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Saturday is Historic Marietta Day!

Richard A. Snyder, State Senator from Lancaster, will dedicate a plaque citing Marietta's Historic District at 2PM on Saturday, May 19, at the Marietta Community House. To be unveiled by senior citizens, the plaque designating the Federally recognized Historic District as the first in Lancaster County for an "ideal preservation of a 19th century industrial community."

Senator Snyder is a practicing attorney in Lancaster and has been a State Senator since 1962. He is a member of the Lancaster, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations and serves on various committees in his capacity as senator. He graduated from Lititz High School, attended Moravian College and earned his B.A. degree from Franklin and Marshall College. His LLB is from Temple University Law School.

Snyder is the son of the late Paris F. Snyder, who was born in West Donegal Township and served as cashier of the Former First National Bank, Marietta, and Barbara Musser, born in East Donegal Township.

Invited guests include Judge Wilson Bucher, a Marietta native, and Mrs. Elaine Holden, president of the Preservation Trust of Lancaster County. Music will be supplied by the Donegal band. The all day



Richard A. Snyder

event will begin at 10 AM when a five mile marathan "Run through History" will be held starting at Riverview Elementary school where participants may register from 8:30 AM.

Attic and Seller Day with residents conducting porch, yard or garage sales with many civic organizations sponsoring stands.

Along with the days event will be a brochure available free to those persons who

may enjoy a self guided walking tour of the historic district. These brochures will be available at 30 West Market Street, where the Marietta Restoration Associates have established a headquarters for the day. Members of the Haldeman and the Elizabethtown Historical Societies will distribute information here.

The old Town Hall Museum will be open to tourists from noon to 5 PM.

Marietta Day schedule of events

Next Saturday is Historic Marietta Day. Here is a schedule of events for that day:

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM—Attic and Seller Day. Citizens are encouraged to sell anything or everything, and to decorate their houses with festive ornaments, bunting, etc.

Also, there will be antiques, crafts, and food at the Presbyterian Church during the same hours.

8:30 AM to 10:00 AM—Registration for the Five-Mile Run. Registration will take place at Riverview School.

10:00 AM—Run begins.

1:45 to 2:00 PM—Donegal High Band Parade. From the Union Meeting House on Waterford Avenue to the Community House on Market Street.

2:00 PM—Dedication of the Historic District. Senator John J. Snyder will perform the dedication ceremony outside the Commu-

ity House (in the gym if it rains). Also on hand: Judge Wilson Bucher and Elaine Holden, president of the Preservation Trust.

12:00 noon to 5:00 PM—Walking Tours. Guide yourself through Marietta with the Restorationists' new brochure/map (free to Mariettans). Tour headquarters are at 36 West Market.

Also, Marietta Memorabilia will be displayed at the headquarters.

12:00 noon to 5:00 PM—Old Town Hall Museum. It will be open to visitors.

The TMI incident:

A message from the Mount Joy Interchurch Council

The Three-Mile Island accident affected our community in countless ways. During those eventful days in March and since then, much has been said and written; some helpful and much which has only added to the confusion. It is easy to join the voices of others who are quick to condemn and even easier to say and do nothing.

As representatives of the Christian Churches which make up the Mount Joy Interchurch Council and as persons under the constraint of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we wish to address this open letter to the members of our churches and the citizens of our community. We do so not for the purpose of condemnation but because we care enough to raise a number of questions to which we believe we need to find answers for the safety and sanity of our community.

1. Do we have the right to know the truth about a condition which potentially threatens our safety and welfare? So many falsehoods, half-truths, and misinformation were circulated by utility and government officials and the media that many people were confused and responded more from the lack of trust in the credibility of these officials than of the real danger. We believe people fear the unknown more than adequate knowledge.

2. Why were initial evacuation plans, especially

for school children, so haphazard and confusing? The Donegal supervising principal, in reporting to the School Board about the school evacuation plans, he received, expressed the confusion. We commend those who devoted themselves to the speedy development of evacuation plans during the height of the crises. Hopefully, the safety of the people of the community during any disaster will be the first priority, but we shudder to think how ill-prepared we have been (and perhaps still

3. While not taking issue with those who left the area, why did so many leave without regard for other responsibilities and the safety and care of others? The level of care declined significantly in almost all institutions of the area. Persons who needed special help will not easily forget this abandonment. Does community responsibility extend only to our families? What do we have to say to those too helpless, too alone, too sick or too poor to leave? In various intangible ways life in our community is now different and less stable.

4. Have our life-styles made us vulnerable and slaves to our machines? There are potent reasons for both supporting and rejecting the use of nuclear power. Is the basic issue the viability of nuclear energy or is it the wisdom of our

dependence upon the craving for the comforts and style of living which requires massive amounts of readily available energy? Very few of us, even in this wholesome conservative area, have not yielded to the subtle enjoyment of creature comforts and thus become more and more dependent upon high-energy demand products and machines. Do we have a new urgency to listen to those who are calling us to simpler ways of living?

5. Why can't we develop safer and replenishable alternate sources of energy now? Simpler life styles will help, but that is not the total answer. We know of the tremendous strides made in our quest to place a human on the moon. If we could do this, then why can't there be an equally all-out effort to develop alternate sources of energy to nuclear fission and oil (another problem area). No one has yet answered this question to our satisfaction.

6. Has TMI taught us a lesson in values clarification? All of us were forced to ask of ourselves what is most important to us. Emergencies have a way of forcing us to do that. Are we satisfied with our answers? We believe beneath our answers is a faith issue which will give us an opportunity to determine the quality of our life together in the future.

—Mount Joy Interchurch Council

Evening of music at Riverview

The all-elementary chorus and band of the Donegal School District will present an evening of music on May 22, at 7:30 PM at Riverview Elementary School, Marietta. Students in these musical groups have been selected from all four

elementary schools in the district, the chorus being selected from only sixth grades and the band from fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

The choral portion of the program will include a variety of selections, some

of which are "Amazing Grace," "Hey Diddle Diddle" in the style of Mozart, and the recently popular hit, "You Light Up My Life."

Everyone is welcome to come and share in this free evening of musical entertainment.

—Sharon Zimmerman