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Waterproof houses coming?

Two weeks ago the *Times* ran an article on the new floodplain requirements which the federal government is soon to force on local municipalities. That article brought up the possibility that homeowners whose houses were damaged in a flood would not be able to rebuild, and that no new construction would be allowed in floodplain areas.

Further research on this matter has brought to light a few more facts, a few more speculations, and a great deal of confusion.

We spoke to the Lancaster County Planning Commission, who first alerted us to the impending federal requirements, and the state Office of Historic Preservation in Harrisburg.

While there are scattered small areas of floodplain in the township and Mount Joy borough, the greatest impact of the new regulations will be in Marietta, which is largely floodplain. (The floodplain, according to the feds, is any area that gets flooded every 100 years on the average). However, Marietta is in a unique and confusing legal place, because most of Marietta's flood prone area is also soon to be part of a National Historic District.

By the time the feds complete their nationwide survey in 1984, every single municipality in the country will have to comply with the federal's suggested local ordinances, or face a dire consequence.

Individual property owners who live in a municipality that doesn't comply would be legally unable to buy flood insurance! This means that no mortgages could be given the people legally by any bank, and the residents would be able to sue the municipality in case of a flood, because the municipality's refusal to comply caused their lack of insurance.

(The new federal laws seem to have no direct

benefit for the individual property owner, except for the slight lowering of insurance rates and federal taxes which might result eventually.)

A Lancaster Planning Commission spokesman said that flood-damaged structures would not have to be torn down by federal law, as the *Times* reported previously, unless the borough decided to pass that ordinance—this is not required under minimum federal ordinance guidelines.

However, new houses, and possibly older ones, that lie in a floodplain would have to be "flood-proofed." This term means

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Sales bonanza

The Mount Joy Merchants' Association is holding their annual Spring Sales Bonanza this week, on April 13, 14, and 15. This is an excellent time for local shoppers to take advantage of great spring bargains at Mount Joy stores. Many Mount Joy merchants will be partici-

pating in the sale, with bonanzas in every store.

Downtown parking meters will be bagged, so that parking is free during Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Check ads in this issue of the *Susquehanna Times* for bargains available this week in Mount Joy.



Mr. and Mrs. Stephanis with Ed Flanagan

Stephanis honored at annual Marietta Jaycee Awards Banquet

The Marietta Jaycees held their annual Awards Banquet last Saturday night at the Copper Lustre Inn in Columbia. Special recognition was given to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stephanis, former owners and operators of the Marietta Candy Shoppe. The Stephanises recently retired after 44 years of business at 132 West Market Street, Marietta.

Charlie came to the U.S. from Greece in the early 20's. He learned candy-making by watching others do it, and soon bought the Candy Shoppe and started making candy as well soda's, sandwiches, and sundaes. The Stephanises were married in 1936. They have three children: Sampho, of Haverhill, Mass.; Lea Aglaia, of New Jersey; and George, of Marietta.

They also have two grandchildren.

Shortly after their marriage the couple went to Greece to visit Charlie's mother. He still has relatives there, as well as two brothers in Australia.

The Stephanises are members of the Hellenic Greek Orthodox Church of Lancaster.

Membership drive to be held by East Donegal Jaycees

"If you're interested in something, and we're not doing it, we'll help you organize your own program."

"It's nice to get out of the house once in a while, and spend some time with guys your own age. We get some of our best ideas when we're sitting around, drinking a few beers and chewing the fat."

"You can spend as much time as you want. Nobody's going to twist your arm to get you involved in something you don't want to do."

Young East Donegal men are going to be hearing those lines in coming weeks, as the East Donegal Jaycees launch a full-scale membership drive. There are only seven men in the

organization now, and the Jaycees are aiming to increase that number to at least 25.

Jaycee organizations in Marietta and Mount Joy have long played an important role in community affairs, but the East Donegal organization has faltered because of low membership.

The Jaycees have three purposes: self-improvement, community involvement, and fellowship.

Fellowship is the reason most men decide to join the Jaycees. "A lot of guys join after a friend says, 'Hey, I'm going to a Jaycee meeting; why don't you come along,'" according to Columbia extension chairman Glenn Hershey, who is helping East Donegal's recruitment drive. "The guy comes to the meeting,

has a good time, and the next thing you know, he asks to join."

Once he's joined, a new member is eligible for plenty of self-improvement courses with titles like "personal dynamics," "leadership dynamics," speed reading and public speaking.

He can also organize or join a Jaycee project. There are two kinds of projects: the "ways and means" projects, which raise money, and the community service projects, which spend the money.

Anyone interested in joining should come to the meeting at 8 PM, April 19, at the MYO Building [the old Legion hall], or call Jay Bixler at 426-1513.

Hell in a Circus

Plus *Flash Gordon Conquering Universe*,
and more at Marietta Theater this week

The Marietta Theater is having a special program this Sunday, April 16th.

The program will start, accompanied by Glen Hugh at the famous organ, with *Hell in a Circus*, one of the first "Disaster" flicks (it was made the same year Al Jolson starred in the original talkie). Curtain time is 2:00 PM.

After the circus film a more recent Japanese film will be shown—in Japanese of course. Immediately following will be a serial chapter of *Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe* with Buster Crabbe as Flash and Charles Middleton as Ming the Merciless.

Animal movies will be shown next: *From Jungle to Circus*, Clyde Beatty in *The Big Cage*, Atlantic City Pier attractions of 1932, and more.

Finally, a *Geisha Girl* Festival film will be shown. Admission is \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

Paul Sontag wants to

Get 'em back!

To adult residents of Marietta Borough: Your ideas and thoughts are important! If you have not yet done so, please send in your filled-out Marietta Borough Resident Survey

now. The last day for returning the Resident Survey is Saturday, April 15. Returned surveys post-marked after April 15 will not be counted.

Please act today!