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Grace and Joe Shaeffer look at mementos of their trip to Japan

## Joe and Grace Shaeffer having the time of their life

Some people don't know what to do with themselves after they retire.

Joe and Grace Shaeffer, 127 Park Avenue, Mount Joy, however, have had an opposite sort of problem since Joe retired in 1972 as Mount Joy's postmaster—"What do we want to do most?" Joe says he has to say, "no," to a lot of invitations and requests he and Grace receive.

Joe is President of the Mount Joy Area Leisure Club, Treasurer of the Rotary Club, President of the Mount Joy United Drive, editor of the Rotary newsletter, active member of the Mount Joy Area

Historical Society, the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society, teacher of the adult class at Chiques United Methodist Church, stamp collector, curator of his own historical museum, etc.

In almost all of his activities, Grace is his collaborator, and when necessary, his "corrector."

Joe gives lots of public lectures, but when he does Grace usually accompanies him and does not hesitate to interrupt and correct any misstatements of fact Joe might make. The audience is thus assured of hearing a not only fluent but also an absolutely accurate report.

One of the topics that Joe talks on is "Retirement," and he knows what he's talking about.

Many of Joe's talks are about Mount Joy history. Joe is a native of Mount Joy (Grace is from Salunga) born, he thought for most of his life, on October 18, 1905. It was not until Joe started travelling in recent years and had to get a passport that he finally got a birth certificate and found out that he had been born on October 15, not the 18th.

It is only since 1970 and especially since his retire-

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## Distinguished Service Awards banquet to be held soon

The Mount Joy Jaycees will hold their annual Distinguished Service Award Banquet Saturday, January 27th at Hostetter's Dining Hall.

There will be a social period from 6:00 to 6:30 P.M. and dinner will be served at 7:00.

The "Distinguished Service Award" will be presented to a young man

for outstanding contributions to the community, as well as other awards of recognition to deserving persons.

The Mount Joy Jayceettes also will present their "Woman of the Year" award to a deserving woman of the community.

Entertainment will be provided by a new musical group "Andante." Kathlene Milovanovic, Carol Witman, Sharon and Re-

becca Zimmerman daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Zimmerman of Mount Joy.

Master of Ceremonies for the banquet will be Harold K. Keller, a local Century 21 real estate agent and auctioneer.

The public is invited to attend the banquet. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. For reservations call Bob Hoffer 653-5958.

## Marietta Borough Council

### New pumper truck and flood law are topics of discussion

Buying a new pumper for the fire company, and the legal threat to Marietta posed by the new floodplain regulations were the big issues at the last meeting of the Marietta Borough Council, held on January 9th.

Council president Reuter was absent, so mayor Flannagan took the president's chair until vice president Harold Kulman arrived several minutes late.

The bids submitted for a new pumper were opened and read by the mayor. Two companies had submitted offers in the low 60's thousand dollar range.

Whether or not to buy was the question. Councilman Zuch advised getting more information before buying, others felt that an examination of the specifications would suffice to reach a decision. (The specs ran 15-20 pages for each firm).

Pioneer Fire Company chief Ken Geesey was on hand, and spoke up in favor of buying right away. If other companies were interested, they would have bid, he said. Solicitor Rick Umbenhauer said the bids had been advertised in three major papers, including one in Philadelphia.

The firemen have been working with company representatives and others for about a year, the chief said, and know what they want and what is available. He also said that the present pumper is in bad shape: the front end is out of line and the windshield keeps popping out. The repairs are expected to cost about \$1300, which he felt is less than the amount that might be saved by re-bidding.

Spokesmen for the two bidders both said that pumper costs, in line with general inflation, are rising at 10-12% a year.

Councilman Kulman said that, since the bids had been opened and made public, the two present companies would be at a disadvantage in future bidding.

"We know what we need here in the borough," added chief Geesey. He said the firemen had studied the situation.

Zuch asked if the fire company had contacted

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## Umbenhauer reports on flood law

Marietta Borough Council received a report on the federal Flood Insurance Act at the last Council meeting.

Ken Ross, president of the Marietta Restoration Associates, spoke up during the "Public Hour." He talked about the new flood law and its effect on Marietta's future. He said that the borough has two choices: appeal the hydrological study done by the federal engineers, or get more of the town declared "historic," which would make the law void.

Ross said it would take about two years to get the federal Historic District expanded. Citing the mass of data which must be gathered to obtain the historic status, he said, "The task is mammoth."

Ross also announced that a town meeting with congressman Bob Walker will tentatively be held on January 19th, at 7:30 PM, in the Community House. "[Mariettans] should make our feelings known," he said.

Borough solicitor Rick Umbenhauer spent about twenty minutes outlining the situation for the Council. He has been doing legal research for about a month on the problem.

There are two flood laws, Umbenhauer stated. One

creates a flood insurance program and the other an administration, under HUD, which poses the current threat with its "floodproofing" requirements and 50% rule. (Under the rule, houses damaged by half of their cash value must be torn down, and no more than half the cash market value of a building can be put into it in the way of structural improvements).

Until now, Marietta has been a part of the "emergency" administration, but the town will soon be forced into the regular program. If the borough does not cooperate and join the program, all federal aid will be cut off, residents will be left unable to buy flood insurance, and if a flood does come, the borough would be liable to lawsuits from the residents. (This last statement was not made by Umbenhauer, but was culled from another source.)

State, not federal, law says the borough must join.

The process of being forced to join the program is in its early stages. Next month, Umbenhauer said, the "final meeting" of the borough with the FIA (Federal Insurance Administration) will be held.

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