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## Mount Joy officials visit TMI for 3 hours

Last Tuesday, August 28, officials of Mount Joy visited Three Mile Island from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Mayor James Gingrich, Council President Omar Groff, Borough Manager Bruce Hamer, Council members George Fitzkee, Paul Stehman, Ammon Smith, Don Zeller, and Miller Wolgemuth were in the party.

According to Borough

Manager Hamer, the party went through the entire plant. They saw the turbine rooms and the control rooms, which were big: "as long as from here to the road department," according to Hamer.

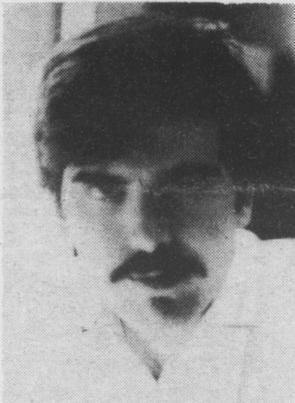
"They answered all our questions, showed us a lot."

The Met Ed people showed the group a film at the beginning of the tour.

They were shown how the water in Reactor II could be decontaminated.

"The security was something else," Hamer said. "We all wore identification. Doors were locked at the end of every hall. We had to fill out questionnaires at the beginning of the tour. We passed through a metal detector. We checked in and checked out at the building. There were guards at every point. There were pipes and valves everywhere.

"Their explanations were simply stated," Hamer said.



Bruce Hamer

## Omar Groff reviews career as boro official, takes look into future

After serving for 16 years as a member of Mount Joy's borough government and most recently as president of the borough council, Omar Groff will become a private citizen on Jan. 1, 1980.

Even before serving in the borough government Mr. Groff was active in civic affairs, having been one of the founders of the Florin Fire Company in 1948.

His first post with the borough government was in 1963, when he was appointed to the borough planning commission. He had the satisfaction of seeing a comprehensive plan adopted, to control future growth in the borough.

And grow Mount Joy did! Mr. Groff has always strived to maintain what he calls "the small town characteristic." But maintaining that characteristic has become increasingly difficult. Especially in the last four years, the borough has grown tremendously, he says. Rapid growth is going to cause most of the

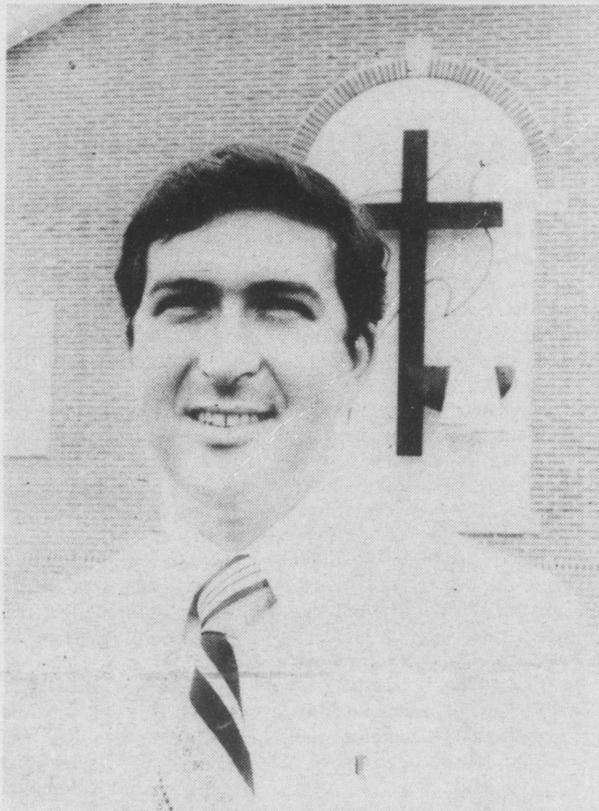
problems that future council members will have to face, he thinks. With a sad smile, Omar Groff says, "They will have my sympathy when I read about their problems in the newspaper."

For example, with rapid growth, the police force will have to be expanded. Mr. Groff favored a regional police force, but that does not seem to be a probability. Policing already accounts for one-quarter of the borough's budget, and it will probably account for an even larger share in the future, as the borough continues to grow.

Other problems coming with continued growth will be storm water run-off and deteriorating houses in blight areas.

A perennial and continuing problem that is peculiar to Mount Joy, is the presence of the deteriorating railroad bridges. "Something, eventually has to be done about them," says Mr. Groff. They cost us

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Rev. Dale H. Engle

## Rev. Dale Engle sees Cross Roads Church on verge of growth

The Rev. Dale H. Engle, pastor at the Crossroads Brethren in Christ Church, Mount Joy, is not to be confused with the Rev. Dale W. Engle, associate pastor of the Manor Brethren in Christ Church. There are lots of Engles in the Brethren in Christ Church; it was founded in the late 1700's by Jacob Engle along the Conoy Creek near Stacktown.

Rev. Engle, raised in Hershey, has many roots in the Crossroads Church. His grandfather, Christian Hershey, attended Cross Roads. "I can claim five generations of relatives who attended this church," says Rev. Engle.

Rev. Engle attended Hershey High School. Rev. Robert Kettering of Florin Church of the Brethren also attended Hershey High at the same time, and was one of the first people to welcome Rev. Engle to Mount Joy.

After high school, Rev. Engle went to Messiah College. There he majored in religion and was active in student government, music, singing, church camps,

basketball and soccer.

Although the church was always an important part of his life he did not definitely decide to become a minister until he was travelling with a singing chorus from Messiah that performed at summer camps for youth. He was with the chorus at a summer camp in Canada and was listening to the Rev. Roy Sider speaking. Rev. Sider was then a bishop in Canada. He is now an administrator for foreign missions office in Elizabethtown. While listening to Rev. Sider, Dale Engle made his commitment to serve Christ as a minister.

After college he took a year off from education; he wasn't sure which type of ministry he wanted to enter. He took a part-time position as student pastor at the church in Chambersburg. "That experience helped me formulate in my mind whether being a pastor was right for me."

He then studied for three years at the Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky, and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree.

## Residents of Parkside organize to circulate petitions, collect facts, get ready for Laing

The residents of Parkside, which adjoins the proposed new apartments for low income families, have organized themselves to oppose the building of the Creekside apartments.

Members of the Parkside Homeowners Association are busy collecting signatures of people all over Mount Joy who are opposed to building the apartments. More than 1000 names have already been collected.

The organization is also collecting all relevant facts to present at the next meeting of the Mount Joy Planning Commission, when Laing Properties may also appear in behalf of the project. Douglas Richards, president of the Parkside organization, told the Susquehanna Times that "from this time forward, the association will present only factual and noninflammatory information, showing why the Creekside project is not only not

needed, but is an unconscionable waste of taxpayers' money, not just taxpayers here but all U.S. taxpayers.

Mr. Richards says that the case the association will present will be comprehensive and definitive.

Charges made by some people favoring Creekside—that Parkside residents are guilty of racial prejudice toward potential residents of Creekside—are absolutely groundless, Richards stated emphatically.

He, himself, is part Cherokee Indian and has suffered from prejudice against Indians. Another resident of Parkside is part Seminole Indian. Other residents are Hispanic and mixed white and black. Another family is Egyptian. Richards says that anyone trying to prove that Parkside people are racially prejudiced has an impossible task on his hands.

## People United for the Arts to meet Sept. 10

People United for the Arts will hold its first meeting of the 1979-80 school year on Monday, September 10, 1979, at 7:30p.m. in the library at Donegal High School. All members and people who are interested in promoting the arts at Donegal High School are invited to attend. The

officers and directors for 1979-80 are as follows: President-Betty Hershey; Vice President-Margaret Landis; Secretary-Beverly Johnson; Treasurer-Lois Witman; Directors: Gail Hawthorne, LaVon Harnish, Dorothy Zeller and Warren Foley.

## Storyhour Sept. 11

The storyhour offered by the Mount Joy Library will resume its program on Tuesday, September 11, 1979.

Doors of the library will open at 9:30a.m.—although the actual storyhour telling time does not begin until 9:45a.m.

All pre-school children in Mount Joy, between the ages of three and five years of age, are invited to participate in the program.

The library storytellers are Mrs. Kathy Bower, Mrs. June Honicker, Mrs. Anita Brenner and Mrs. Dorothy Heilig.