

## Army band coming to DHS

The First United States Concert Band from Fort Meade, Maryland, will perform at Donegal High School for a school assembly on Friday, January 19th, at 2:00 PM.

Steve Hassinger, a former Donegal Band member, is now a member of the Army band. They

play at both military and civic events, veterans' hospitals, and schools. In summer they perform their popular community concerts.

At Donegal, the First Concert Band's selections will range from pre-Bach to modern composers.

There is no admission charge.

## Mount Joy Baby Sweetheart contest is underway

Pictures for the Mount Joy Sweetheart King and Queen contest are now being accepted. Any child between the ages of 9 months and 3 years, whose parents have a Mount Joy mailing address are eligible.

Photographs may be mailed or delivered to Mrs. Alan Swanson, Box 559 Barbara Circle, Donegal Heights, Mount Joy by Friday, January 26. Photographs should be no larger than 8 X 10. Include on the back of the photograph parents name and address, child's name and age, and social security number of either child or parent.

The selection of the winners will be done by the public at a penny-a-vote.

Balloting will take place at several Mount Joy businesses starting Monday, January 29 and ending at 7 P.M. on Friday, February 9.

The King and Queen will be crowned at ceremonies on Saturday, February 10 at 10:30 A.M. at the Trinity Lutheran Church fellowship hall. The winners will receive a \$25 U.S. Bond compliments of the Mount Joy Joycee-ettes. Other participants will receive a token of appreciation.

The proceeds from the contest will be donated to the Donegal Dental Clinic and another community service.

For additional information call 653-2688.

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## Larry Warfel named Maytown Ambulance president

The January meeting of the Maytown-East Donegal Twp. Ambulance Association took place on January 4th, at 7:00 o'clock. The first order of business was to install the following 1979 officers:

president Larry Warfel  
vice pres. Charles Shaffner  
treasurer Sheila Doutrich  
secretary Deborah Smeal  
crew chief Jack Doutrich  
training officer Deb Smeal  
operations chief

Larry Warfel  
vehicle maintenance officer  
Frank Splain, Jr.

David Garber and Robert Smeal were installed on the Board of Directors.

Crew chief Jack Doutrich reported that from the 1st through the 31st of December the ambulance responded to a total of 15 calls: 10 emergency calls, 2 routine transports, and 3 standbys. During the year 1978 the ambulance responded to a total of 140

calls. This compares to 108 calls in 1977.

The ambulance has set up committees to organize a full and hopefully productive year. There are chicken bar-be-ques by Harlan Miller being planned. The ambulance's 2nd annual flea market should be bigger and better than last year's.

Their membership drive is in full swing. The cost is \$5.00 for a family and \$3.00 for an individual. As of February 1st, the trip fee will be increased to \$35.00, with a 50 cent per mile additional charge for over 50 miles.

The goal for the ambulance this year is to serve Maytown and East Donegal Township with the most efficient emergency care possible. Their next meeting is scheduled for February 1st, at 7:00 PM, in the Maytown Fire Hall. All interested people are invited to attend.



## Cedar Hill Seminary

by Joseph Shaeffer

Cedar Hill Seminary was the most famous of the private schools in Mount Joy. The Rev. Nehemiah Dodge, A.M., a Presbyterian minister who came to Mount Joy from New England, started the school in 1836 in an old farmhouse just east of the borough. Within three years he moved into a new building a quarter of a mile from the original site on the south side of the highway. The new school was inaugurated May 1, 1837.

During the next twenty year period of the seminary it hit its peak enrollment of 1,200 pupils. Girls from eleven states were represented, a large portion from the South. With the outbreak of the Civil War, the girls were withdrawn and thus caused the discontinuance of the school in 1864. The school buildings continued to be the residence of the Dodge family.

In 1871 the Rev. W.R. Brown of Baltimore came to Mount Joy with the purpose of restoring the seminary. He was not successful in the attempt, but did remain and took the position of state's supply of the Mount Joy and Donegal Presbyterian churches, April 9, 1872. David Denlinger did reopen the school in 1874 as a co-educational institution, but it remained in existence only a few years. Then Mr. Denlinger left Mount Joy and supervised the Irving Institute in Carroll County, Maryland.

The Rev. Dodge who was the ruling elder in the Mount Joy Presbyterian Church for 24 years, died July 25, 1876. His family remained at the school until a fire occurred in 1891 which ruined the entire structure. No equipment was saved, and proof of just how the fire started could not be established

although the Dodge family thought it had been set on fire purposely by a resident of Florin who wanted to buy the establishment but was unsuccessful. The school was never rebuilt and the Dodge family moved to Washington, D.C.

For a number of years one could see the remains of the school, a portion of the stone walls. At the height of school enrollment, it was so popular that all the students could not be housed in the seminary. Horseback riding and boating were included in the curriculum in addition to the academic studies. The main entrance to the famous school was on the east side of the creek and was a winding path which crossed the Harrisburg, Portsmouth, Mount Joy, and Lancaster railroad tracks.

Today all traces of seminary are gone and it remains only in the history book of old Mount Joy.

## Maytown firemen saved \$180,000 worth of property last year

The Maytown fire company report was made public recently. It contained these figures for 1978:

There were 54 emergency calls last year, with the equipment time logged at more than 82 hours. 360

men responded, and total driving distance equalled 218 miles.

50 fire police were on duty, logging 690 man-hours.

Property damage in East Donegal Township totalled

\$136,000. Property saved by the firemen is valued at roughly \$180,000.

240,500 gallons of water were used to fight fires in 1978.

Besides the 54 emergency calls, there was one controlled burning call, 43 training calls, and 35 public service calls.

Work details had 19 calls with 46 equipment hours, travel of one mile, and 66 men (one a fire policeman) responding.

## Columbia Jaycees plan "Superbowl Dance"

The Columbia Jaycees are planning a "Jaycee Week" for January 20th to 28th, inclusive.

Some of the planned events of the week include a "Super Bowl II" dance on Saturday night (Jan. 22); Bosses' Night at Jay's Lounge on Wednesday; Officers' Orientation Night

on Thursday; and Old Timers' Celebration on Friday evening.

The Jaycees will also hold a dance for their wives and girlfriends on Saturday the 27th, a service at Trinity Catholic Church on Sunday, and a presentation of awards to outstanding members of the community.

## Arrests up in Marietta

The Marietta Police have compiled their annual report for 1978.

In comparison to 1977, there were more incidents, fewer offenses, and more

## East Donegal Supervisors pay off the municipal building

The East Donegal Township Supervisors forwarded the final payment on the new municipal building at the January session. It was built in 1974, cost about \$140,000, and houses the police, Authority, and Supervisors' offices as well as the township's equipment and maintenance facilities.

The Supervisors adopted the revised fee schedule from Gohn Associates to establish a sewerage office to enforce the sewage laws. A portion of property owned by Victor Lombardo was rezoned from industrial to low-density residential.

William Gilbert was appointed a trustee to the fire company. The appointment is made on a yearly basis. Helen Hollenbaugh was reappointed to the Sewer Authority. Her term will expire in 1984.

Gohn Associates were told to prepare an easment for Jane and Mitchel Avenues in the Donegal Heights development. This right-of-way is for a waterway.

A suit against Heinly and Erb, the owners of a tract of land along the Susquehanna River near Rowenna, will be brought for the closing of a portion of Vinegar Ferry Road.

It was decided that fire equipment will be stored in the old township shed in cold weather while the fire house is occupied.

Permission was granted to block off part of East High Street on September 29th for an ambulance company flea market.

1979 officers of the Planning Commission are: Paul Duval, chairman; Dr. J.H. Brown, vice chairman; and Harold Nye, secretary.

Eleven building permits were issued for the month. Seven vehicle accidents were investigated. Seven fire calls were answered.

The contract for playground equipment will be awarded in late January.

arrests, except for juvenile arrests, which went down from 298 to 161.

Ordinance notices sent out went down from 261 in 1977 to 172 in 1978.