

Letters

Marietta Children's Fair cancelled due to lack of support

To all our friends:

29 years ago a small group of townspeople started an organization, "The Marietta Recreation Associates," which held an annual affair called "The Children's Fair."

This all day fair was to be a day for the children, a reward after the long school year, and the start of summer vacation. This fair would be held on the 2nd Saturday of June. The day would begin with a children's parade formed at the square and marching down Market Street to the S-bend, and return to the square. The children would dress in costume according to the theme of the fair.

The second parade would be a Pit Parade from the largest pit to the smallest. Judges from out of town would make the selection for the prizes awarded during the afternoon at the fair.

After the parades everyone hurried to the War Memorial park for an afternoon of fun and games. The chairman and helpers worked hard for the last three months collecting old jewelry, tarps, clothes, and food, which were sold at the stands around the park.

The townspeople had donated all the items. The Profit was used to run the 6 week summer playground from July to August which included swimming lessons and summer activities, supervised by qualified persons.

Our letter is to inform the Borough Fathers and townspeople there will be no fair this year. After 28 years there are only 3 ladies who attend meetings and plan the fair. These 3 ladies are unable to continue this project without residents' support.

Through wise investments and saving there will be supervised summer playground this summer.

If there is any one out there that reads this letter and can remember all the fun and good times enjoyed at the fairs and summer playground and would like to adopt this project and continue with the 1979 Children's Fair, we would be glad to offer our knowledge of past years.

It's been very rewarding to see those happy faces each year and lots of fun.

Sincerely,
Betty Pittenturf, Pres.
Hazel Baker, Sec.
Vivian Carroll, Treas.

Marietta Borough Council meets

Marietta Borough Council formally adopted the old 1973 flood plain designation at its meeting of last week. The official flood plain is still on the other side of the tracks.

Low-income residents of the borough will be excused from paying the per capita tax. \$3200 is the cutoff point. Residents must apply for this exemption. Students and senior citizens are eligible for the tax relief as well as others. The occupational wage tax cutoff point remains at \$1000.

The borough auditor's report was submitted.

It was decided that property owners who want to repair their sidewalks must consult the borough engineer beforehand.

The Chiques Athletic League got permission to build a stand in the park, and the Norlanco Baseball people will be allowed to hold their all-star game there.

The Finance committee will look into funding for fire fighting equipment.

Council decided to apply for \$23,680 of CETA money for fixing up Memorial

Park. If approved, the project would create five jobs. Two jobs would be in maintenance, and three would involve security.

Mayor Flanagan proclaimed that May will be Clean-up, Fix-up, and Paint-up Month in Marietta. Large trash items will be picked up by the borough.

After June 1st, you will be fined for having too much trash on your property or other violations of existing ordinances.

Project Tremendous got two new employees: Dale Larke and Jay Beaston. 95 trees have been ordered including 14 for the park. \$610 were contributed to the project by the Bicentennial Committee. This will cover the cost of more park trees in the future.

A hearing on traffic and parking along Chestnut Street will be held before the May council meeting.

Parking will be allowed at Essex and Bridge and across from the loading dock at Sylvania Shoe. No U-turns will be allowed on Waterford Avenue.

The town clock in the Olde Town Hall will be motorized.

Thank you note

Dear editor:

We wish to thank you for all the assistance you gave us in publicizing our production of **Butterflies Are Free**. We appreciate your cooperation and aid in our endeavor to bring theater to the residents of Lancaster County.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Stephanie E. Weinberg
Public Relations
Columbia Little Theater

[Note: Any organization that would like free publicity for its activities should call the Susquehanna Times and request it. We are a small paper and can't always comply with such requests, but we will try.

A newspaper is just like an individual—we depend on you, the public, to find out what is going on. Please don't assume that we know about your organization's activities. -Ed.]

Horse Show

The annual Marietta Horse Show will be held by the Marietta Lions Club on May 7th, starting at noon, in Memorial Park.

The prize list, totaling over \$500, will be given out.

Admission is free.

'Festival of Joy' -a proposal

by the Festival of Joy Committee
**THIS BUILDING CLOSED
KEEP OUT
DANGEROUS!**

Imagine the feelings you would have if you walked up to your church on a Sunday morning and saw a sign with those words nailed to the front doors.

St. Mary's Church was forced to close her doors permanently on December 22, 1977. The congregation had to be notified immediately by telephone that the building was declared structurally unsound. The Christmas Liturgy was planned, the youth of the Parish had been practicing for a special Christmas Pageant for weeks in their small church, services had been planned for the evening of the day in which the church was ordered closed by the engineering firm, A.W. Lookup Co. of Philadelphia.

Band concert at DHS



The Donegal High Band practices for their April 22nd [Saturday] concert, to be presented at 8:00 in the auditorium. They will perform numerous numbers under the direction of Glen Leib. A percussion trio [Kevin McKain, Joe Coover, and John Wagner] will perform "Haskell's Rascals," and a trumpet trio [Doug Shelley, Dean Bricker, and Greg Zimmerman] will tootle the "Bugler's Holiday," in addition to the regular program.

Don't miss it.

Mount Joy Council meets

The Mount Joy Borough Council decided in last week's meeting to purchase a small street sweeper—snow blower at a cost of \$600.00. The unit will be used to clean borough owned property and the sidewalks over the bridges in town.

Council approved an approximate cost of \$550.00 for a fence to be erected at the Borough Park along N. Barbara St.

Repairs to the road surface on N. Angle St., between Hill St. and Terrace Ave. will necessitate closing that section of

the road for a few days.

The council stated that the Lancaster County Re-development Authority has approved a \$3000.00 request for use by the Summer Playground Program. The communities of Maytown, Marietta and Mount Joy will share the funds as a school district. Mount Joy will be adding one more playground to its program. The Westview Park, the Florin Fire Company Park and the Borough Park will all share the funds for Mount Joy.

Council approved a lease agreement with the Mount

Joy Library Center. The agreement calls for any major repairs to be made by the owner of the property, Mount Joy Borough, and all minor repairs to be made by the center.

Council also decided to levy interim real estate taxes in the borough.

The Council discussed a proposed agreement between PennDot and Rapho Township to upgrade the railroad crossing, east of the borough, at Eby Chickies Rd. No action was taken since the area concerned is not in the borough.

The congregation of St. Mary's Church in Marietta tenderly and warmly welcomed their brothers and sisters of St. Mary's Church Mount Joy. Tears were shed by many. Tears of sorrow and loss, and tears of sympathy and compassion. The feeling of unity was truly edifying. The Christmas Pageant, with all the little children feeling very frightened and lost in this very large church was truly beautiful.

The present goal is to rebuild a church in Mount Joy. Commitments have been made by the parishioners and the sacrifice and response is exciting. The existing structure is set for demolition. An auction is being planned of the furnishings, of "Old St. Mary's," which will help defray costs of refurbishing the new building. One of the auctioneers contacted has been so sympathetic to

the predicament of the people of St. Mary's that he has decided to do the auction as a benefit and has enlisted the help of local individuals and business people to further this benefit. He is calling this benefit the FESTIVAL OF JOY.

Committee members feel that this could be the FIRST ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF JOY. Each year when we see a need in our community, whether it be in the area of the Library, Community Center, another church or any other organization, the Festival of Joy can be arranged to help fulfill that need. It is hoped that Community Council or another leading community organization will pick up the ball from year to year and be the contact organization when the need arises, and they will in turn inform all the people who feel committed to the

Festival of Joy and fulfilling the needs of the community.

We would like to invite you, our Christian neighbors, to share in this Festival of Joy. We are asking for your support in the form of prayers. We need manpower, men to move furniture from storage areas to the auction site, help in the food stands, and donations of baked goods.

If you feel led to share in the Festival of Joy and wish to contribute your time and talents, contact Mr. Patrick Moran, 653-4657.

Contributions can be mailed directly to any of the following banks c/o: Festival of Joy, Mount Joy, PA 17552: National Central Bank, Union National Bank, or Dauphin Deposit Bank in Mount Joy. In Marietta, the Farmers First National Bank.