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Chester Wittell and Ophion

## Ophion returns

An ad in last week's *Susquehanna Times* asked for the return of a "playful, affectionate cat...a family pet...male with gray head & back and white underbelly & paws." The ad was placed by Dr. Chester Wittell, composer and poet, who lives at 206 West Main Street, Mount Joy.

Last Friday a letter written by Dr. Wittell appeared in the Lancaster *Intelligencer Journal*, in which Dr. Wittell said that the loss of his cat, which had slept on a pillow beside him, had "spoiled my Christmas and dinner, for every morsel of food I tried to swallow stuck in my throat, sparking the wonder what my little friend was eating (if anything), or if it were waiting somewhere, shivering, cold and hungry without a friend in the world."

The story began last fall, when Mrs. Raffensberger, who lives in the apartment above Dr. Wittell at 206 West Main Street, presented the kitten to Dr. Wittell. According to Wittell, Mrs. Raffensberger was almost as upset as he was when the cat disappeared.

Last Friday evening Donald C. Snyder, III, a student at Beahm Junior High School, noted a cat which followed him while he was delivering newspapers in the Westview Estates area after school. He discovered that a Tompkins family had been feeding the cat.

When Don got home after delivering papers he told his mother, Mrs. Donald C. Snyder, Jr., 315 Springfield Garden Apartments, about the cat which had followed him. She told Don about the ad she had seen in the *Times*, and Don went back to the Tompkins to pick up the cat. He then took the cat to Dr. Wittell's house on Main Street. He found Dr. Wittell at his typewriter in his kitchen and showed the cat to him. It was Dr. Wittell's cat.

Dr. Wittell has been busy lately adding to his sonnets and also composing poems for a collection which he has entitled, *Darkened Door*. A very long poem which he finished this fall is about Ophion, a Titan in Greek mythology who ruled Mount

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## Kristen Straub is Miss Teenager state finalist

Kristen Staub, 18, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Straub of 116 S. Market Street, Mount Joy, has been selected as a state finalist in the 1979 Pennsylvania National Teenager Pageant to be held at Lycoming College and the Williamsport Area High School on June 1, 2, and 3, 1979. This is the state finals to the Miss National Teenager Pageant, which will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, in August.

The winner of the state pageant will receive a \$500 cash scholarship, a full Barbizon modeling course, and an all-expense-paid trip to Atlanta for the national competition.

Contestants will be judged on scholastic achievement, leadership, poise, personality, and appearance. There is no swim suit

or talent competition. Each contestant will participate in the National Teenager Volunteer Service Program and recite a 100 word speech on the pageant theme, "What's Right About America."

Kristen is being sponsored in this pageant by the Mount Joy Business and Professional Women's Club and the Walter S. Ebersole Unit 185 American Legion Auxiliary.

At Donegal High, Miss Straub has been a member of the Pep Band, chorus, Rhythm Singers, and dramatics club. She has worked as a stagehand in the dramatic productions, and is a member of the band. She has served as the copy editor for the yearbook.



Kristen Straub

## Mount Joy Council buys cruiser, hires two cops

Last Monday the Mount Joy Borough Council shelved two zoning amendments, hired two police officers, and bought a new police cruiser.

The two zoning amendments were: (1) an amendment to Section 510 of the Borough Zoning Ordinance, concerning mobile home park regulations; and (2) a request from Mr. and Mrs. Carl Heilman for the rezoning of their property, located at the corner of Square Street and Green Alley, from General Commercial to High Density Residential.

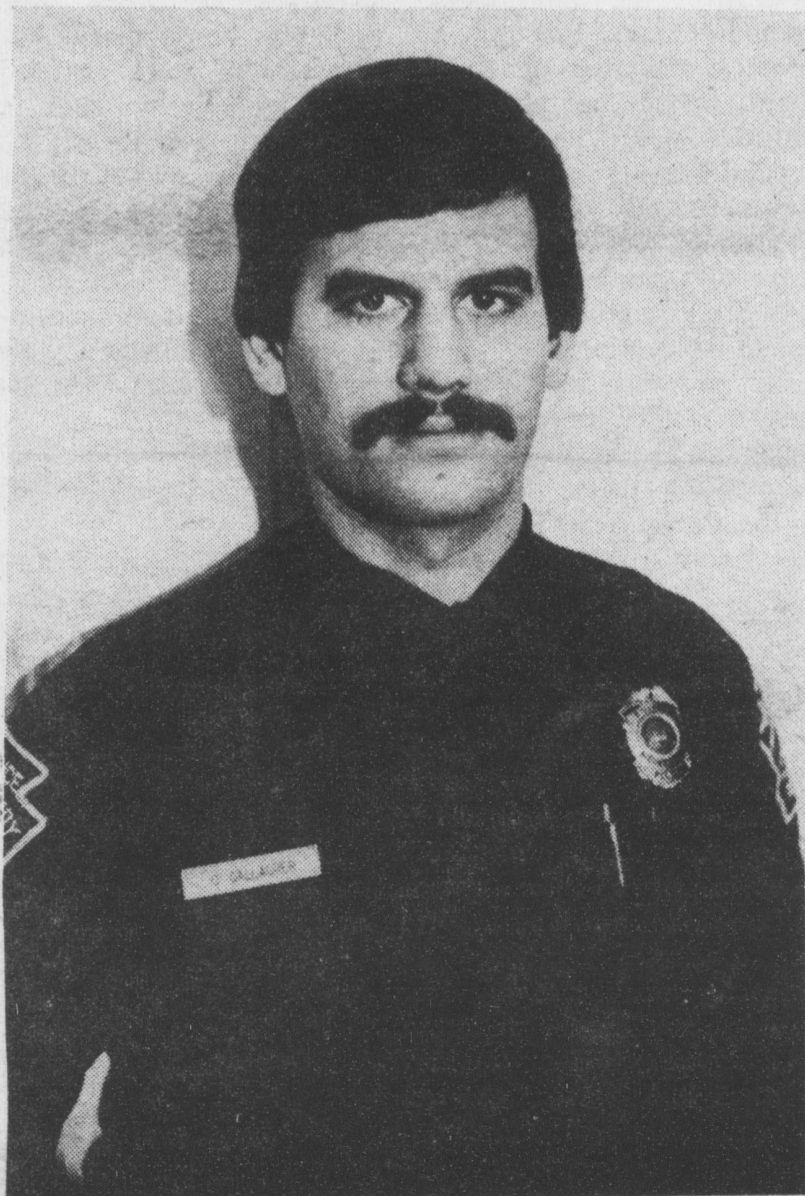
The Heilman's request was the first step in a development plan. A spokesman for the would-be developer outlined for Council the basic idea: townhouses for rent.

The developers had already discussed their scheme with the County

Planning Commission, who, the spokesman said, had recommended the abandonment of a "dogleg" street, the building of a second street, and the improvement of a third in the area of the proposed development. The cost would be borne by the developer.

A couple of citizens voiced objections to the tentative plan. One said that the land might be wanted some day for industrial growth in Mount Joy, and noted that it is much more difficult to change an area from residential to commercial than it is to change it in the opposite direction. The other person said that he owns land adjacent to the proposed development. He was worried about the effect on his possible future sale of his land, and noted that there is a rail line

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Gary Gallagher