

Ben Thompson recalls POW days in World War II

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of the fog, American tanks appeared: Patton's army. Needless to say, it was a happy day. We were liberated.

After typical Army double talk and red tape, we were trucked and airlifted out of the prison camp through several processing centers to Le Havre, France, where we boarded homeward-bound ships. I arrived in New York and got my first look at the Statue of Liberty three weeks after I celebrated my 21st birthday.

I remained in the Air Force for 26 years, retiring in April 1968. I served duty in Greenland, Korea, Zaire (Belgian Congo), Saudi Arabia, and SAC headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska.

Ironically, I married a girl of German extraction, Lillian Kriewald, whose mother was born in the Old Country. We have raised five children: twin girls Pat

and Peggy; another daughter, Aleta; and two boys, Ben Jr. and Eric. Both of our sons have served a stint in the Air Force.

I have now been a resident of Marietta for 16 years, during the first five of which I was still in the Air Force. I have worked for the Post Office for ten years.

[Editor's note: Ben Thompson is a member of Zion Lutheran Church. He has been a member of the Lions Club [of which he served as president], the Riverview PTA, and the Marietta Borough Council. He is presently the chairman of the Marietta-Donegal Sewer Authority and the Marietta Authority.]

He was born in Laurius, South Carolina, and raised Lexington, No. Carolina, and Tiffin, Ohio. He attended the American University and the University of Maryland while in the Air Force.]

Scout Pack 136, Mount Joy, holds overnight camp

Scout Pack 136 of Mount Joy held overnight camp at their cub scout camp, Camp Wilderness. Attending were leaders Robert Mark, John Auker, Victor Wolf, Vaughn Mark, Bryan Mark, Ann Mark, Edna Wolf, Clifford Waltz, Sr., and Richard Breault.

Boys attending were Kevin Eby, Eric Bubacz, John Ginder, Steven Ginder, Andy Breault, Eric Mengel, Thomas Groff, Eric Lutz, Jerome Lutz, Robert Weatherbie, Kirk Landis, and Eric Koser.

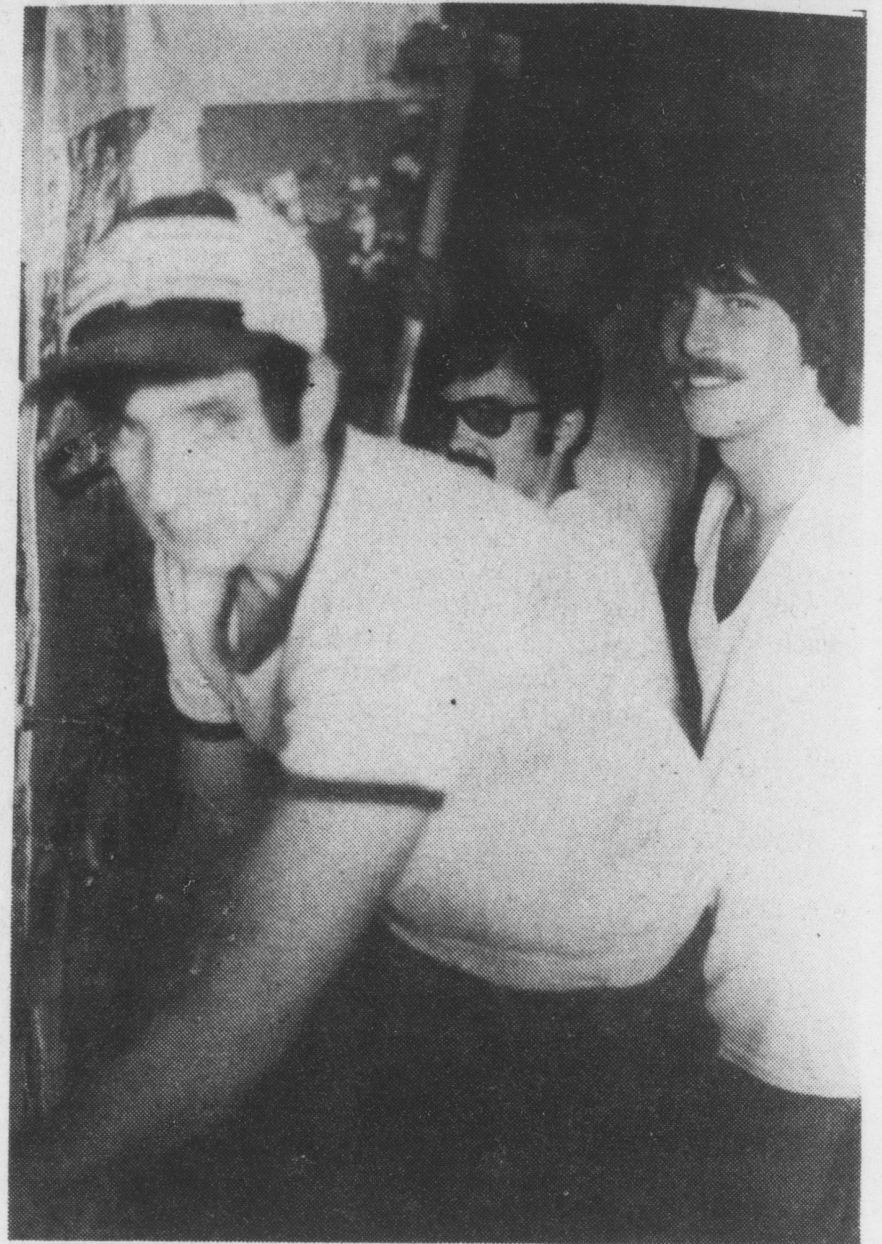
Parents were William Eby, Carol Bubacz, Daniel Bubacz, Clair Ginder, and Wilbur Groff.

Others who attended:

Darrell Lutz, Allan Bubacz, Paul Weatherbie, Roberta Mark, Tina Mark, Kevin Mark.

Conservation awards were given to Robert Mark, John Auker, Kirk Landis, Eric Koser, Kevin Eby, Eric Mengel, Thomas Groff, Jerome Lutz, Robert Weatherbie, Andy Breault, John Ginder, Steven Ginder, and Eric Bubacz. Akela awards went to Robert Mark, Ann Mark, Bryan Mark, John Auker, Victor Wolf, Edna Wolf, Eric Mengel, Thomas Groff, and Andy Breault.

There was a campfire program and a Sunday morning church service conducted by cubmaster Robert W. Mark.



Marietta Jaycees Bill Sload, Rick Sload, Larry Gillham, and John Wagner at work on the Jaycees building.

Latin Tridentine Mass

There will be a Latin Tridentine Mass on Sunday, July 29, 1979 at 10:00 A.M. Recitation of the Rosary and

confessions before Mass. The Penn Harris Motor Inn, Camp Hill By-Pass and Route 11-15, Camp Hill, Pa.

Marietta Jaycees launch renovation of building at Market and Waterford

The Marietta Jaycees have launched a renovation of the gym area in their building at Market Street and Waterford Avenue.

They have already had the roof repaired using \$29,000 of federal money, which came to them through the Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority. Now, in phase two of the project, the gym, locker rooms, and stage of the old school building will be fixed up.

Possibilities being considered by the Jaycees are rooms for civic organizations, game rooms, a TV lounge, and more.

The Jaycees' building, purchased from the Donegal School District in 1972, was built in the 1890's. It was first the Marietta High School, and later an elementary school.

John DeVitry, Lancaster architect, has completed some drawings for the proposed work.

The Jaycees have each pledged one weekend a month in free labor. They have already started by demolishing walls and tearing up old floors.

The building has been used so far by the Jaycees for the annual "Scream in the Dark" on Halloween. Their scrap paper and glass recycling idea, for which the building was used, has been dropped, due to lack of space. "The project got out of hand," according to Harvey Reem, president.

John Spickler and Willis Sload are co-chairing the fix-up of the structure.

Donegal Alumni Football Game Friday, August 25

The Third Annual Donegal Alumni Football Game, sponsored by the Donegal Football Booster Club, will be played Friday, August 24, at 8:30 p.m. at the high school football field.

Rain date is Saturday, August 25.

Practice for the players will begin on Monday, August 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the high school. Former

players may pick up applications daily in the high school office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Monday and Wednesday evenings between 6 and 7:30 p.m. in the DIG building.

There will be a very important Donegal Booster Club meeting on August 6 at 7 p.m. in room 116 of the high school. Any Donegal football fans are welcome.



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