

## Messiah College Alumni Club of Lancaster County picnics in Sico Park Thursday



The Messiah College Alumni Club of Lancaster County is shown picnicing in Sico Park last Thursday evening. Dr. D. Ray Hostetter, College President [seated in left foreground], spoke to the group.

## Rev. Dale Engle sees Cross Roads Church on verge of growth; people reach out to others

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Two months before graduating from Asbury he met his wife-to-be, Mona Simpson, a nurse.

On leaving the seminary he became associate pastor at a church in Mesa, Ariz. His work there was mainly with youth and in music. Music has always been an important part of Rev. Engle's life. In addition to singing, he plays the piano, string bass, and trumpet.

The following year, he

and Mona Simpson were married, and she came to Arizona with him. The Engles now have a daughter, Beth, 13 months.

After another year in Arizona, the Engles came to Mount Joy in the summer of 1977. Rev. Engle became associate pastor at the Cross Roads Church.

Last year, the previous pastor, Rev. Allen Dourte, gave up his position and Rev. Engle became pastor.

Rev. Engle did not know how he would like being pastor. He had enjoyed being an associate pastor and using his special talents. He did not know whether he could become a jack of all trades.

Nevertheless, because his congregation has been very helpful and has given him freedom to specialize, the experience has been worthwhile. "Some churches expect their pastor to excel at everything," he says. "This congregation has been very free. Some lay people have helped in areas where I am not so strong, for example in education."

Rev. Engle says, "This church seems to be on its growing edge. It is on the verge of seeing a lot of good things happen to it, a lot of exciting things. I am excited by how many people attend our meetings on Wednesday nights during the school year. We have from 140 to 150 children here on Wednesday evenings, as many as for our Sunday services.

"There is a nursery for the very young. There is the Good News Club for children age 4 to the 1st grade. There are the Pioneer Girls, grade 2 to high school, and the Boys Brigade for the same age group.

"There are various kinds of instruction, Bible study. There is recreation. There is also training in common ordinary things like baking and construction, crafts, skill development.

"We have an achievement program that enables people to work at their own pace.

"Skill development has spiritual applications."

Rev. Engle says the growth of the church is "not so much numerical as in other ways." People are going out into communities, into inner cities and doing short-term, voluntary services for people who need them.

"In this way," says Rev. Engle, "We demonstrate where we come from and what we stand for.

"We try to bring in people their different gifts and talents, which are sometimes hidden for years. We stress an active laity, personal evangelism that reaches out to people.

"Being a Christian is a seven-day-a-week job." Christians live their religion in their communities, with their friends and neighbors.

With an Anabaptist tradition, the Brethren in Christ are "different but not odd," says Rev. Engle. They strive to "live as committed Christians in the 20th century," and in doing so "communicate effectively with community groups."

Being a committed Christian and still being a member of a community in the 20th century creates a certain "tension," of course.

"It's always toughest to be in the middle, drawn both ways," says Rev. Engle. "That tension is good for us. It is that tension that causes us to grow."

## Little People's Co-op to open September 10

The Little People's Co-operative Nursery School is about to begin its 7th year of operation. Classes will begin September 10th. The school operates 9:30-12 noon, 5 days a week, providing classes for 3 and 4 year olds.

Little People's is a co-op nursery school which means a parent participates by providing a few days during the school year as a "helping parent." This time is spent having fun, observing their child interacting with his peers, and helping the teachers with tasks related to the educational experience.

Little People's employs two qualified teachers per

class. The nursery school offers a variety of educational activities in both structured and unstructured settings to help a child grow to his potential. Included as part of the educational experience are trips to provide opportunities for the children to see their community in action.

Little People's Co-op Nursery School admits students of any race, color, national, or ethnic origin, and does NOT discriminate in admission policies or in any of its programs. The school is not religiously affiliated, although it enjoys the facilities made available in the Florin Church of the Brethren.

## Mount Joy High School Class of 1928 reunion

The Mount Joy High School graduating class of 1928 held their fifty-first year class reunion on Saturday August 25th at the Joe Wolgemuth Park on Longenecker Rd., south of Mount Joy. Twelve of the remaining nineteen members were present for the occasion, which was climaxed with a scrumptious chicken barbeque, complete with baked beans, relish dish, salads, fruit dishes, dessert, & punch. The feast was arranged by the committee of Mrs. Mrya Finkbner, Miss Suie Snyder and Mrs. Joseph Wolgemuth Sr., with the help of her son Joe Jr. who did the barbecue, and supplied the facilities.

The members present were: Jay S. Barnhart (president), Miller M. Hess, (secretary), Ethel Moore Broske (treasurer), Dora Kraybill Wittle (v. pres.), Rhoda Engle Kaylor, Anna Garber Hollinger, Edna

Charles Hostetter, Nora Strickler Eby, Mary Dufferer Myers, Suie Snyder, Edna Strickler Wolgemuth, Alma Engle.

The guests were Mrs. Jay Barnhart, Mrs. Miller Hess, George Broske, John Wittle, Marlin Kaylor, Clarence Hollinger, Clarence Hostetter, Charles Eby, and Marian Engle.

Plans were made to have a fifty-second reunion August 23, 1980 with the committee appointed to take care of the program, consisting of Miller Hess, Anna Hollinger and Ethel Broske.

The remaining seven class members who were unable to attend are Mrs. Florence Arndt Hess, Mrs. Lillian Good Gable, Mrs. Anna Hinkle Ierely, Mrs. Myra Herr Finkbner, Mrs. Elverta Buller Kissinger, Mrs. Bertha Royer Brooks, and Mrs. Hazel Kaylor Waser.

## Obituaries

### RAY M. CARACHER

Ray M. Caracher, 81, of 257 W. Market St., Marietta, died at his home last week, following a long illness.

He was born in Marietta, a son of the late James C. and Sarah Buchanan

Caracher. He was a retired lithograph operator. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Marietta.

He is survived by a brother, James S. Caracher, of Marietta.

### MRS. PAUL WILLY

Mrs. Sabina C. Willy, 77, of Marietta, died last week after a long illness.

She was the widow of Paul H. Willy, who died in 1970.

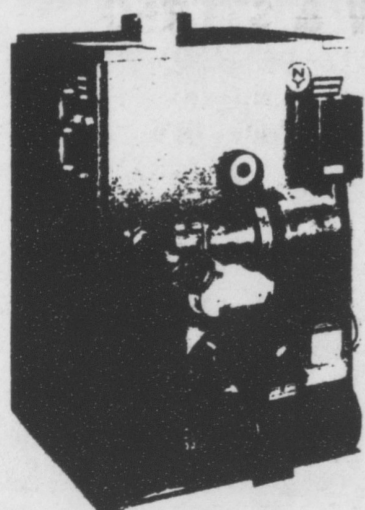
She was born in Lykens, the daughter of the late Harry M. and Agnes E. Faust Walde.

She was a member of the Assumption BVM Catholic

Church of Mount Joy.

She is survived by four sisters and one brother: Mary Neagle, Frey Village Nursing Home, Middletown; Anna Walde, of Reading; Catherine Hirsch, Lykens; Theresa, wife of Richard Ertel, South Temple; and Adam Walde of Waynesboro.

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