

## DEA to play volleyball all day and all night

The Donegal Education Association will hold its annual Volleyball Marathon (24 hours) from 3:00 pm Friday, March 28, until 3:00 pm Saturday, March 29, at the W.I. Beahm Junior High School. Benefits from the event will be applied toward the DEA's Higher Education Scholarship Fund which provides financial assistance for graduating seniors attending any form of higher education. Last year the recipients of the \$500 scholarships were: Dean Bricker, Arlen Mummau, Deb Graham and John Day.

Since 1976 the DEA has awarded \$5,500 in scholarships to deserving Donegal graduates. Money was raised in the first few years through the "Bike Hike for Donegal" and more recently through the marathons. It has been through tremendous community support that every year has been a success.

Walt Price, Marathon chairperson and DEA pres-

ident, attributes this success to the community's belief in the student "doing something" to earn money; the W.I. Beahm students who do the work are certainly doing something by staying awake and playing volleyball for 24 hours. Once they fall asleep, they are finished.

Much credit has to be given to those 7th and 8th grade students who get sponsors to pledge a certain amount of money per hour of their performance. It is an unselfish gesture as no member of their class can benefit from the fund until four or five years later. The students have a good time for a very worthy cause.

The public is invited to visit and share in the fun. Many local merchants have donated merchandise which will serve as prizes for special contests during the marathon. Their names will be posted in the gymnasium. The DEA is hoping for another great year.

## Mount Joy historians identify 62 artifacts

by Helen Barto

"What Is It?" was the theme of this month's meeting of the Mount Joy Historical Society, which convened at the Borough Hall, March 17th. Members brought articles of a by-gone era, which baffled fellow-members who tried to identify the items.

Dick Peiffer, program chairman, arranged the assorted items and each member tried to identify them—much to the delight of everyone present. Sixty-two different items were on display.

Mr. Peiffer gave a resume of the bus trip scheduled for Saturday, April 26. There are still seats available for this trip to Washington, D.C. Non-members are

cordially invited to join the group and can make arrangements by calling O.K. Snyder (653-4441). The tour will include the U.S. Capitol Building, the Octagon House, the Lincoln Memorial and free time at the Smithsonian Institute. The bus will leave from the Union National Bank parking lot at 7:30, April 26.

The society will be manning the food stand at the auction of Mr. Wilt, East Donegal Street, on Saturday, March 29. Mrs. Ginder is in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Heisey appointed the following committee to work on the calendar project for 1981: Ralph Snyder (chairman), Vera Cox, O.K. Snyder and Joseph Shaeffer.

## Restorationists get audio-visual equipment

The Marietta Restoration Associates have purchased a new audio visual system for showing, "Marietta, An Architectural Gallery," and future programs. Associates member Bob Spangler assembled the new equipment, which includes two new Kodak Ektagraphic slide projectors with telephoto lenses, a dissolve unit, and new sound equipment.

This sophisticated new

equipment improves the professional and technical quality of the original show and will enable the group to create more effective shows in the future.

The original program, which runs 17 minutes, is available free of charge to groups and organizations which are interested. Contact Bob Spangler (426-3377) or Ken Ross (426-2258) for further information.



The Marietta Community Chorus

## Marietta Community Chorus to present 'No Greater Love' Sunday, March 30

Back in 1961, a chorus was formed in Marietta, composed mostly of people who sang in local church choirs, glee clubs, etc. The chorus was formulated primarily to sing Christmas and Easter Cantatas and for special events. The response for membership was so great that the initial chorus was composed of about 50 members, which was commendable for the small town of Marietta.

The chorus became known as the "Marietta Community Chorus" and sang its first cantata in the First English Presbyterian Church, Marietta, in December of 1961.

During the celebration of the Marietta Sesqui-Centennial in August, 1962, the chorus was called upon to sing patriotic and sacred numbers including "Pennsylvania", written by Marion Weaver of Columbia. This was performed at the Marietta Elementary School and among some of the dignitaries present at this occasion was The Honorable Ralph W. Yarborough, U.S. Senator from Austin, Texas, who was the principle speaker. The chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Gerald Libhart, also sang at the special Sesqui-Centennial Service at the same Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Libhart continued to direct the chorus until 1979.

At the Bi-Centennial in 1976, the chorus again joined voices; this time at the Marietta War Memorial Park to celebrate the memorable occasion.

The chorus is composed of dedicated people who like to sing and present in song the word of God and country to the local community. They

have also sung at local homes for the aged and at convalescent homes.

At present, members of the chorus come from not only Marietta, but several surrounding communities, including Elizabethtown, Maytown, Mount Joy, Columbia, and from York County.

In order to enhance the love of singing, this organization recently established a Marietta Community Chorus Award whereby a \$50.00 cash award, when available, is granted to a deserving Donegal High School senior who plans to further his/her education in the field of vocal music. This award is made available by the chorus in appreciation to those students who value the needs of music in the world and who wish to contribute their talents to today's society.

The chorus is solely dependent on offerings received at cantata presentations in order to purchase their music and to present their annual music award to Donegal.

The 36th presentation by the 48-member chorus will be the ever-beautiful Easter Cantata "No Greater Love", by John W. Peterson. The cantata will be presented on Sunday evening, March 30, 1980, in the English United Presbyterian Church, Marietta, at 8:00 pm. Mr. Robert E. Hiestand will be the director. Mrs. Mildred Shenk and Mrs. Clara Bryant will be organist and pianist.

Soloists are: Mrs. Beth Fry and Mrs. Rose Barr, sopranos; Miss Lolly Baker, alto; Mr. John Hoffman, tenor; and Mr. Donald Baker, Mr. James Fry, Mr.

Harold Hartman and Mr. Robert Erdman, baritones. Mr. Donald Kugle will be the narrator.

Officers of the chorus are:

Mr. Robert Erdman, president; Miss Naomi Myers, vice-president; and Mrs. Clara Bryant, secretary-treasurer.

## Indoor soccer tourney for elementary pupils

The Elementary Indoor Soccer Tournament will be held this weekend at the Donegal High School. The fourth grade booters will kick off the event Thursday, March 27. The fifth graders

will play Friday, March 28, and the sixth graders will wind things up Saturday, March 29.

Action on all three nights begins at 7:30 pm. The public is invited.



The Donegal School District Area spelling bee was held last week. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders were eligible. The winner was Gwen Martin, right, and the runner-up was Jerry Lapp. Both winners are students at Kraybill Mennonite School. They will advance to the Lancaster County spelling bee to be held later this Spring.