

New bank to open in Mount Joy

First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Lancaster will open its sixth office on December 20, 1976, in Mount Joy, PA. The office is located at 24 East Main Street. This Savings & Loan Association is a Lancaster County firm and first opened its doors back in 1944. The Mount Joy office will be a full service branch, with hours from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

The unique feature of the new Mount Joy Branch is a drive-up window which is entered off Henry Street to the rear of the building. The office hopes to attract mortgage seeking customers in the area, as well as offering various savings programs.

First Federal has assets of over \$100 million dollars. James N. Esbshade is President of the Association. The Main Office is located at 25 North Duke Street, Lancaster, PA.

Branch offices are at Park City, New Holland, Lititz, and Millersville. Tom R. Sheaffer is to be Mount Joy's Branch Manager. Mr. Sheaffer has been with the Association since April 1972, and most recently was Manager of the Millersville Branch Office. Mrs. Robert E. Hoffer has been assigned the duties of Teller. The Grand Opening is scheduled for January 3, 1977 with the office opening for business on Monday, December 20th, 1976.

Santa wheels into town

by Doris Rice

It's a bird! No, it's a plane, No, it's Santa on a motorcycle!?!?

Oh well, He was dressed all in fur from his head to his toe, and 'cycles run better, than sleighs...without snow?

Still, I heard him exclaim, as he drove out of sight,

See you all in Mount Joy, on this Friday night. Aaaaaah!



Santa Claus roared into Mount Joy on a motorcycle last Saturday. He later disguised himself as Jay Behling, and wandered around the borough investigating who had been naughty and who had been nice. With Santa in the photo are an unidentified cyclist and Patti Wolfe. You can visit Santa in Mount Joy on Friday from 6-9 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Marietta-North Pole hotline

by Harvey E. Reem

The Marietta Jaycees worked hard laying cables to the special house of the North Pole and telephone lines will officially be opened to Santa December 16th from 6 to 8 p.m. All you have to do is dial 426-1921 and you will talk directly to that jolly old man of the North. If the lines are busy don't give

up, try again; we will try to make sure that all calls go through to Santa. This is your last chance before Santa visits.

Also this year the Marietta Jaycees have made special connections with Santa to stop over in Marietta for one night so that all children in the Marietta area can give Santa their final pleas directly to him in person.

Santa will be at the Jaycee Center, December 17th from 7 to 9 p.m.

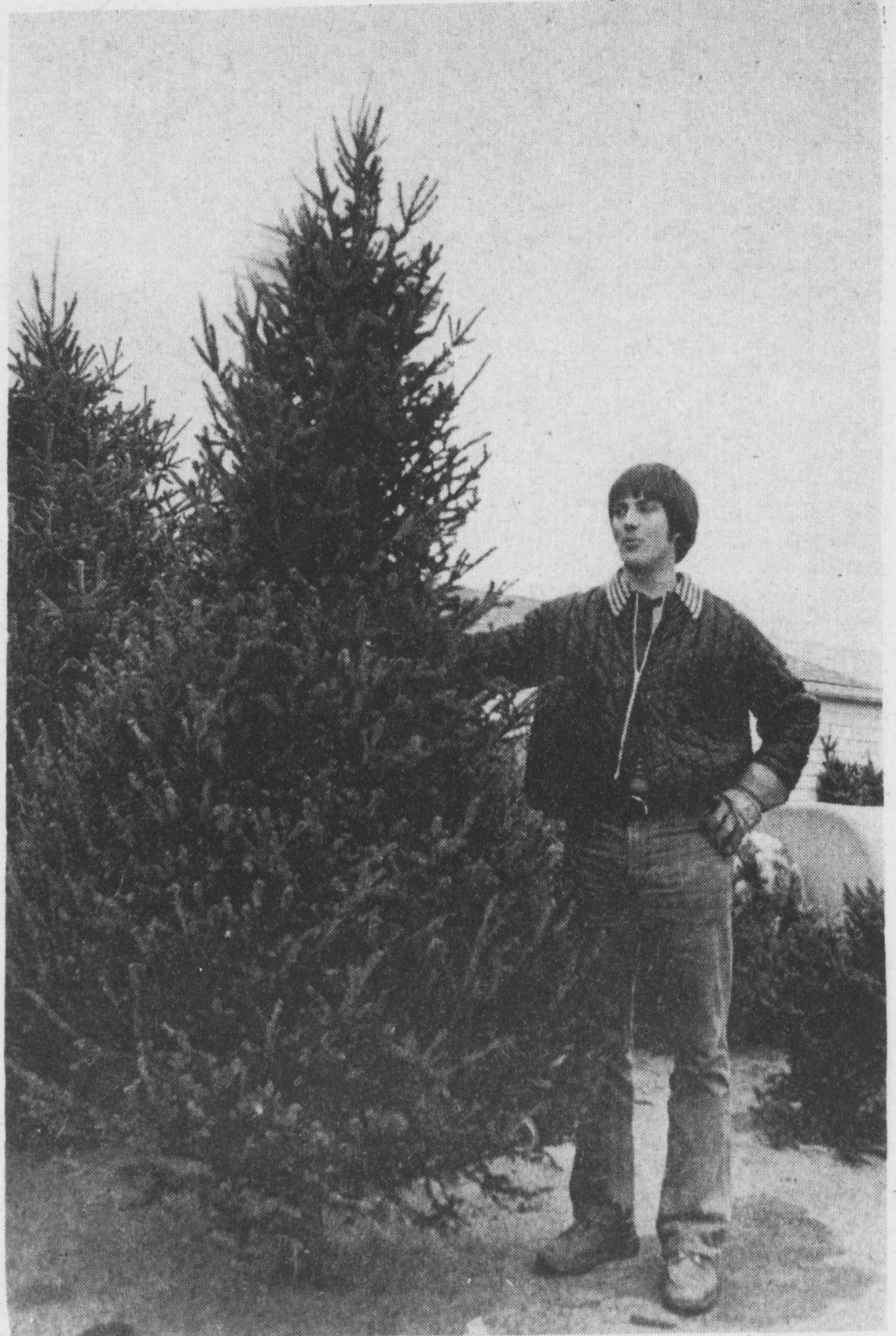
The Marietta Jaycees wish to express their sincere holiday wishes to all during the holiday season and hope that we can serve you to the fullest during the new year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Marietta Jaycees.

Butchers create another display



The meat dept. at Stehman's IGA in Mount Joy has been putting up a new display every couple weeks lately. The same mannequin has been a cowgirl, a pilgrim, and Santa Claus. Photo shows Santa and some of the butchers and meat cutters who decorated him (her?). From left to right are: John Boyer, Santa, Sue Johns, and Jane Kenney.



Jimmy Yeaglin inspects one of the 1,000 Christmas trees for sale at Herr's Market on Route 441. Jim says, "Our trees are living works of art, like my wife. My wife's sister, Pat, is also pretty cute, but I'd rather hang around with this tree than with Pat, because the tree is a lot quieter."

Christmas tree of German origin

by Hazel Baker

According to the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, the first Christmas tree was

of German origin.

Boniface, an English missionary to Germany in the 8th century, replaced the sacrifices to Odin's sacred oak with a Christ-

mas celebration. A fir tree, adorned in tribute to the Christ Child, took the place of the heathen oak.

German Prince Albert introduced the Christmas tree into England soon after his marriage to Queen Victoria.

Santa visits Maytown

Santa Claus visited the Maytown Community Building last Saturday at 10 a.m.

Santa was a guest of the East Donegal Jaycees. He distributed pretzels, punch and candy canes to the 130 children who came to the

party. The kids also got to see a Walt Disney movie.

The East Donegal Jaycees still have some Bicentennial Maytown Square plates to sell. They make good Christmas gifts. Call Jay Bixler (426-1513) for information.

German immigrants brought the custom to the United States, but Americans with other ethnic backgrounds didn't start erecting Christmas trees until the early 1800's.

Tree ornaments date back to the ancient Romans, who brought boughs into their homes and decorated them with ornaments of clay and bits of fiber.

Christmas tree dedicated in Mt. Joy

by Mrs. Gloria Straub

The Horizons Committee of the Mount Joy Bicentennial Commission is pleased to announce the dedication of a Douglas Fir Christmas Tree in the Mount Joy Memorial Park on Sunday, December 26th, at 7 p.m. The tree will be lighted for the first time by Mr. Don Germer. The tree was donated last year by Mr. and

Mrs. Oliver Mateer of Mount Joy and planted by the Mount Joy Vo-Tech students under the direction of their instructor, Mr. Little.

Following the dedication there will be a short program of musical selections followed by caroling. Music for the caroling will be provided by the Donegal High School "Pep Band" directed by Keith Gephart.

In spite of predictions that trees will be scarce in the nation this year, they seem to be abundant locally.

When trees are dismantled, the wood can be seasoned and used as firewood. Needles can be used as mulch. Some people secure the tree and tie cracklins to it for bird feeding.