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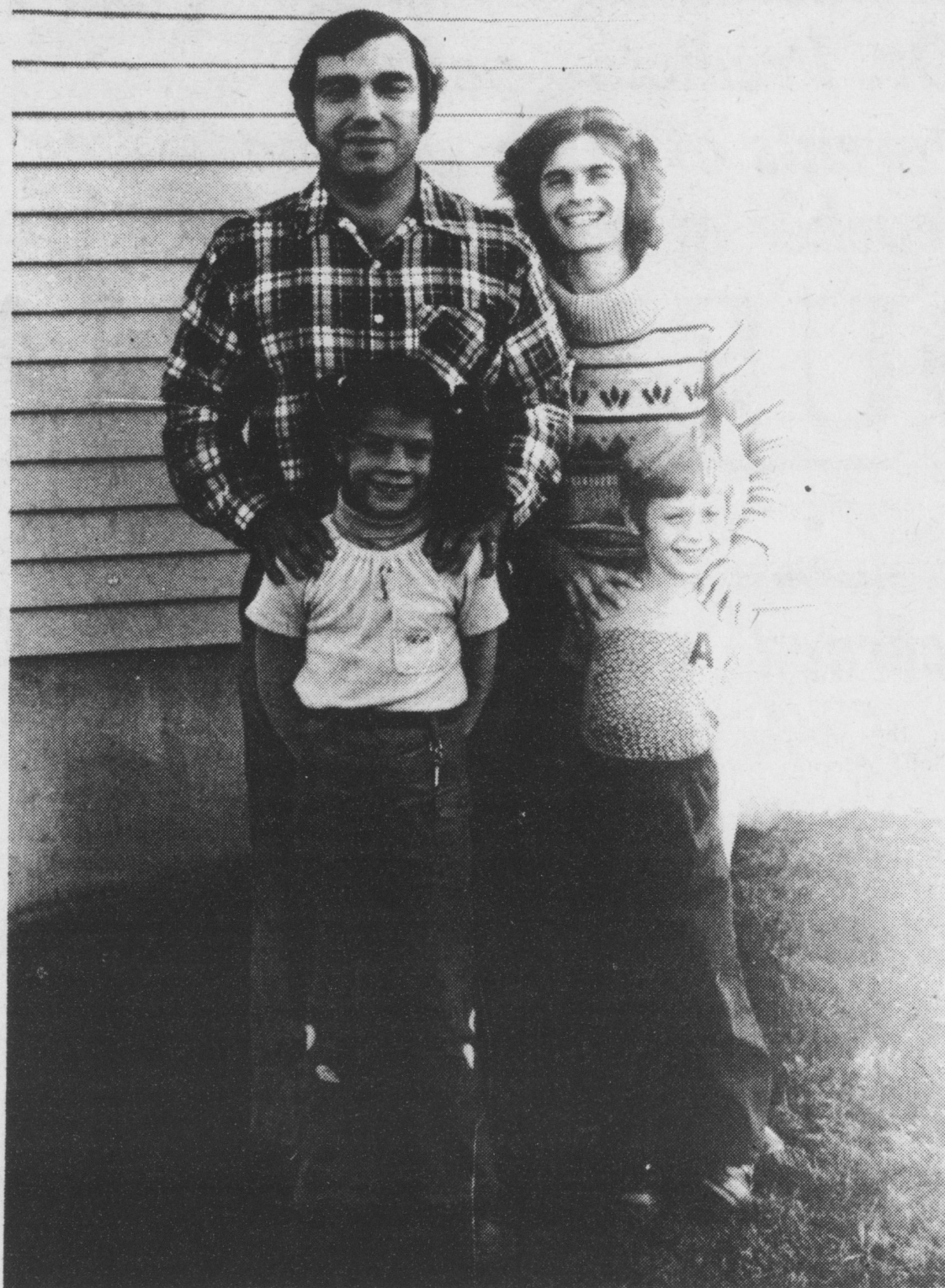
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John and Barbara Titus with Alyssa and Andy

Parents of the Week John and Barbara Titus

John and Barbara Titus, R.D. 1, Mount Joy, don't always agree on specifics in bringing up their two children: Alyssa, 7, and Andy, 5. John says, "Barbara is a little more lenient than I am. She gives in to them more than I do."

But Alyssa comments, "On some occasions." Alyssa thinks her father is more permissive on some things, her mother on other things.

Barbara Titus says, "I believe in enjoying my children. We work for and with them. You'll only have

your children once. You should treasure every moment with them. We try to include them in everything we do."

Last Friday night John took Alyssa to the Donegal vs. Lampeter-Strasburg football game. Andy wasn't feeling well so he stayed home with his mother. But usually the whole family does things as a unit.

They even read the newspaper together. Andy, who can't read yet, looks at the paper and tells them stories about it that he

makes up.

The children help Barbara clean the house and cook. Andy has a toy saw and goes outside and works with his father. Alyssa sews with her mother.

Of course, the Tituses recognize that as the children get older they do more things without the rest of the family. Alyssa already is into many activities on her own: gymnastics, Brownies, and the Odyssey Club at the "Y," in which she learns crafts and swimming.

Andy goes once a week to

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the Lancaster Country Day School, where he learns stories and customs of other countries. He learned, for example that fortune cookies come from China and bananas from Africa.

The Tituses are very interested in their children's schooling. Both John and Barbara are teachers, although for the first time this year Barbara is not teaching. John teaches at the Swift Middle School in southern Lancaster County. In addition to teaching math, he also coaches wrestling.

Barbara says about her training as a teacher, "Sometimes you try to do things that work in theory. To a degree, I try theories that I read about. I consider them, at least. Take the good old theory of positive reinforcement. You should never say 'no' to your children. Try as I may, there are times when I have to say 'no.' It works for a while, but it's not 100 per cent foolproof. You have to say 'no' sometimes.

"Teaching has made me more aware of our children's needs in school. We work a lot with our children on their schoolwork.

"And we're aware of emotional stress that can be caused by school and try to help our children avoid traps they might fall into."

The Tituses have family conferences every night at the dinner table. "It's like 20 questions," says John, "when I come home and ask them about their day."

Dinner and after dinner is a time for instruction too in such important topics as not accepting rides with strangers, and other practical advice on living.

Barbara says, "We have to accept them as individuals. They're not alike."

In the summer especially the Tituses take their children on frequent trips to the beach, to zoos, to Williamsburg, the Strasburg Railroad, etc.

They like to eat in different kinds of restaurants and sample many varieties of food.

They attend Assumption B.V.M. Catholic Church in Mount Joy, where John is a member of the church council.

John is also president of the Seiler Home and School Association. The purpose of the group is to promote communication between parents, teachers and the school administration. The association also raises money for school activities.

Instead of having children peddling ware from door-to-door, "begging," the association is planning a big carnival in May to raise money.

The association sponsors a "Peanut Theater," showing kids four or five movies. It helps to pay for books and participates in the Campbell Soup RIF program.

The Tituses are involved parents. Barbara is a school mother. She says, "We treasure the minutes we have with our children."

Friendship Fire Company (cont.)

[Continued from front page] office. In 1894 the original portion of the present fire hall was built on Market Street. The rear of the present station was added in the early 1940's. In the early 1950's two sidebays were added, to house a large pumper and ambulance.

Although the old station is no longer adequate to house the fire company, Fackler said, "We hate to give up the bell tower."

The new station, Fackler

said, was planned "to serve another 100 years." It will house the apparatus, engines, workshop, social room, kitchen, administrative offices, training room, and dormitory room. Fackler said the time might come when the company would have to maintain 24-hour service.

Participating in the ceremony were, besides Madara and Fackler: Chief Frank Good, Mayor James Gingrich, architect Robert Bishop, James Drohan, chair-

man of fund raising committee, Daniel Swearingen, on-site foreman for Wohlsen Construction Company, and Father Victor Maksimowicz, pastor of Assumption B.V.M. Catholic Church, which previously occupied the site of the new station. Father Maksimowicz, offered a prayer as part of the ceremonies.

All the principal people participating in the ceremony, turned a shovel of the soil on the site at New Haven and David Streets.