

## ...PennDOT (cont'd)

[continued from front page] PennDOT said that Mount Joy and Rapho Township could work out between them how to divide up the 10 per cent between them.

### Disabled women press for wheelchair ramps on Mount Joy curbs

Phyllis Charles and Lorraine Meashey attended the meeting of Mount Joy Borough Council Monday night in their wheel chairs, carrying on their campaign to have ramps built into curbs at corners in Mount Joy. The ramps are necessary for disabled people getting about in wheel chairs.

The two women had presented petitions for ramps, which they had circulated, to Council last

month. They said, "We don't want this tossed aside."

They asked specifically that all new curbs being constructed have ramps.

They pointed out that Lancaster and Elizabethtown are installing ramps.

They said they are investigating Federal funding for ramps in Mount Joy.

"We challenge borough council," said Phyllis, "to spend one afternoon in wheelchairs, to see how inconvenient this can be."

### Mount Joy socks PennDOT with weed ordinance violation

Mount Joy Borough council Monday night voted to contact PennDOT regarding weed ordinance violation on Angle Street.

They also voted to write Rep. Brandt and Senator Manbeck, to urge their support of Senate Bill 10, which would share 20% of the gasoline tax revenues with local municipalities.

Contracts were awarded to Bob Smith to build a pavillion, basketball court, volleyball court, and a walkway in the Borough Park.

The contract for number 2 fuel oil was awarded to Newcomer Oil of Elizabethtown.



The block party just before it rained.

### The Garfield Road Block Party has got to be the longest block party in the world, 2 1/2 miles

by Lorna Simmons Nolt

It's got to be the longest block party in the world.

It's authentic, all right, with all two-and-one-half miles present and accounted for. To be fair, the boundaries are stretched.... well, just a little....to include a house or farm just outside the confines of a Garfield Road address.

The Garfield Road Block Party it is. And it happens every Labor Day Weekend at one farm or house or another along the way, depending on which way the wind blows.

Cheryl (Mrs. Vincent) Newcomer, of Garfield Road, Mount Joy, explains how it all got started five years ago:

"We had just moved in," Cheryl says, "and I didn't know too many people, so I decided to call a few of my closest neighbors and see if we could get some people together."

Get some people together she did, and on the Sunday before Labor Day 60 people or so gathered at the James Newcomer farm on Garfield Road (where else?) for the

Fifth Annual Garfield Road Block Party in the Newcomer pasture. Even a few raindrops didn't spoil the fun for long—some ran for shelter, but the younger ones just scurried under a big farm wagon and waited it out.

"This is the only date we keep open all year," says effervescent and energetic Mrs. Henry Engle. "We have all kinds of people who come. The oldest must be 86 and the youngest just a toddler!"

The Joe Wolgemuths were there. And the Clarence Hostetters and Clayton Martins and Mike Herrs and John Groffs and the Clifford and Ralph Waltzes.

And so many Newcomers that even they got mixed up trying to explain. Let's see—there's Vincent and Stanley and Anna and Paul and Jay and Preston and James and Robert and Jim and Walter. Not to mention assorted wives and kids....

Most are farmers, some raise chickens, some are in business for themselves or

others. All like each other and the fun of the last Sunday picnic of summer.

There were some distinguished guests too. Mrs. Helen B. Krebs, mother of famous local artist S. Warren Krebs, who is now living on Nantucket Island of the coast of Massachusetts. Warren painted the old Garfield schoolhouse on the Engle farm (his mother's cousin) while he was a student at Franklin and Marshall College. He went on to become the director of fine arts at the well-known Westtown School outside of Philadelphia.

And Karl Haines, Mount Joy historian, who had just gotten back from the Nissley homestead in Switzerland, where he traced the Nissley roots back to the 1500's.

And a newcomer to the group who has more than earned his right to be present and accounted for—20 year-old John Margareta. This young Rumanian escaped in September of 1978 from his native country by jumping from a cliff and swimming for four hours

across the river dividing his country from Yugoslavia. Five young men started the swim and only four completed it. John's friend was shot and killed by a patrolling boat. John Margareta is living with the Joe Wolgemuths and is sponsored by the Florin Church of the Brethren. He works for contractor Jake Habecker and studies English at Elizabethtown College. His parents, a brother (who is a doctor), and an 18 year-old sister are still in Rumania. He writes and hears from them often.

Although his English is halting, John Margareta's face breaks into a huge smile when asked if he likes America. "Yes," he says firmly. "I do."

A good way to meet your friends and spend a Sunday afternoon eating all that yummy Lancaster County food? Whip up one hot and one cold dish and call together the neighbors for a block party.

Betcha can't put together a longer one than Garfield Road does....

### Mount Joy American Business Women's Association meets, hears Grover C. Gouker, Jr.

The Mount Joy Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association held its monthly dinner meeting Tuesday, August 28th, at the Lincoln Restaurant in Mount Joy. The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Grover C. Gouker, Jr., a nationally known public speaker. Mr. Gouker's topic was based on

the Dale Carnegie Course, at which he presently is an instructor and area manager. He is a former Vice President of the United States Jaycees and has achieved many honors and awards. The Sertoma Freedom and Service to Mankind Award are just two awards for which Mr. Gouker has received.

Mrs. Jean A. Fullerton who is employed by Armstrong Cork Co. was the vocational speaker. Jean is a mechanical engineer presently working at Central Engineering. Jean is also the Chapter's Program Chairman.

On September 25th, the Mount Joy Charter Chapter will hold its meeting at the

Mount Joy Boro Office, 21 East Main St. A "Fall Enrollment Event" will be presented during this meeting, which will start approximately at 6:30. Snacks, hot and cold hors d'oeuvre's along with punch and coffee will be provided.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact Darlene Halterman at 653-4951.



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