

Ricedorf resigns in protest

Mount Joy Borough Council president Charles Ricedorf has resigned his post at the last Borough Council meeting. His resignation was due in part to the

new state law which requires all public officials to submit a form listing their campaign expenses. Ricedorf had no expenses, but was fined for submitting the form two days late.

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TMI hearing slated in Bainbridge

A public hearing by the special House committee investigating the Three Mile Island accident has been scheduled for Thursday, May 31 at Bainbridge Elementary School.

Individuals, organizations and elected officials of the area are invited to attend the meeting which will begin at 2 p.m., according to Kenneth Brandt, local representative and a member of the committee which will hear testimony.

Individuals or organizations wishing to attend should first contact Mr. Brandt with a brief summary of their statements or presentation.

Area residents may come and hear the testimony, and are encouraged to speak on how the incident affected them, express views, and provide information.

Other developments last week in the continuing TMI story include:

—Lancaster City officials decided Friday to file suit against Met-Ed to prevent the dumping of radioactive waste water in the Susquehanna River. According to information that Congressman Robert Walker received from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, that water is expected to be dumped in the next couple of weeks.

This plan, which Governor Thornburgh supports (after the water has been decontaminated) is opposed by Representative Brandt and other area elected officials.

—The Nuclear Regulatory Commission now sees design deficiencies as a "more important factor" than human error in the TMI accident. The NRC stated in a report issued Friday, that it was "an unusual sequence of failures" because of deficiencies, malfunction of equipment, and human error that caused the accident. Earlier, the NRC had that it was mainly human error that contributed to the plant incident.

—Norman Rasmussen, a Harrisburg native who directed an indepth study on nuclear reactor safety for the federal government said the accident at TMI had a much greater psychological impact on area residents than realized.

Rasmussen, head of the nuclear engineering department at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said last week the accident could lead to safer reactors if the public does not force a shutdown of the nuclear industry—action that he believes would worsen the nation's energy problems.



Chief Millar carries an unidentified woman away from the finish line of the five-mile Run Through History during Marietta Day. Several people had to be helped after the

grueling run. More on Marietta Day appears on page 7.

Air Force Drill Team coming to Mount Joy

The Mount Joy Community Council proudly presents the United States Air Force Guard at Kunkle Field on Friday, May 25th at 7:30 PM. On Saturday May 26th, the USAF Honor Guard will also parade in the annual Mount Joy Memorial Day Parade.

The Honor Guard Drill Team, an elite, 25-person component of the USAF Honor Guard, performs precision marching and drill maneuvers at semi-official

functions in various parts of the country. Candidates for the Drill Team must serve in a ceremonial flight for one year and receive extensive drill practice with the M-1 rifle before being considered for assignment to the Honor Guard. The candidates are comprised of volunteers who are carefully screened for their mental agility and physical dexterity. Only those persons who are highly motivated and maintain an exceptionally high standard of appear-

ance, conduct, and aptitude for ceremonial duty are considered.

The Honor Guard represented the Air Force at the state funerals for the former presidents Kennedy, Eisenhower, Truman and Johnson. The Guard also participated in the state funeral for Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota. The Honor Guard also took part in the inaugurations of presidents Johnson, Nixon, and Carter, and was tasked with providing ceremonial

honors for former MIA's and KIA's buried in Arlington National Cemetery. The Drill Team has also performed at the Kentucky Derby, in the Cotton Bowl, Disney World, at 4th of July celebrations and similar functions.

On May 25th, the USAF Drill Team will be performing their precision drill maneuvers at the annual Memorial Day activities at Boro Park. The public is invited to attend.

—Nancy Nestleroth

Memorial Day events in Mount Joy

Thursday 6:30-10:00 PM: Jaycees Carnival, Borough Park.

Friday, 6:30: Jaycees Carnival, Borough Park; **7:30:** Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team, Kunkle Field.

Saturday, 10:30 AM: Puppet Show—"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs;" Phillips' Art Studio—St. Mark's United Methodist parking lot; **2:00 PM:** parade; Lion's pool opening immediately after; **4:00 PM:** Zigenfus The Great—magic show at Borough Park; **6:30 PM:**

"Battle of the Superstars."

Sunday, 7:00 PM: Vesper Service—Memorial Park (in case of rain, at W.I. Beahm Junior High).

Monday, 10:30 AM: Memorial Service at Memorial Park. Rev. Roger Colvin will speak.

Friday and Saturday: Music at the park by "Springfield Station." All types of music.

Carnival—food, games, rides, clowns, and bingo.

Girls' softball tournament throughout the weekend at Kunkle Field.

Hoover farm center of world attention

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Hoover of Bainbridge, and their recent cow and calf losses, have been the subject of front page newspaper stories and national network TV broadcasts during the last week.

The Hoovers, who have a dairy herd, have watched 12 newborn calves and 7 cows die in the weeks since the Three Mile Island incident four miles north of their farm.

Although autopsies show-

ed no traces of radiation in the dead animals, and the deaths are attributed to intrauterine infections and anemia, the Hoovers feel that radiation releases from TMI may have affected the health of the now-dead cows, lowering their resistance to infections.

Since the Hoover cattle losses became public information, the Hoovers have learned of mysterious cattle deaths and breeding difficulties on other area farms,

all occurring in recent weeks.

The Hoovers' pasture and cattle feed and water is being investigated and analysed by government agencies who are seeking a cause for the cow and calf deaths.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover are hoping for a rational explanation for the deaths. But, like many TMI neighbors, their confidence in official reports has been eroded by the events of the last two months, and they have

suspicions about the effects on their animals of the radiation release which they find difficult to suppress.

As the parents of young children, the Hoovers are concerned about low level radiation exposure. "The financial losses we have suffered from losing cattle are disturbing—but what is really frightening is what this may have done to our children," says Mrs. Hoover.