

Mount Joy flags now available

The Horizons Committee of the Mount Joy Bicentennial Commission sponsored a flag contest in November and December of 1975.

The contest was open to all residents of the Mount Joy area.

All designs submitted had to meet the following specifications:

1. Size—8½" X 11"
2. Color—a red design on a white background
3. The name, **Mount Joy**, would be included in the design. Also, the corporation date of 1851 to be included in the design.

The winner of the contest received \$25.00 and the

honor of dedicating the flag to the community.

On January 14, 1976 a panel of five judges chose the winning entry. The judges were: Paul Gingrich, co-chairman of the Mount Joy Bicentennial Commission; Mrs. Sally Roberts, local historian; Mrs. Vera Cox, local historian; Warren Foley, local artist; and James Gingrich, Mayor of Mount Joy.

Joseph Shaeffer of Mount Joy, was the winner of the flag contest. His design pictured a red ship on a white background.

Why a ship?

Many of the early settlers of Mount Joy, PA and

vicinity came from a county in Ireland, known as Londonderry, which was besieged in 1689 by the armies of King James II for a period of nearly five months.

This siege was terminated by the arrival of two provision ships; the Mount Joy of Londonderry and the Dartmouth of Coleraine.

The siege wrought extreme hardship, pestilence and famine upon the citizens of Londonderry and the timely arrival of provisions by these ships left a lasting impression on the grateful survivors.

When their descendants settled in America they named both the township and later the town after the ship Mountjoy that came to the aid of their forefathers.

Mount Joy feels that the good ship Mountjoy may thus appropriately be displayed on its flag.

The Horizons Committee is happy to announce a limited number of flags in size 12" X 18" and of white and red nylon material are now available to the public.

The design is in perfect detail on the smaller flags and will probably be appreciated as a collector's item, and Christmas gift.

Chairman of Horizons is Mrs. Gloria Straub and Chairman of Flag Project is Miss Ella Gainer.

For further details call 653-2355 or 653-5481.

Letter to editor

During the Marietta Candlelight Tour, a group of young people came into the Marietta United Methodist Church, filed up into the choir loft and proceeded to give us a concert of music appropriate to the season. They came unexpectedly and unannounced, sang beautifully and then left. As they were leaving I asked who they

were and was told that they were the Donegal Chorus from high school.

I would like to publicly thank these young people for their concert and commend them for their thoughtfulness in planning this surprise. Young people think of the nicest things to do.

Sincerely,
Rhubie M. Grove
Maytown

PTP plans bake sale in Maytown Square

Parents and Teachers Partnership will hold a bake sale, Saturday, De-

cember 18 from 8 a.m. to at the Square in Maytown.

Band uniforms

The contract for one hundred forty complete band uniforms for Donegal Band was awarded to Oswald Inc. The uniform chairperson Mrs. Mary Eberly reported at the monthly meeting of the Band Club. Vice-president, Earl Brightbill, conducted the business session. A hoagy sale was planned for January 22. Orders may be placed with any member.

The January scrap paper

drive will be held on the 15th, from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m.

The January meeting of the Band Parents Club will be held on the third at 7:30 p.m.

The annual spring concert will be held on April 23, at 8 p.m. in the High School auditorium.

Records from last year's event have been received and can be purchased from any member.

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Bulletin: Santa Claus

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