

Letters

September 27, 1978

Source of Maytown mystery trees revealed

Dear Editor:

Your reporting of the East Donegal Township Supervisors' Meeting (issue of September 20th) included a discussion of "several unauthorized trees" which had been planted in the borough (Maytown) park. It seems that "The only clue (to the planting or planters) was a plaque at the end on the illegal row stating that the trees were planted in honor of the Bicentennial."

I would like to believe that this matter was brought up by a jokester to relieve the tension of the meeting, but in case it was not, and the fellow who suggested ripping them out be taken seriously, I hasten to get the facts to you.

John Hiestand and I, representing the Maytown-East Donegal Bicentennial Committee, met with the East Donegal Park Commission on August 11, 1976

and advised them that the Committee wanted to do something for the Township with the money earned by the various Bicentennial affairs. Our committee was considering trees. The Park Commission members advised that the Township Park could use plenty.

The Committee considered trees for both parks, but finally decided that the trees should be placed in the town park, thus providing needed shade at the pavillion. This, we hoped, would encourage family and community gatherings there.

Norman Houseal of our group contacted Lloyd Fuhrman for assurance that the town park would continue to be maintained.

My minutes of April 29, 1977 read, in part: "Raymond Little reported that he and several of the committee had met with Chester Bowers of the Park Commission and he (Little) had shown Mr. Bowers

where the Bicentennial Committee proposed to plant trees commemorating the Bicentennial. Trees will be planted in the town park. Mr. Bowers made recommendations and Mr. Little is in agreement with the plan worked out by the two men."

On June 24th of this year our townspeople gathered in the park for a chicken barbecue supper, dedication of the trees and the Bicentennial marker, and a concert by the Bainbridge Band. Invitations to this event were hand-carried to every home in Maytown and to many Township homes. Close to 300 citizens came to enjoy the event.

Don't bother to call on Sherlock Holmes; the Bicentennial Committee kept minutes.

Hazel Crankshaw
Chairman of the
now dissolved Bicentennial
Committee

The Cove is a mess

To the Mount Joy Vo-tech School:

Have you seen the property known as The Cove? Do you know that the abandoned building at the filtration plant is wide open and extremely dangerous because of a huge hole completely through the concrete floor and other condemnable structural conditions?

Do you know that the fallen remnants of the picnic facilities on one bank of the creek and a growing assortment of trash and garbage on the other have turned one of Mount Joy's most beautiful sanctuaries into a health hazard and an eyesore?

I can vouch that the "No Trespassing" signs do not keep people out of the area—only the human animal throws beer cans on the ground and in the

stream. The signs serve only to relieve you of liability for personal injury on the premises.

Over the years, I have seen Mount Joy lose too many worthwhile services and facilities, but to lose The Cove because of first the Jaycees' and now the Vo-tech school's fear of liability is nothing short of a sin and a shame.

The residents to whom I've spoken concerning the deplorable conditions at the Cove all agree that it's too bad—but outside of myself, now just an occasional visitor to Mount Joy, not one of them to my knowledge has cared enough to make one phone call or write one letter to find out what can be done to preserve The Cove for both people and wildlife.

Is there not some way to appropriate funds or organ-

ize manpower to maintain this natural area? Would not "Enter at your own risk" notices relieve the Vo-tech school of liability for injury? Razing the abandoned building in question would certainly eliminate a gross hazard.

I hope between the Vo-tech school and the people of the Mount Joy area, a way can be found to keep still another of Mount Joy's assets from becoming history.

In the sad event that this town **doesn't** care enough to save The Cove, the people who have enjoyed its peace and beauty for decades at least deserve to know what your plans are for the property—or do you intend to let the trash and hazards accumulate **ad infinitum**?

Sincerely,
Shelby E. Chunko

More sports at D-H-S than football

Dear Editor:

I just finished reading the September 20th edition of the SUSQUEHANNA TIMES. If I didn't know otherwise I would assume that Football is the ONLY sport of the Autumn at Donegal High School. The

entire page 9 was devoted to some aspect of it—even a line of the subscription invitation on page 3.

I would like to emphasize that I'm NOT anti-football, and am interested to read of the team's progress. However, I do believe that

reporting of all the sports and coaches would give a more comprehensive view of the sports scene at Donegal High School.

Francis M. Brightbill
[Mrs. Earl M. Brightbill]

The editor replies:

We agree. We'll try to do a better job of covering other sports, especially soccer, since that team is having a great year. If any fan wants to help us cover a sport, he or she is welcome to phone us [426-2212 or 653-8383] with statistics or stories about the last week's games. The weekend is a good time to call. We'll be happy to print whatever we can get.

Soccer team leads league



Indian Al Bundy [10] beats an L-S booter to the ball. The Indians won, 1-0.

The DHS soccer team is racing toe-to-toe with Lancaster for the lead in their section.

The only team which has been able to stop the Indians so far this year is Pequea Valley, which has handed Donegal its only defeat this year, and which fought the Indians to a tie last Monday.

Donegal has out-booted everybody else, including fellow top contenders Lancaster and Hempfield.

Donegal is particularly outstanding on defense. The four fullbacks consistently demonstrate a lot of polished teamwork, as well as individual skill. They are: Gordy Brightbill, Steve

Marshall, Rick Collier and Doug Shelly.

The Indians are also blessed with an exceptional goalie, Mike Zeller.

The offensive line does not play together as smoothly as the backfield, but they are a capable and often explosive unit. Center-forward John Meyers dribbles around opponents with European flair, and Al Bundy has a lot of speed at wing.

At mid-field, Clyde Bitner is a force to be reckoned with; he steals the ball aggressively, and passes effectively when he gets it away.

The game with Pequea was a contest between Donegal's powerful defense and a very impressive red-shirted offense. The Indians stopped Pequea until the last period; at that point, Donegal led by two goals. Then Pequea attacked so strongly that the Indians seemed to lose confidence. Their defense became a bit too cautious, the ball spent too much time at the wrong end of the field, and Pequea tied the score.

The Indians rallied during two overtime periods, but were unable to score.

John Meyers and Tom Markley did the scoring for Donegal.

How Jacob & Barbara streets were named



Live on Jacob St. or Barbara St. in Mount Joy? Do you know how the street you live on got its name?

Well, the boro of Mount Joy was originally three separate villages, Florin, Richland, and Rohrerstown (not to be confused with

present-day Rohrerstown).

Rohrerstown was laid out in 1811 by a man named Rohrer, originally from Sporting Hill near Manheim.

His first name was Jacob, and his wife's name was Barbara. While he was

laying out the town he probably thought, why not name one street for me and one for my wife? Why not?

In the above picture are Jacob's and Barbara's graves near the main entrance of the cemetery along Marietta Ave. in Mount Joy.