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## Nuclear poll Many would consider leaving if TMI re-opened; public confidence in press, nuke industry, government declined

One out of every four Marietta residents left town to avoid the radiation hazard during the crisis at Three Mile Island. In Middletown, one half of all residents evacuated.

These figures are gleaned from a poll conducted by the Elizabethtown College Social Research Center on April 2 through 8. The poll, funded by the Lancaster **Intelligencer Journal**, was conducted by telephone. Residents of E-town, Middletown, and Marietta were interviewed.

Since the poll was conducted over the course of several days, changes in the attitudes of local people can be seen.

Attitudes toward the news media changed drastically. On Mon., April 2, 58 per cent approved of the way TV and radio were reporting the crisis. By April 8, only 45 per cent still approved.

Answers to the question, "Do you think the public has been told the truth about this situation?" varied a lot. On April 2, 47 per cent thought they were being lied to. By April 8, 64 per cent of the people thought they were hearing lies.

On April 2, only 23 per cent of respondents wanted TMI shut down forever. By April 8, the number had grown to 37 per cent.

If TMI does re-open, 22 per cent of Middletown may abandon the town. Only 16 per cent of Mariettans, and 9 per cent of E-town residents, will consider leaving if the plant re-opens.

Marietta residents, perhaps because they live farthest from the plant, were slightly less likely than residents of other towns to consider the incident "very serious."

And 61 per cent of Mariettans think TMI should be allowed to operate again in the future, as opposed to only 56 per cent of Middletown residents.

Marietta residents, however, are the most emphatic supporters of tighter safety standards for nuclear plants; 88 per cent think the nation needs tougher safety standards for N-plants. Surprisingly, only 76 per cent of Middletown folk want stricter safety standards.

The poll revealed that 62% of respondents support "the use of nuclear power as a source of energy for our nation." This is a surprising contrast with various national polls which show 46 to 52 per cent of the nation supporting nuclear power. Support for nuclear power increases with education, and males are more supportive (72%) than females (54%).

Forty-one % of the population within a ten-mile radius of the plant evacuated. Fifty-eight per cent of those aged 25-34 left, possibly because of the large number of parents of young children in that age group. Only 27% of single people evacuated.

A third of local people want the plant shut permanently (although 44% of women want it shut down forever).

Half the people think they were lied to about the situation, but 69 % approved of the way the government handled the situation.

A clear majority (90%) think nuclear plants need stricter safety standards, but only 10 per cent want all plants shut down immediately.



Jodi Eichler, 7, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Eichler of 304 North Angle Street, Mount Joy, is shown above with the 19-inch, 3-pound rainbow trout she caught in the Little Chickies Creek at the Cove last Sunday.

Jodi is a 1st grade student at Grandview School.

## Letter to Editor

To the Editor:

The Donegal Band and the Band Club would like to thank all the merchants, businesses and the many individuals who donated

money, products and their time to help make the trip to Mexico a reality. The support of the local communities has been very gratifying.

—Donegal Band Club

## Film at Community House

"A Place in Time," a film sponsored by the National Preservation Trust, will be shown on Thursday, April 19th, at 8:00 PM in the Marietta Community House.

The public is invited to attend this screening, sponsored by the Marietta Restoration Associates. Everyone is also invited to sit in on the regular April meeting.

## Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Mayor Flanagan proclaims Historic Marietta Day and Cleanup/Fixup Month

As mayor of the Borough of Marietta, Pennsylvania, I, Jay Robert Flanagan, hereby proclaim May 19, 1979, as "Historic Marietta Day". This proclamation is made in conjunction with the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the county of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

have long played a vital part in the progress and development of Lancaster Co. It is, therefore, both proper and fitting that we dedicate one day to those gone before us. Their courage and fortitude have molded Lancaster Co. and the Borough of Marietta into a strong community and a place where people can be proud to live.

The citizens of Marietta



To The Residents of Marietta Borough:

WHEREAS, summer is just around the corner and as in the past we look forward to the coming months of outdoor pleasure and,

WHEREAS, this pleasure can only be fully appreciated when we are surrounded by a pleasant, clean and bright community and,

WHEREAS, we, the citizens, are the only ones who can create such a community,

THEREFORE, I, Jay R. Flanagan, Sr., Mayor of the Borough of Marietta, declare **May 1st** through **May 24th** cleanup, paintup and fixup month and I ask all citizens, service clubs, businesses, and churches to cooperate in this great cause for a better, cleaner and brighter Marietta. Violators of Borough Ordinances will be prosecuted effective **June 1st**.

Jay R. Flanagan, Sr., Mayor  
Proclaimed on this  
10th day of April, 1979



## Public Notice

from the

## Marietta Borough Council

PUBLIC NOTICE  
TO THE RESIDENTS OF  
MARIETTA BOROUGH:

In conjunction with Mayor Flanagan's proclamation of clean-up, paint-up and fix-up month, May 1st through May 25th, arrangements have been made with United Disposal for large items, i.e., tin cans, tables, chairs, refrigerators, sofas, mat-

tresses, rubber tires and other similar household litter and trash to be collected per the following schedule:

**MAY 3RD**-Chickies Creek to Bank St.; **MAY 10TH** - Bank St. to Chestnut St.; **MAY 17TH**- Chestnut St. To Gay St.; **MAY 24TH** - Gay St. to Armstrong.

—Marietta Borough Council