

## Maytown party Dec. 7

The Maytown Civic Association has scheduled their Christmas party for Friday, Dec. 7th, at 8:00pm, at the

municipal building as usual. Through the local merchants, Santa is providing several special gifts for prizes.

## Susquehanna Mag. has articles on Columbia, Lloyd Mifflin, bridges

Columbia's most famous artist and poet, Lloyd Mifflin, is featured in the lead article in the December issue of **Susquehanna Magazine**. The cover displays a detail, in color, of one of Mifflin's paintings of Columbia barns. Mifflin painted the picture around the turn of the century, but the barns are still standing on the outskirts of Columbia and look much the same.

The same issue of **Susquehanna Magazine** includes an article on covered bridges, with much historical information about early covered bridges between Columbia and Wrightsville, and an attempt, in 1812, to build a bridge across the Susquehanna at McCall's Ferry, a few miles down the river from Columbia.

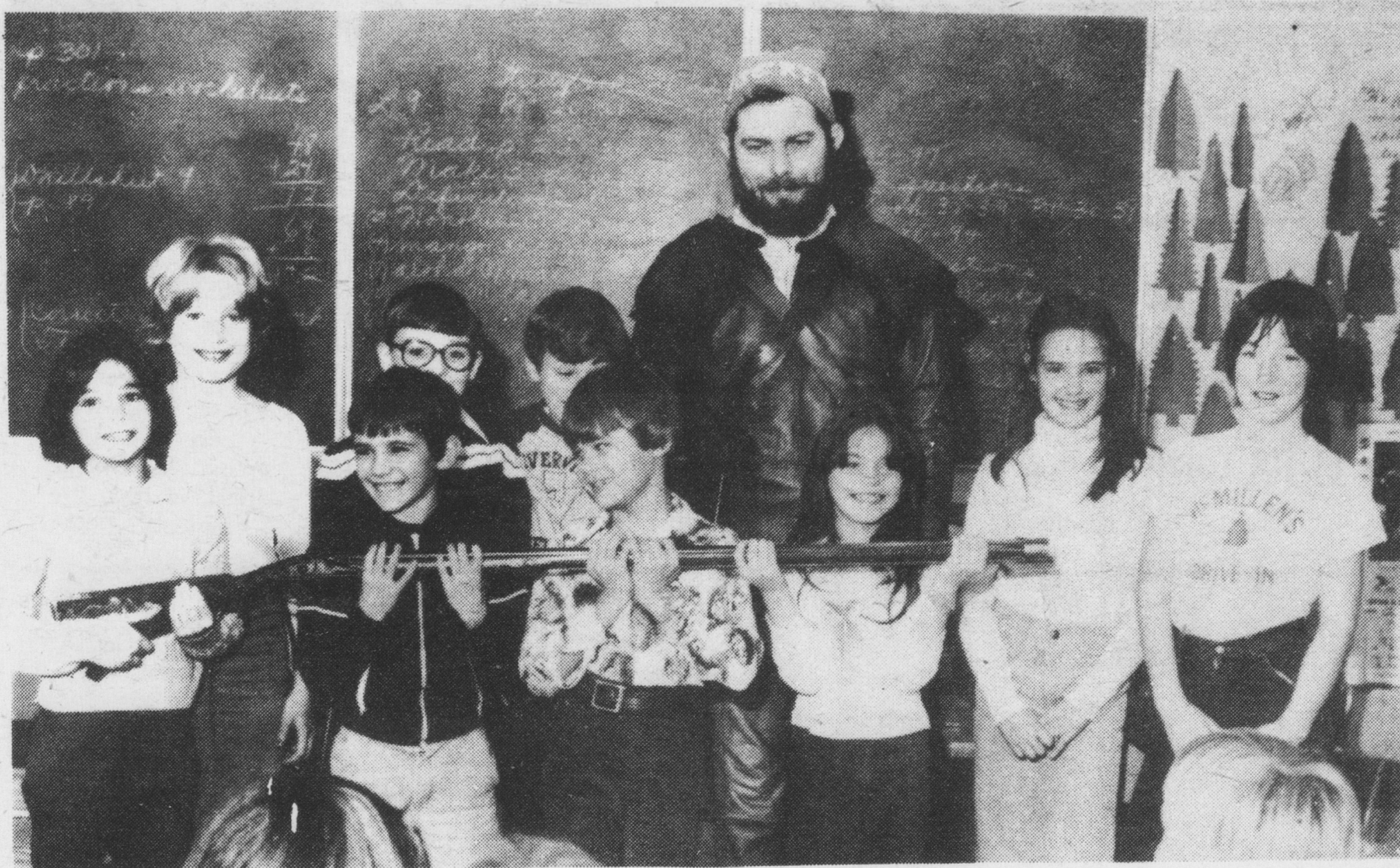
An article also appears on

the Columbia Area Improvement group's authorization of a study aimed at the revitalization of Columbia. The article is entitled, "Columbia the (undiscovered) Gem," and it takes a hard look at Columbia today—and outlines proposals for a rejuvenated Columbia of tomorrow.

The "Calendar" section of December's **Susquehanna Magazine** also includes a lengthy, illustrated piece on Columbia's upcoming Candlelight Tour slated for December 16th.

**Susquehanna Magazine** is published monthly in Marietta by Susquehanna Times and Magazine, Inc.

The December issue, featuring the Columbia articles, will be available on most newsstands and magazine displays locally, early in December.



Charles Heistand shows the gun he made to: front row; Rodney Eshleman, Steve Sload, Becky Frazier; and back row; Stacey Miller, Regina Jaco, Chris Sipe, Joe Heistand [Charles' son], Stacey Heiserman and Shana Hiltz.

## Charles Heistand, gunsmith, talks to Riverview students about hunting, trapping, gunsmithing

Charles Heistand, Marietta's master gunsmith, talked to Riverview students recently about hunting, trapping, and gunsmithing. Charles' son, Joe, is a

student at Riverview.

Mr. Heistand came to school wearing deerskin clothing (made by himself) and a blanket coat, and

carrying turkey calls, a flintlock rifle, traps (one more than 200 years old), and his lunch.

He told the kids about hunting in colonial America,

explaining how the pioneers made use of every part of the animals they killed for food, clothing and shelter.

The students enjoyed his visit.



Participants in the Talent Show line up for the first performance

## Riverview P.A.C.T. Talent Show held Thursday singers, dancers, gymnasts show their skills

The Annual Riverview P.A.C.T. Talent Show was held at the school this past Thursday evening. A variety of talents were displayed by students at the school.

The acts included: Kristen Ellsworth and Sheila McKain, doing a Patriotic Melody; Angela Roberts with a floor exercises to the music of **You Light Up My Life**; Lori Barton and Michele Bote, a gymnastics Routine to **You Needed Me**; Scott Nothacker, **From a Wigwam** piano solo; Sherry Noll, gymnastics to **Tonight's the Night**; Lisa Nein and Shelby Raughman, **It's a Small World** vocal duet;

Also, Mike Neal, Melissa Radle, Lisa Radle and Jeff Hiltz doing a disco dance; Corinna Ebersole, a baton routine; Grace Henderson, gymnastics to the **Princess Leia Theme**; Linora Allum and Tracy McKain, **I Believe in Music** vocal duet; Missy Valle with a baton routine; Stacy Nein, **You Light Up My Life** vocal solo;

And, Lori Gross tap dancing; Chris Schriver and Missy Turek, **Erle Canal** vocal duet; Larry Godsey and Richard Funk with a ventriloquist act; and Mr. Nathan Hawkins, piano and song.

The program was made

possible through the efforts of students and teachers, along with Mr. Hayman, Mr. Eyer, Mr. Zimmerman, Mrs. Bowers,

Mrs. Bryant and Mr. Allum. A special thanks went out to Mrs. Antoinette Allum and Mrs. Flavia Ebersole.

## School board agenda

The agenda for the next meeting of the Donegal School Board, to be held on Dec. 6th, at 8:00pm, in the district office building, is as follows:

1. Reorganization for 1980.
2. Personnel matters.
3. Requests for approval for attendance at meetings

by personnel.

4. Trash removal bids to be considered.
5. Building and maintenance matters.

This is the only Board meeting scheduled for December. The next meeting will be held on the third Thursday in January.

## A goose once saved an entire civilization

The goose, not the dog, might be best suited for the title, "Man's Best Friend," according to the National Wildlife Federation.

The goose once saved an entire ancient civilization; helped to settle America; and is just as good as a dog at alerting homeowners to the presence of strangers.

The goose is one of the oldest domesticated birds. Geese were around during the time of ancient Rome, geese saved the Imperial City from barbarians.

In the 2nd century, according to legend, the Gauls were sweeping south toward Rome. Finally only a single Roman garrison was left in their path, on Capitoline Hill in Rome itself.

The crafty Gauls planned a surprise attack. Late at night, they climbed the walls of the Romans' fortress, and thoughtfully brought along food to placate—and silence—the watchdogs. But they forgot about the geese. The birds' honkings alerted the centurions, who routed the barbaric invaders.

Geese also figure in American history. According to **The Gift of Birds**, an anthology of bird lore, most of the pioneers brought geese along on their westward treks. The birds' feathers were used for beds and quilts (the best outdoor equipment is still stuffed

with goose down, nature's best insulation), and they also provided fat which the pioneers rendered into lard, butter, and ointment. Of course, goose eggs and flesh were as tasty then as now.

and the honkings of a still-uneaten goose could warn of Indian, wolf or coyote attack.

In Dumbarton, Scotland, 70 white geese stand guard over 30 million gallons of whiskey, valued at more than \$900 million. This web-footed security force has been found to be more effective than either dogs or human guards. Besides, they don't goof off and drink the stuff.

Geese are widely used for weeding crop fields in this country. A pair of geese can keep one acre clear; each goose equals 1/6 of a full-time human with a hoe, employed in this country.

The goose is a hardy animal, living for up to forty years—and they keep their vigor. A hen is used up for egg-laying at age three; a goose is still laying at ten.

According to **The Gift of Birds**, the goose is a "loyal helper and friend" to man. It tells of the case of a gander who led his aged, blind mistress to church every Sunday, directing her by pulling on the hem of her dress. The goose would clip the grass in the church yard during services, and then guide her home.