

Elizabeth Fuhrman christened under Witness Tree on July 4 at historic Donegal Church



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by Peggi Fuhrman Ridgway

The historic "Witness Tree" at Donegal Presbyterian Church, Donegal Springs, Pa., witnessed the pledge of a new allegiance on Independence day (July 4), 1979.

Under the branches of the huge oak, a small group of family members assembled with the Rev. Elizabeth Iseminger, pastor of the Marietta and Bainbridge United Methodist Churches,

for the baptism with Donegal Springs water of Amanda Elizabeth Fuhrman, aged 13 months. The holiday's gentle rains were accepted symbolically, as a heavenly blessing upon the toddler by her parents, David E. and Rhonda (Lott) Fuhrman, formerly of Marietta, now residing in Pensacola, FL. Mr. Fuhrman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Fuhrman of Marietta.

Several criteria were used in selecting the Donegal church and the Witness Tree as the site for the child's baptism, and the date July 4. Amanda is of that "All American" heritage which includes the blood of immigrants and of the "New" Americans who pioneered with their families in America. She is also the descendant, explains her father, of a Revolutionary War Captain as well as other Revolutionary War patriots.

Historically, it was on a Sunday morning in September 1777 that the congregation of the Donegal Church was informed by messen-

gers of plans by the British to invade Pennsylvania... upon which news the congregation, which had previously upheld the King of England in it's prayers, pledged under the witness oak tree, its loyalty to the cause of liberty and its allegiance to a new nation.

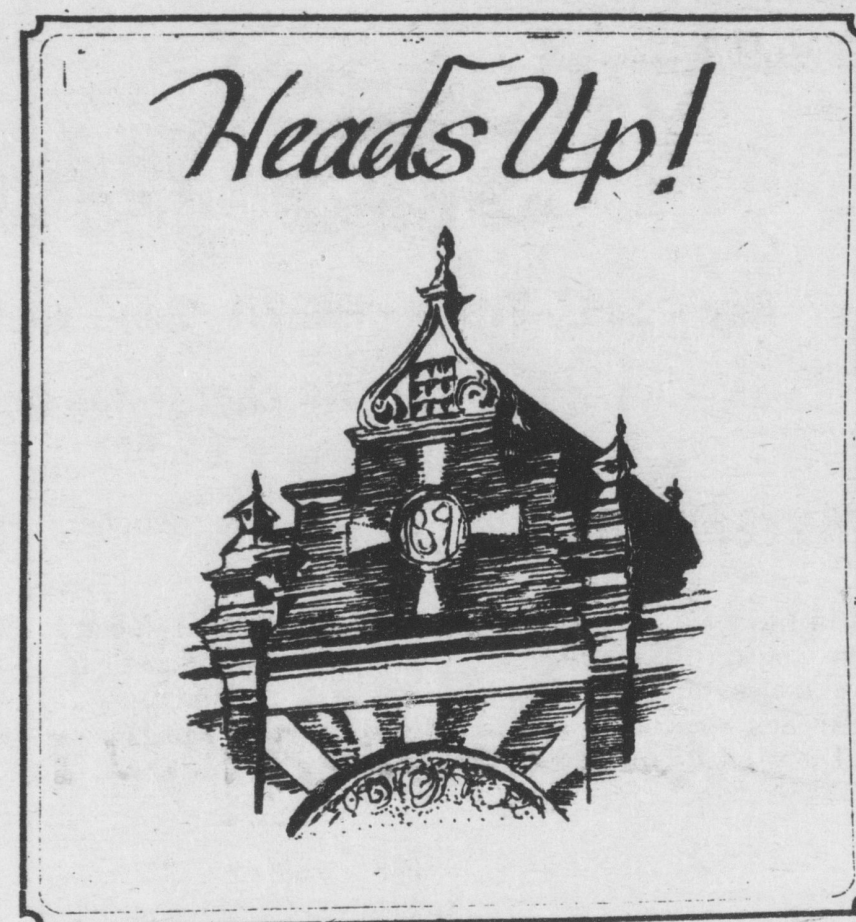
The original church, founded by settlers from the north of Ireland prior to 1721, was built of logs. The present building, still used for services, was constructed in 1740.

Rev. Iseminger, who recently came to Marietta and Bainbridge churches, previously pastored a church in Shamokin, PA and is a native of Yonkers, NY.

Present for the child's baptism were her parents and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Fuhrman, her brother Clinton (who took part in the service by pouring the water into the bowl), her aunt and Godmother Peggi Ridgway of Tulsa, OK, and Mrs. Mary Loucks of Marietta.

[Peggi Ridgway is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Fuhrman of Marietta.]

—Ed.]



There were numerous correct responses to last week's contest, so the award goes to the earliest post-marked entry, which was Natalie Zuch's guess. The answer was the **old railroad station** on the corner of Perry and Front Streets.

The Restoration Associates congratulate Natalie on being so observant and encourage everyone to try to identify this week's drawing. Send your guesses to Restoration Associates, P. O. Box 3, Marietta, Pa., 17547.

Letters to Editor

To the Editor:

We are writing this letter in regard to the letters written between Mrs. Shultz and Coach Yohe.

Although we are neither coaches nor parents, the amount of immaturity expressed by Mrs. Shultz is overwhelming. Really Mrs. Shultz, which is better, 3 minutes or none at all? If a person were to quickly glance at those letters, they might think that you were the neglected player instead of your son.

How can you have the nerve to criticize the coaches who spend endless hours working with the players, some who have little or no talent, when it is obvious that you have spent no time working with the team as a whole?

A coach, no matter what league his team is in, can

not play all of his players the same amount of time. The better players should be played more often, or don't you believe in rewarding good performances?

My sister and I both think Mr. Yohe and all the other coaches should be commended for the fine job they are doing with the M.Y.A.A. Our hats are off to you.

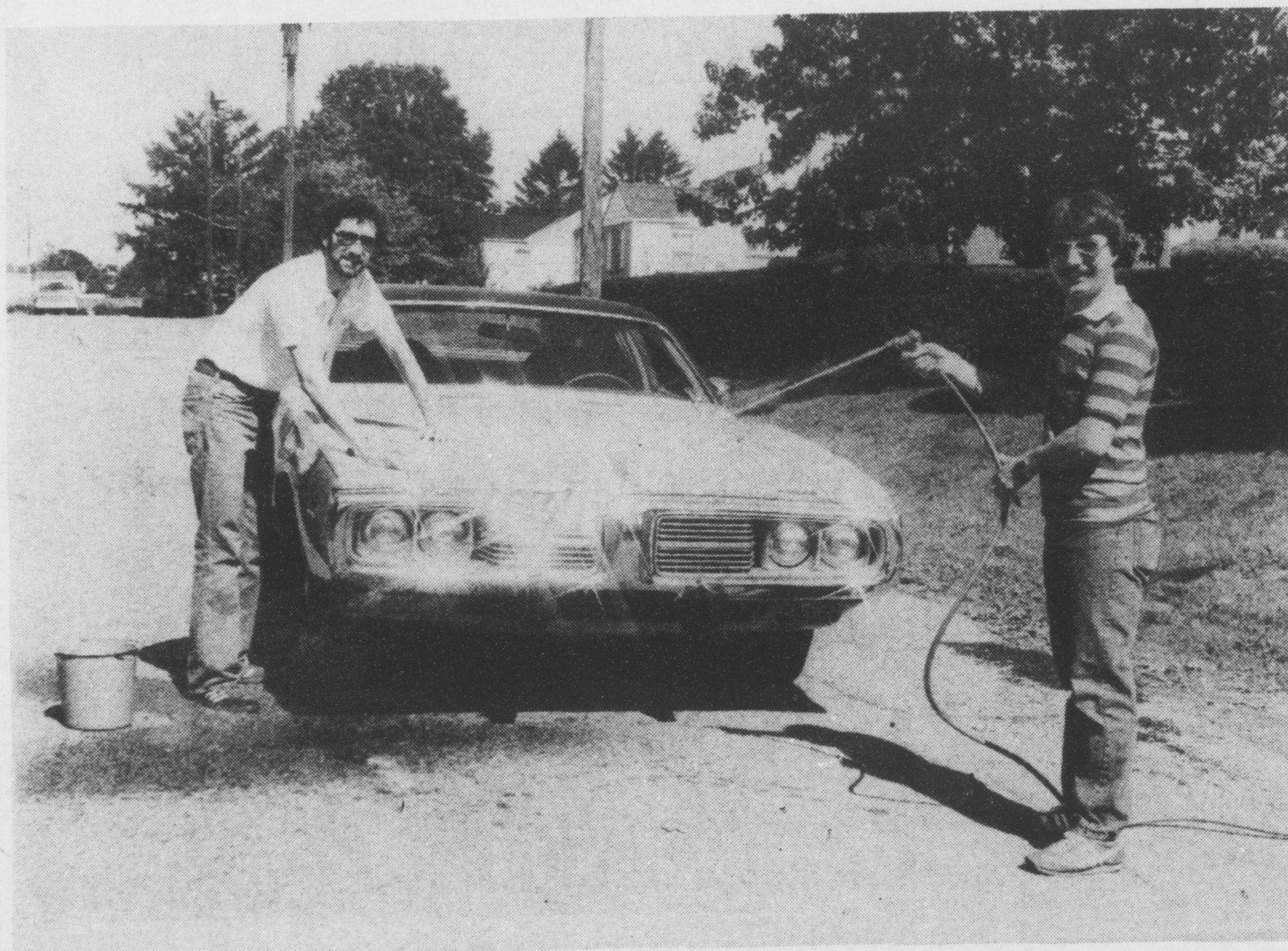
Some adults complain about the immature actions of teenagers. Are your actions mature? Should we emulate you?

Signed,
Two Teenagers

[Editor's note: the above letter is the one that was mentioned in last week's paper. The two teenagers came to our office and signed their letter, and asked that their names be withheld.]

Mount Joy Jaycees perfect car-washing skills

for mammoth car wash on July 21



Tom Safko, left, and Todd Shank, right, practice washing Tom's car, to get ready for the big Mount Joy Jaycee car-wash on Saturday, July 21, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Florin Fire Company, No. Market Avenue,

in Mount Joy.

Cars, small trucks, campers and other small vehicles will be cleansed.

Say the Jaycees: "Don't wash your car! Let us do it!"

Local Redevelopment Authority Projects

Among local projects being sponsored by the Redevelopment Authority of Lancaster County are the following (taken from a recent bulletin from the Authority:

The East Donegal Township Park, including a pavillion, rest rooms, cooking area, play areas. (allocation—\$38,000)

The Marietta Storm

Drainage Improvement Project on Front St., from Perry to Clay Street and on Bridge St., from Essex to Front. (Allocation, \$109,800)

Marietta Community Recreation Center, in collaboration with the J-C's. (Allocation, \$29,000.)

Restoration of Union Meeting House. (Allocation \$18,000)

Mount Joy Borough Storm Sewer Project. (Allocation, \$175,000)