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Santa Arrives!!!!

The Christmas season will officially begin in Mount Joy this Saturday when Santa arrives—via horse and carriage. Santa Claus will leave the Keystone Diner at 9:30am and will arrive at the community Christmas tree at 10. The tree is located at the triangle at Main St. and Marietta Ave.

Santa will be escorted by Evelyn and Joe Russell, who are providing the horse and carriage. At the Christmas tree Santa will be met by carolers and escorted to his hut in front of Hostetter's Hardware.

The Mount Joy Merchants Association is spon-

soring an "Old Fashioned Christmas". They invite you to come out and share in their old fashioned fun.

There will be caroling every weekday evening from 7 to 8 pm, beginning December 10th and running through the 21st.

The Merchants are also sponsoring a Turkey drawing, giving away thirty turkeys to lucky shoppers. All you need do is register at any participating merchant. The drawing for the turkeys will be December 22nd.

The Mount Joy Merchants invite one and all to share in their "old fashioned Christmas".

Marietta Candlelight Tour a success: Ross

Last Sunday's Christmas by Candlelight Tour was termed a success by Marietta Restoration Associates president Ken Ross. "We do not have an exact count as of right now," Ross told us, "but we know that more than 1200 people went on the tour." This number was greater than last year's.

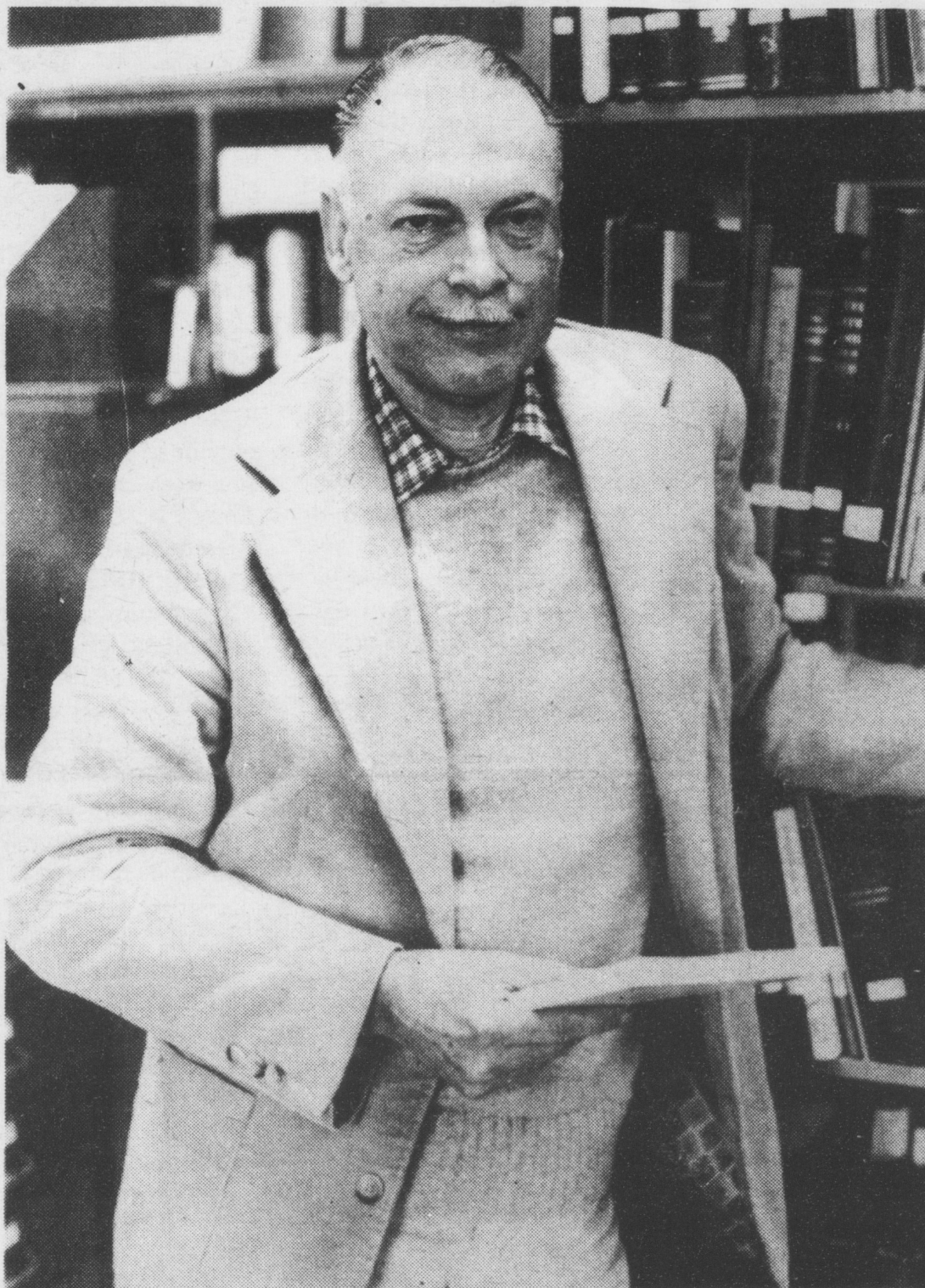
Included in the 1200 who went on the tour, were 92 visitors from Washington DC. "Each year for the past several years, we get a group sponsored by Smithsonian Associates. This is the first time, however, that they needed two buses to make the trip."

Ross overheard one women remark that while she

had been on quite a few tours "Marietta is definitely the best." "We agree," said Ross.

Ken's wife Linda added that she was "glad the Tour was not extremely commercial; but more creative."

The Christmas Tour is the major money-making event for the Associates, but this is not the only reason for the tour. "We want to make people aware of the buildings and the possibilities in this town. We are also glad to see the people of the community take such pride in their town. Many people who did not have buildings in the tour decorated for the occasion. It was an effort put forth by the entire community."



John Loose

Teacher of the Week John W. W. Loose

It is to be expected that a historian would trace his roots back as far as he can. John Ward Willson Loose, head of social studies at Donegal High School, traces his ancestry back on his father's side to 1751, and on his mother's side to 1636 in this country.

The Looses, a Pennsylvania German family with more than its share of Reformed preachers, originally settled in Loosthal (German for "Loose's Valley") in Berks County. Mr. Loose's father was born and raised in Schaefferstown.

Mr. Loose's mother's first ancestor to come to this

country was Henry Willson, who left Dallowgill in Yorkshire after a difference with the established church and settled in Dedham, Mass. Henry Willson's grandson, Guild Willson married Ruth Ann Ward a daughter of John Ward, whose family was prominent politically in Sudbury, Mass. The son of Guild Willson and Ruth Ann Ward fought in the Massachusetts militia in the Revolution, giving Mr. Loose of Donegal High School one his various qualifications for belonging to the Sons of the Revolution.

A Willson founded the

towns of Hebron, Belcher, and Glen's Falls on Lake George. A Willson who was an iron founder came to Harrisburg and started D.T. Willson Brothers and Company, which made flour milling machinery from 1843 to 1888, when it closed down. When the Willson Company closed down in Harrisburg, Mr. Loose's grandfather, John Ward Willson, III, went to Chester, Pa., where he became superintendant of a plant making steam engines. Willson had one child, Mr. Loose's mother, who was born in Chester.

Mr. Loose's father had

left Schaefferstown to attend West Chester State Teachers' College and then the University of Pennsylvania. He taught mathematics for a while at the University. He was visiting his friend John Fetter of Fetter Hotels in Atlantic City when Miss Willson and some of her friends also happened to be in Atlantic City. Mr. Loose's parents were introduced to each other by hotelman Fetter.

John Ward Willson Loose was born in Manheim, Pa., in 1927. His father was production manager at the Asbestos Company in Manheim.

John W.W. Loose was sickly as a child. He had a number of mastoid operations. For the sake of his health the family moved from damp Manheim on the banks of the Chiques to the more healthy climate of Mountville. In Mountville, John started taking care of his own health (by not bundling up so much); his health took a marked turn for the better. He has not missed five days of school or work since then.

Since there was no high school in Mountville, John either had to go to Columbia or to McCaskey in Lancaster, where his family would have to pay some tuition. The Looses decided that John would go to McCaskey.

About the time that John started high school, his father died. His mother moved to Lancaster and took in college students as roomers to help support the family.

Except for Latin class John's time at McCaskey was happy. But John refused to use a "pony" to translate Caesar's Commentaries, as the other students did, making his oral translations more plodding.

At Millersville State College John began to teach art in the training school when he was still a freshman. He continued to teach art throughout his student years at Millersville, because he had studied art for three years in

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Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 15 at 9:30 a.m.

The Times printed the wrong time and date for the Mount Joy Joyceettes' Breakfast with Santa last week. The article appeared on the front page, lower right.

The correct date is Dec. 15th. Correct time is 9:30am. to 11:30am.

Breakfast with Santa will be held at Hostetter's

Banquet Hall.

Breakfast will consist of juice, bacon and eggs, doughnuts, and coffee or chocolate. Santa will distribute gifts.

Ticket information can be had from Mrs. Robert Stoner at 653-4395, or any other Joyceette.

We apologize for the error.