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Mariettans, outraged by loiterers' violence, demand police protection

Last Tuesday night about 60 residents of downtown Marietta attended the Marietta Borough Council meeting to complain about groups of young people habitually loitering in the first block of West Market Street. The residents complained that the loitering youths engaged in street brawls late at night, that they congregate on private property, that property has been damaged, and that residents are intimidated by the loiterers.

Angry residents complained that the problem has been a growing one for more than a year, and that Marietta police responded tardily—or not at all—to telephone requests for police intervention during incidents.

Council member David L. White, who is a property owner and resident in the downtown area, verified the complaints and asked that Council provide more police protection for the affected area.

Council listened to a barrage of complaints: a shopkeeper, who said the loiterers discourage his customers; a mother, who said midnight street fights waken her baby; a man who said he cannot get out of his front door without stepping over teen-agers sitting on his stoop; a teen-ager demanding police protection against other youths. Other complaints involved the use of foul language, drugs and alcohol.

In response, Council approved 24-hour police

patrols, and foot patrols of the downtown business district. Marietta Mayor J. Robert Flanagan announced that he will ask for higher fines when offenders are taken before the District Justice. Flanagan also announced that he would hold a "meet the mayor" session in council chambers on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. He appointed also a five-member committee, to meet on Sunday, to study the problem of the disorderly youth groups and to consider possible changes in borough ordinances covering curfew and loitering. The committee includes: Patrick Kenney Jr., who suggested its formation; Ken Ross; Jacqueline Madsen; Rosemary Patterson, and Deb Zeisloft.

Citizens voice ideas on how to cope with street gangs, make town safe

Downtown Marietta residents report that police patrols have been more in evidence in the week since the council meeting. Despite

this, there have been several street brawls and reports of slow police response to calls for help from harrassed residents.

Robert Spangler, a downtown merchant, thinks an early curfew, 9 p.m., might help to solve the problems created by the loitering youths. Spangler would propose the curfew on a temporary basis, "just until Halloween; then cold weather will tend to break up the street gangs." Spangler feels that television causes some of the problems. "Even though I sell TV sets," he said, "I think people—both kids and their parents—spend too much time watching TV. The parents are too glued to the TV to keep an eye on what their children are doing. And the kids watch a lot of terrible TV programs and never use their minds or spend any time doing anything creative or useful. There is no home life anymore, in lots of families. And TV has helped to create that situation."

Patrick Kenney, Jr., appointed to the committee to study the problems with youthful loiterers, said that he believes the problem cannot be solved by the police alone. "This is not only Marietta's problem," said Kenney, "it is a nationwide problem." Kenney said that he believes the mayor's committee should [continued on page 11]

5 new building permits issued in East Donegal

The East Donegal Supervisors amended plans for the new Farmers First Bank branch at their last meeting. The new office will be located along Rte. 441 outside Marietta. A deceleration lane will be added to the western approach.

Five building permits were issued last month. The old township storage shed was sold to Mr. and Mrs. William Gilbert for \$10,180.

The supervisors designated Oct. 30 as Trick or Treat night. Official hours will be 6:00 to 9:00.

Several roads were accepted in East Park Development, Country Village, and Vista Heights. They will be placed on the township map.

The voting place for Maytown has been changed. It will henceforth be in the

municipal building. This November's elections will be held at the new site.

It was announced that firemen and ambulance personnel will tour Wyeth Labs on Oct. 29th, to prepare for emergencies there. Both Marietta and East Donegal/Maytown units will tour the plant.

Stickers bearing the new emergency phone number, 911, will be distributed by the fire company and ambulance crew, it was announced.

The East Donegal Jaycees will plant four maple trees in the park on Saturday.

The recently-completed kitchen at Rock Point Park needs an electric stove, a freezer, and a sink. Contributions will be welcomed.

The PennDOT snow removal schedules were accepted by the supervisors.



The Hartzler family: back row, Alex and Kim; front row, Matt, Dr. Hartzler, Mrs. Hartzler and Claudia

Parents of Week Jeff and Gwen Hartzler

When Jeff and Gwen Hartzler bought their farm on Union School Road near Mount Joy in 1972, they were thinking mainly about their children. They believe that a farm is an ideal place to rear children. "It's a good place to grow up," says Dr. Hartzler, who is professor of mathematics at Penn State, Capitol Campus, and who is also a member of the Donegal School Board. "A farm provides lots of space—and it provides responsibilities."

At this point Dr. Hartzler had the children state their various responsibilities.

Alex, who is 11, is in charge of mowing the grass and weeding 150 stalks of strawberries. Every Thursday he cleans his room.

Kim, 8, cleans not only her own room but brother Matt's (age 6) also. Like Alex she raises strawberries for 4-H. She sells them to the Mount Joy Rotarians and other customers who come to the Hartzler farm. The children may keep their income from strawberries.

Matt, 6, helps his father take out the trash, rake the lawn, or empty wastebas-

kets. He also helps his father take care of 800 pigs.

Claudia, age 2, doesn't have too many responsibilities as yet.

Since the older children earn a good bit of their spending money they do not have to be given many gifts. The Hartzlers believe that gifts should be appropriate for the child's age. They also feel that the children should not be over-indulged. "We believe it is more important to give them time than things," says Dr. Hartzler.

Family vacations are centered about the children. The Hartzlers have made two winter trips to Florida where they visited Disneyworld and where they collect seashells. Each child has a large collection of seashells in his or her room.

The family half-acre of asparagus is a project for all. They all help to plant, weed, and harvest it. The children decide where to spend the money they make from their produce. They usually decide to spend it on their vacations. They also decide where to go on vacations.

Friday night is family night at the Hartzlers. The parents don't schedule any meetings for that night. They might go out to eat or to a fair.

Sunday is the favorite day of the Hartzlers. After church, they play.

Kim has a horse, "Little Bits." She has been taking riding lessons and takes her horse out to eat grass.

Matt has two cats, and Claudia has two kittens. In addition to her horse, Kim has a cat, Fluffy. Alex has a dog.

Favorite games at the Hartzlers are football and softball. Indoors they like Monopoly, Dutch Blitz, and air hockey.

Alex is learning to play tennis.

When it comes to helping with schoolwork, Gwen a former schoolteacher, assumes most of that responsibility.

Mrs. Hartzler believes that each child is different and has to be treated as an individual.

The church is also an important part of the [continued on page 2]