

Trouble brewing in teacher contract talks?

Negotiations between the Donegal School Board and the teachers' union took an apparent turn for the worse last week.

First, the union called in an "impartial fact finder" from the state government, to review the positions of both sides. Although a union spokesman said that

both sides were "quite close," fact finders are usually called only when negotiations are stalled.

Also, the school board, in an apparent attempt to go "over the heads" of the union negotiating team, mailed details of their "final offer" to each teacher in the district.

Board members had privately discussed the possibility of making such a move during negotiations two years ago, feeling that the teachers, if they knew what they were being offered, would tell their leadership to accept the package. Those negotiations were settled only

after a three-day strike.

Union leaders were not happy with the board's move, but have not protested vigorously, or filed an unfair labor practices suit, as yet.

According to the board, teachers are being offered:

—an average pay hike of \$982 this year and \$957

next year.

—diagnostic X-ray and laboratory payments would jump from \$75 to \$150 and in-hospital medical care from \$6 to \$8 per treatment

—Group term life insurance would go from \$8,500 to \$12,000 over 2 years.

—Credit reimbursement would go from \$200 to \$300

this year, and to \$400 next year.

—The early retirement bonus for employee aged 55 to 62 would double to \$1000.

—In the second year of the contract, the income protection plan would reimburse teachers \$25 per actual teaching day.

Class of '28 holds reunion Mount Joy



by Jay S. Barnhart

Members of the graduating class of Mount Joy High School of 1928 held their 50 year reunion Saturday evening, August 26th, at 6:00 PM at the Carpenter Inn, Elizabethtown, with a delicious dinner being served to 30 members and guests. Of the 19 living graduates, 16 were present.

The honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. William Flaherty of Lancaster. Mr. Flaherty taught science and biology in the Freshman and Sophomore years.

The members present and their husbands or wives were:

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Barnhart
Mr. and Mrs. George F.

Broske (Ethel Moore)
Mrs. John Kissinger (E. Buller)
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eby (Nora Strickler)
Mrs. Alma Engle
Mr. and Mrs. Christ Finkbiner (Myra Herr)
Mr. and Mrs. Miller M. Hess
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hollinger (Anna Garber)
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hostetter (Edna Charles)
Mrs. Samuel F. Ierly (Anna Hinkle)
Mr. and Mrs. Marlin F. Kaylor (Rhoda Engle)
Mrs. Lester Myers (Mary Diffenderfer)
Miss Suie Snyder
Mr. and Mrs. C. Donald Haser (Hazel Kaylor)
Mr. and Mrs. John K.

Wittle (Dora Kraybill)
Committee members in charge of the affair were Mrs. Lester Myers, Mrs. Marlin Kaylor, Mrs. Charles Eby, Alma Engle, Mrs. Clarence Hostetter, and Jay S. Barnhart.

Walter Barto, who had to leave the area after the junior year, was present to help celebrate the occasion with old classmates.

The meeting was opened with the **Welcome** by Jay S. Barnhart, followed by the singing of the Doxology. Silent observance of the members of the class who passed away since graduation followed. They were:

Mrs. Myrtle Hiestand
Danner

Mrs. Dorothy M. Greisinger
Mrs. Ruth Hawthorne Kefalianos
Mr. Samuel T. Becker
Mrs. Mary Jane Krall
Mrs. Kathryn Lindemuth
Newcomer
Mrs. Anna Weber Stokes
Mrs. Martha Engle
Detwiler
Mr. Robert F. Schroll

The invocation was given by Miller Hess. During the dinner, Mrs. Hazel Waser read a poem especially for the occasion by Mrs. Mary Myers. Alma Engle read the History of the class from Freshman to Senior years.

The secretary report was given by Mrs. Edna Hostetter, and the treasurers report by Mrs. Ethel Broske. The class song and High School Alma Mater was sung by the group accompanied by Mrs. Ethel Broske at the piano.

Newly elected officers were Jay S. Barnhart, President; Mrs. Dorn Wittle, Vice President; Mrs. Edna Hostetter, Secretary and Mrs. Ethel Broske, Treasurer.

The committee appointed to arrange the next reunion were Mrs. Hazel Waser, Mrs. Myra Finkbiner and Mrs. Suie Snyder.

The meeting adjourned with one verse of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds".