternate);

Seiler: Nadine Berrier, Sharon Ebersole, and Alan Bubacz (alternate);

Riverview: Tim Santiago, Mary Welsh, and Lisa Shultz (alternate).



Sue and Kathy Ann Kissinger

Prematurely-born baby doing well

Kathy Ann Kissinger weighed only 2 pounds and one-half ounce when she was born, by Caesarean section, at 6:20 PM on February 15th.

Her mother, Sue (Mrs. Donald) Kissinger, of 103 W. Elizabeth Street, Maytown, hadn't expected Kathy Ann to arrive till April. She developed a bad headache while at her job as a secretary with the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association, and drove herself to the Hershey Medical Center. Sue was admitted at 1:30. Kathy Ann was brought into the world just under four hours later. Sue had very high blood pressure when she was admitted, and the doctors started getting her ready for the Caesarean

right away.

"The hardest part of the whole thing was coming home without our baby after a week's stay in the hospital," says Sue, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flowers of Marietta. The doctors wouldn't let Kathy come home till she reached the weight of three and a half pounds. She spent three and a half weeks to grow that much.

Mr. and Mrs. Kissinger had to buy doll clothes for their first child. Diapers were also a bit of a problem.

Kathy now weighs four pounds and three ounces. She is breast fed, and gets extra vitamins in addition to the natural food.

calendar

There were no events listed on the Mount Joy calendar in Borough Hall for this week.

Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. David R. Warner, Sr., 110 E. Front St., Marietta, will celebrate their 27th anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. John Butz, Rohrerstown, are celebrating an anniversary on April 2.

Birthdays

March 22
Eileen Penyak
Randy McCoy
March 23
Richard 'Dick' Reynolds
March 24
Michelle Jo McMillen
Angela Lynn Boyles
March 25
Dennis Fackler
March 26
Elmer Wittle
March 29
Trudy Warner
March 30
Miles Robinson, Jr.
March 31
Steve Hassinger
Elva Hilt
Phyllis Landis
April 4
Ruth Balsbaugh