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## Mount Joy Council rejects tax hike

### Close vote beats two-mill increase

Mount Joy Borough Council last Monday voted down a two-mill tax jump by a close vote of 5 to 4, and then went on the pass the same budget without a tax increase. The change was accomplished by rearranging the amounts in the various funds, and delaying part of the payment on the recently purchased Shatto property next door to the borough building.

The two mills would have brought another \$12,000 into the town's coffers. The total budget amounts to \$459,500.

The extra millage was proposed by Virginia Horst of the finance committee. The earlier proposed budgets had called for five mills, but the various committees had pared that down to two.

Mrs. Horst said that her committee had considered raising the garbage collection rate instead of the millage. But, she said, they had decided against this because many businesses hire private trash removal companies to do the work.

She felt the property tax a fairer way to get the money.

Council was divided between those who felt that this amount would not be a hardship, and would have to spent later if not now, and the others who felt it was unnecessary.

In the debate that followed the proposal, discussion centered about the Shatto property and the major equipment fund (money that is saved up for large purchases that arise from time to time).

Voting for the extra taxes were Ricedorf, Stehman, Horst, and Wolgemuth. The others—Chapin, Groff, Fitzkee, Smith, and Zeller—voted against.

After Ammon Smith moved to eliminate the increase, the votes were reversed, except for Ricedorf and Wolgemuth, who voted Yes on both.

In other business:

Council granted tax exoneration to an 87-year-old woman who makes less than the maximum income of \$3200.

8 people have been interviewed for a job as a police officer.

A replacement for resigning borough manager Joe Bateman will not be picked until March.

These appointments were made to the various committees:

Fred Heagy was re-appointed to the Borough Planning Commission for a 4-year term;

Albert Kleiner was re-appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of 3 years;

Robert Behling was named to the same board to fill an unexpired term running 'til 1981;

Lloyd Cooke was appointed to the Mount Joy Borough Authority for 5 years;

David Dumeyer will serve for 5 years on the Board of Health;

and Zelda Heisey will fill an unexpired term on the Board of Health which ends in 1980.

## School Board reorganizes

The School Board reorganized at its last meeting. Dale Arnold will remain as president. Jere Duke will replace Mr. Meckley, who resigned last summer, as vice president.

Mr. Kugle and Mr. Arnold will be the Vo-Tech committee member and alternate, respectively. The wage tax committee representative is Mrs. Eicherly, and Mr. Duke is the alternate.

Dr. Eshleman and Mr. Weidman will serve on the PSBA Legislative Committee.

Mr. Arnold said that he has "no major changes" in mind for the committees appointments he will make. He invited suggestions from the other board members.

Two letters of thanks were read. One was from Jack W.W. Loose, the other from Mrs. Sharon Brown.

Dr. Hartzler of the public realtions committee reported that several board members had met with the Maytown P.T.O., and that he felt the talk had been fruitful.

Dr. Fellenbaum congratulated the Donegal sports teams again.

President Dale Arnold said that the board is still considering the idea of allowing a girls' softball team to be set up at Donegal High School.

Mr. Kugle said that the Mount Joy Vo-Tech will hold an open house in

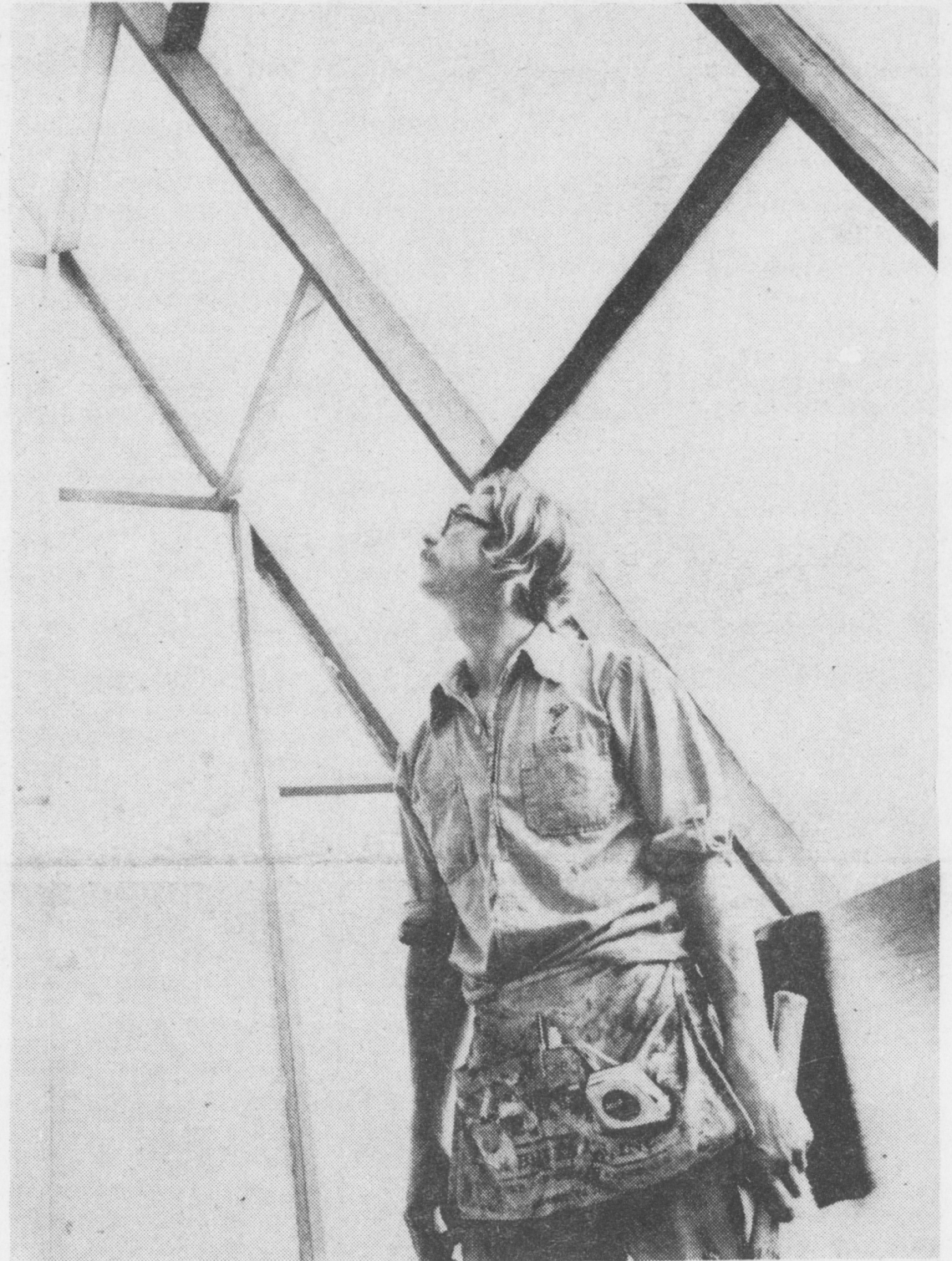
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## Community Xmas party in Maytown

The Mount Joy Jaycees will hold a Christmas party for children, fourth grade and under, in the MYO building in Maytown on Saturday, December 16th, at 10:00 AM.

There will be cartoons and a visit from Santa, plus refreshments.

All East Donegal area and younger are invited to attend.  
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Herb Marzolf, CAP solar designer/builder, in heater

## Why Harry turned off his furnace this morning

Harry and Bertha Riley, of 427 East Market Street, Marietta, have a new addition to the back of their house—a solar heater.

Community Action Program workers have built a two-story, slanting wall of plastic over the entire back of the Riley's home, and even though it isn't quite complete, they find that they can turn their heat off in the morning when temperatures hover in the 30's. They expect to burn about half their usual amount of fossil fuel.

The Riley's solar heater is basically a wall of fibre-glass-reinforced plastic sheets mounted on wooden frames. Two sheets are used in each window-like panel, 1½ inches apart, for better insulation.

The solar wall works on the greenhouse principal. Sunlight comes through the

plastic wall and its heat is trapped. The warmed air in the enclosure circulates by convection throughout the house.

Soon to be added by CAP carpenters (Herb Marzolf of Landisville and Jim Shearer of Mount Joy) is a hot water heater that will use sunlight to preheat the Riley's water heater feed water to about 115 degrees Fahrenheit, thus saving much more energy.

The water heater, to be mounted on the old porch, will consist of simply an 80 gallon tank painted black and backed up by a shiny, reflective surface. Sunlight will bounce off the backup plate and onto the tank, which will absorb the light and heat up the water.

Both the air and water heaters are of the "passive" type, having no

pumps, valves, or other expensive parts. The materials for both will cost the government between \$1300 and \$1500. The project is being done as an experiment.

"People have a pessimistic attitude toward solar energy," says builder Herb Marzolf, who was working on the heater when the *Times* dropped by last Monday. "They think it's very expensive and ineffective," he added. "They think it's a gimmick." Despite the public's attitude, however, and the fact that it was cold enough outside to freeze water, the plastic enclosure was uncomfortably warm; and it was heating the rest of the structure as well as itself.

Solar heat works particularly well in our climate, because the days that are [continued on back page]