

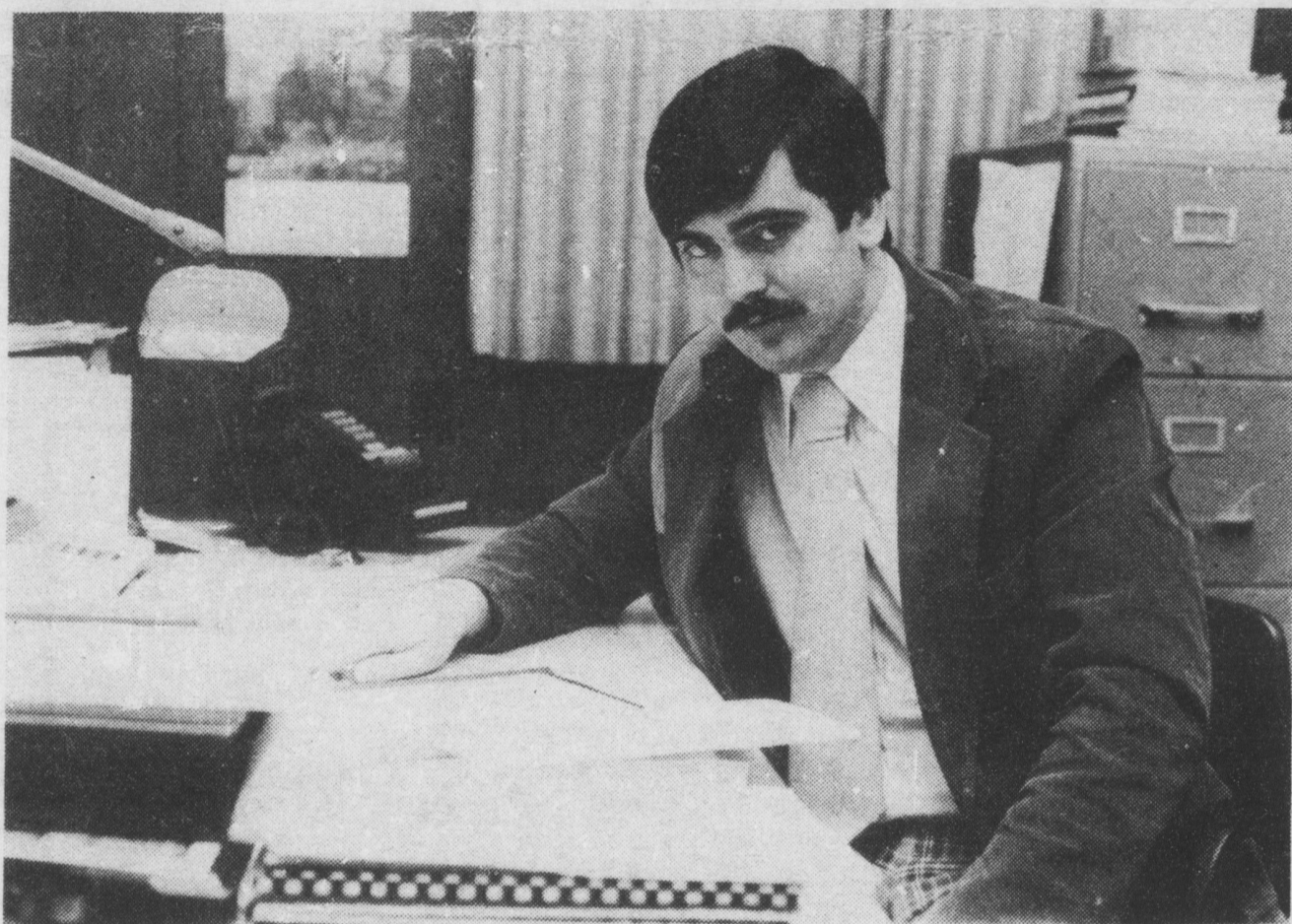
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Bruce Hamer

## New boro manager has broad background

by Lorna Nolt

Do young men dream of someday growing up to become the borough manager of a small central Pennsylvania community—much as young men dream of growing up to become firemen or lawyers?

No, smiles 26-year-old Bruce Hamer of his three months' old position as Mount Joy Borough Manager and Authority Administrator. Most young men don't. And he is no exception.

Raised in rural-suburban southwestern Pennsylvania, Hamer comes to his new job with an undergraduate degree in education and majors in political science and government. "I was planning for a profession as a teacher," he says, "until my senior year in college. Job opportunities didn't look so good even then for teachers, and I eventually took a position as a part-time borough secretary. I sort of fell into local government administration, you might say."

Armed with a nearly completed master's degree in psychology, and presently involved in studying for a postgraduate degree in business administration, Hamer feels adequately pre-

pared for his new job in the Mount Joy Borough offices on Main Street. "It's a public service position, so the rewards are sometimes more than monetary. And the psychology background has helped a lot in my dealings with people—a large part of my job."

Hamer and his wife Georgina, a teacher, live within walking distance of the borough offices at 30 West Donegal St. "We like it here," Hamer emphasizes with a smile. "The rural atmosphere and the slower pace are much like my hometown in the southwest part of the state. There's a different attitude toward work here than in a city setting. People take pride in what they do: they could sign their names to their work and be very proud of doing so. And we get more done—on a steady basis instead of in spurts of not-as-productive activity."

Getting things done seems to be the meat of the borough manager's day. And being there in person appears to sum up Bruce Hamer's approach to his job. He sees himself mainly as coordinator between the various committees of the borough government, acting as liaison be-

tween the elected members of the borough council and the mayor, and the appointed planning commissioners and the authority board, as well as other related committees.

"I make it a point to respond personally to borough projects and problems," Hamer says. "I visit the sites of any public works in progress and answer any written complaints by becoming personally involved. I like to know what's going on."

And knowing what's going on requires an ongoing and constantly updated familiarity with the financial end of running a local government office. Support monies come from a one percent wage tax levied on all borough residents (half of which is shared by the school district), a property tax from all properties within the borough, and annual allocations from both the federal and state governments. The latter two are determined by somewhat complicated formulas, which have such factors as, for example, borough per capita income and population. State monies can be used only for

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## Rev. Philip Lynch accepts call from Zion Lutheran, Marietta

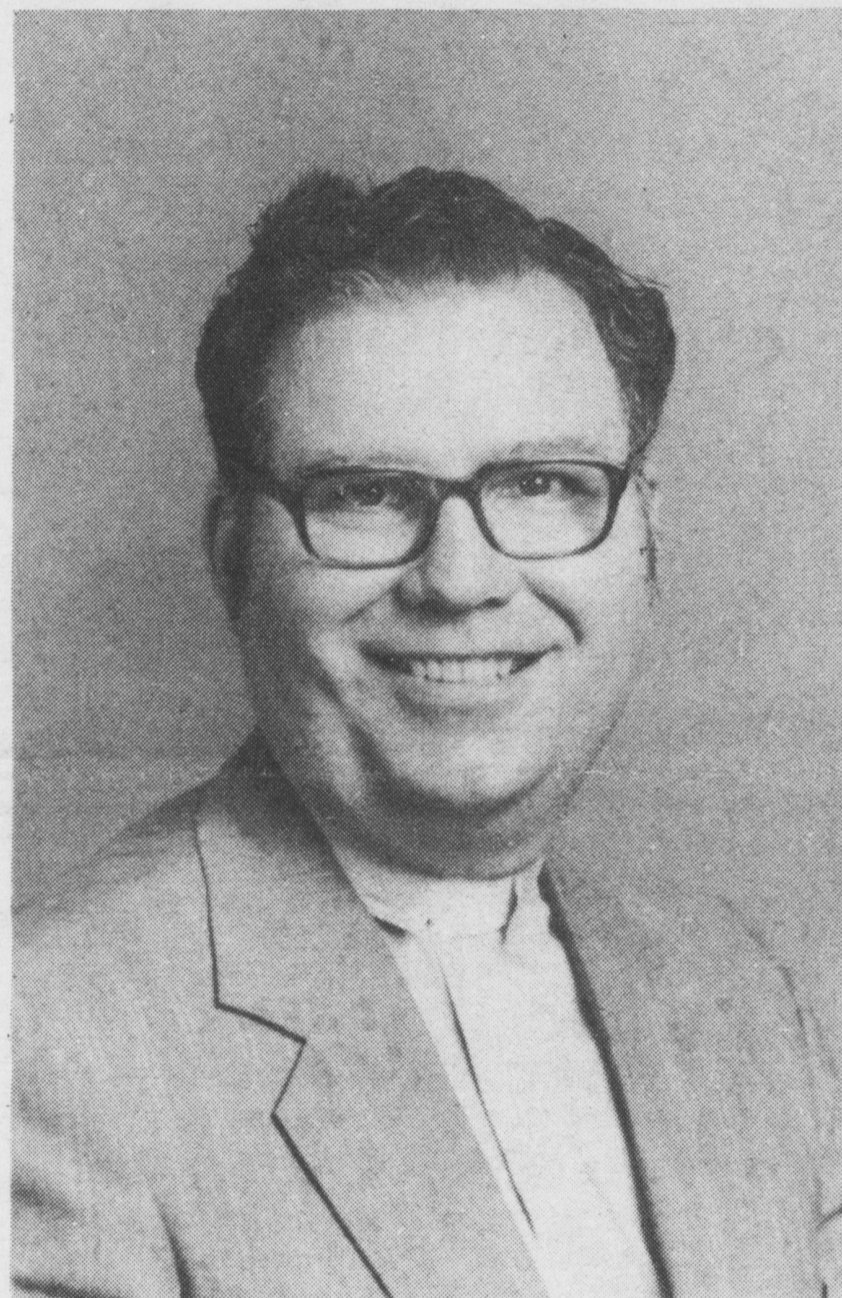
The Reverend Philip A. Lynch, Rheems, has accepted a call from the congregation of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Marietta.

Rev. Lynch received his Doctor of Ministry from Lancaster Theological Seminary, in 1978, and his Masters Degree in Psychology from Rutgers and has spent a year in Clinical Pastoral Education at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, in Washington, D.C.

A native of Camden, New Jersey, where he was educated in the public schools, he graduated from Haddonfield High School, Haddonfield, New Jersey. He attended Gettysburg College and the Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia. He was ordained by the New Jersey Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, in May 1957.

After serving two congregations in his home state (St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Dunellen, and Advent Lutheran Church in Mount Ephraim) he moved to Pennsylvania where he has been associated with St. John's Lutheran Church, Lancaster; St. Christopher Lutheran Church, Lykens; and St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Middletown.

His wife is the former Charlotte Beagle from Prospect Park, Pa., and is a registered nurse with a



degree from Millersville State College and one from Temple University. She is currently employed as the Public Health Nurse Coordinator at Elizabethtown Hospital for Children and Youth.

The couple has three children:

James, a sophomore at Shippensburg State College, David, a senior at Susquehanna University and Joanna, a Junior at Elizabethtown Area High School.

## Lumberjacks to convene here for competition & festivities

On September 7th 8th the annual Greentree Woodsmen's Festival will host the Northeastern Lumberjacks Championship Competition. The Woodsmen's Festival is held at the station of the sponsoring group, the E-town/Mount Joy Forest Fire Crew, near the West Greentree Church in Mount Joy Township.

There will be a lot going on at this year's festival besides the Lumberjack Championship. There will be a carnival, food, rides, games, Buck Young's Wild Animal Show, displays of

logging equipment and all sorts of outdoor recreational equipment (trailers, boats, ATV's, wood stoves, garden tractors), and many contests open to the public—log chopping, sawing, axe throwing, log rolling, pole climbing, log jousting, nail driving (ladies only), and tobacco spitting.

(To reserve a spot in competition, call 653-2130 or stop at the Greentree Forest Fire Station.)

Mr. Lester Rishel will be carving 7-foot animal sculptures out of logs with a chain saw. His creations will be

auctioned off on Saturday night, September 8th.

On Friday at 6:30 PM amateur night will start. If you have talent, phone the crew to reserve a time slot. A trophy will be awarded for the best act.

Again this year there will be a cake decorating contest with cash prizes for first and second place winners (\$20 and \$10). Cakes can be decorated with any woodsman theme and must be presented at the festival no later than 9:00 PM on

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