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Marietta Council

Fines increased; house condemned; new fire truck

The Marietta Council adopted three new ordinances at its meeting last Tuesday.

Ordinance #78-3 throws out the borough's claim to a right of way through a plot near Longenecker Avenue and Waterford Avenue.

Council acted on a request last month by a citizen who is building a home for himself on the land.

Although the right of way, for a proposed road, never had any legal status (it was never recognized by the County Planning Commission), it was removed by council for the record.

Ordinance #78-5 sets a fine of \$15. for these offences:

Sign violation
Parking on the left side of a roadway
Parking more than 12 inches from the curb
Parking longer than 48 hours

Invalid inspection
Invalid registration
Parking less than 25 feet from an intersection
Parking less than 15 feet from a fire hydrant
Double parking

Meter violations will cost \$2.00. All other parking violations will cost you \$15.

Ordinance #78-6 set the maximum fine the borough could levy for any violation at \$500.

"Public nuisance"
Council declared the structure at 404 East Front Street a "public nuisance" and ordered it demolished.

The house, owned by Robert Plank, shares an address with another condemned building next to it, due to a mix-up when the property was divided and the fact that no one has lived in the building for several years.

The house was condemned about six months ago, when Plank was given three months to renovate or develop a plan for renovating. At the end of this time he was given an extension of another three months, but still hadn't a satisfactory plan. (He intended to sell the property instead of

fixing it up, according to an informed source).

New fire truck

About \$20,000 of federal Revenue Sharing Funds will go into the Fire Equipment Fund toward the pur-

chase of a new fire truck for the borough. A new truck, without much chrome plating, costs close to \$60,000, so the extra \$40,000 will have to be borrowed.

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Santa to arrive by balloon

Santa will arrive early this year, paying a visit to Seiler Elementary School via hot air balloon on December 2nd at 10:00 AM (weather permitting).

The cost of maintaining a reindeer has skyrocketed in the last few years. Moss shortages caused by recent severe winters have led North Pole bureaucrats to search for alternative modes of transportation.

After months of study, the elfin engineers latched onto hot air as a reindeer replacement.

Santa and his entourage

will parade to Hostetter's Hardware, where Santa's Hut will be located.

You can visit Santa on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons until December 23rd. Pictures can be taken with Santa for \$1.00.

Anyone who is elf-shy, or can't go to see Santa in person, can drop him a letter. Santa letter collection boxes will be placed at Hostetter's on East Main and at Western Auto on West Main Street.

The public is invited to come out on December 2nd and welcome Santa to Mount Joy.

School Board

The Donegal School Board met last Thursday night.

Little came out of the committee reports at the start of the meeting. Dr. Fellenbaum commented on the good year Donegal has had in sports, particularly with football. Mr. Arnold added that the Veteran's Day program was also excellent.

Roof and sewage problems were reported at the three Vo-Tech schools in the county.

Lots of filers

Jere Duke reported that only 21 of 6244 tax payers had failed to file, a small number proportionately.

Dr. Eshleman reported on the PSBA council and bills pending in Harrisburg which could influence the Donegal District.

Greider appointed

J. Robert Greider was appointed to a new 5-year term on the Donegal Union School District Authority.

4 or 5 teachers?

The planned DHS band trip to Mexico raised the question of how many teachers would be allowed

to go along. Band leader Glen Leib's request was for four, or possibly five, teachers to go as chaperones in addition to twenty parents.

The board discussed the matter, weighed the cost of hiring substitutes, and let four teachers go.

They also granted permission for Mr. Miller's Seiler School 5th and 6th grade classes to go to Colonial Virginia.

Group insurance

The board considered group self insurance to replace the present regular insurance. School districts would band together under this plan to pay off most claims themselves, with excess coverage from Lloyd's of London.

This might not save as much money for Donegal as it does for other districts, because costs are lower here. If our expenses were lumped together with those of urban districts, the savings might not appear.

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Dodie Heisey

Local girl makes good quilts and other things for arty Bostonians

Handmade quilts are a hot item with the in crowd in Boston and New York now, and they aren't hot just because they keep you warm—they're considered art and are hung on walls up there.

Quilt-making has a long tradition among Pennsylvania Dutch women, and a lot of the quilts being bought in the big cities are being made by Dodie Heisey, a transplanted Rheems woman who now lives in Cambridge, Mass., part of the Boston urban area.

Dodie, the daughter of Jap and Margaretta Heisey of Rheems, transferred from E-town to Boston University and ended up staying in the area after her graduation. She didn't forget her roots, though.

"A quilt is a means of expression, and it's also functional," she told the Times during one of her recent visits back home. Making quilts much the way her mother and grandmother did, Dodie feels, too, that "it's a nice way to keep in touch with my heritage."

Dodie's quilts sell for

anywhere from \$250 to \$600 in Boston's and New York's stores (direct sales cost the customer about half that). There may be 1000 pieces in a quilt; many tiny ones are stitched together by machine into squares, and the squares are assembled by hand sewing onto dacron filler and backing cloth.

Amish style patchwork quilts like Dodie's stopped being quaint curiosities in 1971, when the Whitney Museum in New York had an exhibition of quilts. Their geometric patterns reminded the critics of modern abstract paintings.

Dodie makes this type of traditional quilt, working out her designs on graph paper, then deciding the colors. Each patchwork, about six inches square, is identical. The patchworks can be assembled in many permutations, each giving a distinctive overall design.

Dodie Heisey has been making quilts (as well as baby bibs and other, smaller items) as a full time business for the last four years. She has taught quiltmaking at a Boston

university.

Dodie has been written up in Boston magazine, and her work is featured in many stores' brochures. She recently got an order from Bloomingdale's in Boston. (It's a branch of the famous Bloomingdale's in New York, the most chic of the world's department stores.)

Dodie says that Pennsylvania Dutch women have traditionally had two outlets for their creativity—quiltmaking and flower gardening. She seems always to see her work in the context of her background. By carrying on an old vocation, she now finds herself in the enjoyable position of not only doing what she likes, but seeing the trend-setters circling around to an appreciation of her traditional craft.

[Note: any local people who would like to get one up on the urbanites can do so by buying a quilt direct from Dodie for half of what they pay. She can be reached at 5 Fresh Pond Lane, Cambridge, Mass. 02138.

-Ed.]