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Omar Groff

Omar Groff (cont.)

[continued from front page] a lot of money." Engineering studies of the bridges are required by PUC, which we have to pay for, also legal studies. "Engineering and legal costs have skyrocketed," he says.

Mr. Groff's greatest satisfactions while being a public servant have come from providing recreational facilities for young people. Most recently, he has been pleased to derive \$10,000 from the Community Development Funds to build the new park in Westview, where so much development has occurred.

Earlier, he was pleased to get \$20,000 to complete the Mount Joy Borough Park.

An avid fan of local sports, Mr. Groff attends all the ball games in the park, as well as the Donegal school athletic events. As a student at Mount Joy High School, Mr. Groff played basketball. He does not watch athletic events on TV; he is strictly a fan for local athletic events in which local young people can participate.

He realizes that the federal government has been instrumental in providing many improvements in the community, including the parks. The largest federal contributions to improvements in Mount Joy have been for storm sewers, which, of course, the borough needed very much. He believes that the Creekside apartments being proposed with the backing of the federal government are the federal government's way of asking Mount Joy to repay the government for all it has done for the borough. "My feeling is that something for nothing is always paid for in the long run. Now they are asking us to pay for what they have given us." Charles Patterson, head of redevelopment in Lancaster County, has strongly implied that funding for community development in Mount Joy will be cut off, if the residents of the borough will not permit the building of Creekside for low income families.

Mr. Groff has always been active in county-wide

associations of municipal officials. He believes that his participation in these associations has been very helpful to him as a local official. Other boroughs have problems similar to Mount Joy's. Ideas are exchanged between officials on how to cope with problems. For example, Manheim, like Mount Joy has had a flood problem. Moreover, there are good speakers, often from the state government, at the association meetings, from whom local officials can learn.

Personally, Mr. Groff is opposed to rent subsidies. He thinks that the rents proposed for Creekside and the profits that will be made from the subsidized rents are too high.

As a borough councilman, Mr. Groff always made of point of personally checking out any complaint he received from a resident, "Maybe I couldn't do anything about it, but at least I tried to show some concern for people's problems. Public relations is the key to being a good councilman," he says.

As a Mount Joy resident told *The Susquehanna Times*, "We're going to miss Omar."

Kathryn J. Condon to wed Jeffrey Waser

Mr. and Mrs. David Lynn Condon, of 512 Martin Ave., Mount Joy, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Kathryn J. Condon, to Jeffrey L. Waser.

The bride-to-be is a senior at Donegal High School. She

is employed by Stehman's IGA.

Mr. Waser is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Waser, 1033 S. Spruce St., Elizabethtown. He is a graduate of Elizabethtown High School, and is employed by Hershey Medical Center.



Dr. Kaku to speak at meeting

Dr. Michio Kaku, professor of nuclear physics at City College of New York, will speak on the history of fatal accidents and partial meltdowns in the nuclear power industry, on Tuesday, September 11, at 8PM in Hensel Hall, Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster.

Dr. Kaku will appear as a guest of Susquehanna Valley Alliance. He is currently writing a book on nuclear power. The program will be accompanied by a slide presentation.

Births

FORTIER, Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Sharon Walter), 216 Springfield Gardens, Mount Joy, a son at General Hospital.

KEENER, Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Cathleen Miller), 133 S. Market St., Mount Joy, a son at St. Joseph Hospital.

VOYTEK, Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Donna Pletcher), 225 S. Market St., Mount Joy, a son at General Hospital.

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