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Mount Joy BPW gives 125 quilts

Over 125 hand crocheted, knitted and quilted afghans have been collected by the Mount Joy Business and Professional Women's Senior Citizen Committee. The coverlets will be used as lap robes by Mount Joy natives now residing in 29 different nursing homes throughout the state.

The coverlets will be distributed the week of December 8, along with Merry Christmas wishes.

Serving as chairperson for this project is Mrs. Mary Sarver, Rheems, who was assisted by club members in wrapping and distributing the items. The gifts will also be hand-carried to the various homes by BPW members.

How did all these afghans get to one place? Not only did members of the BPW create the coverlets, but

member's friends also lent a big helping hand.

Mrs. Sarver says, as far as she can tell, there are no

duplicate patterns among the 125 quilts.



Mary Sarver surrounded by 125 BPW quilts.

Thanksgiving

Bleak and dreary is the landscape;
Bare and barren stands the hill;
Now the autumn days grow shorter;
Mournful winds more loud and shrill.

But within each home and hostel
Festive hearths glow, warm and bright,
While the scent of savory viands
Stimulates the appetite.

For today our hearts are gladdened
By a custom old and dear;
Work and worry are forgotten
At a time of rest and cheer.

Hallowed by this joyful season
To all mortal men that live.
May the star of fortune hover
O're the lives of those who give.

Let us thank God for the bounty
He provides against the dearth,
Which—but for His grace and wisdom—
Were the heritage of earth.

From "The Garden Spot."

—Chester Wittell

Donegal SAT scores above national average

At a time when we are constantly being reminded that high school SAT scores are dropping at an alarming rate, it is quite comforting to note that Donegal High School students are not following the national trend.

Not only are Donegal scores an average of 37 points higher than the national average, but the scores have also been increasing in the last three years.

The SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) is administered to over 1/3 of Donegal's seniors, most of whom will go on to college or a technical school.

In the verbal portion of the test, the Donegal average was 464. This is 41

points above the Middle States average and 40 points higher than the national average.

In math the Donegal score of 500 was 39 points higher than the Middle States average and 34 points higher than the national average.

Both Donegal figures were taken from the 1979-80 tests.

Also of encouragement is the fact that Donegal scores, compared with past year's scores, are rising.

A summary of SAT scores for the last three years follows:

	Verbal	Math
1977-78	452	474
1978-79	460	508
1979-80	464	500

Cost of transportation increases for Donegal

The Donegal School board at last Thursday evening's meeting awarded a contract to Johnson Bus Service, Mount Joy, for the transporting of students. The total cost for the year will be \$186,334.20, an increase of \$22,372.20 over last year's costs.

The district total for public buses is \$874.55 daily for 1,862 students at 765.5 miles daily for a total of \$157,419. This is an increase of \$11,374.20 over last year.

Private runs include one bus to Presentation BVM at \$41.43 daily for 30 students at 35.1 miles for a total of \$7,457.46 (\$329.40 increase) and five buses to Kraybill's Mennonite at \$121.43 daily for 76 students at 279.8 miles and a \$21,857.40 total (a \$9,034.20 increase).

The district transported 150 non-public students daily in 1979-80 and 124 in 1978-79.

Adjustments will be made

in the contract if gasoline prices fluctuate.

In other business Thursday night, the board announced that district health, life and accident insurances will be provided through Educators' Insurance, while dental insurance will be provided through Traveler's Insurance Company. Traveler's is offered through the Pennsylvania School Board Insurance trust.

A group of parents from Grandview, headed by Larry Gainer, was present at the meeting.

Mr. Gainer reminded the board that a petition signed by 178 families from Grandview had been presented to the board last spring. The petition requested that the open walkways be enclosed so students do not have to go outside between classes.

He stressed that energy conservation and the health

and welfare of students were upmost in the parents' minds. He described the present system as "an awful

waste of energy."

The board will consider the request for the coming [continued on page 4]

This week's calendar

Wednesday, November 26, at 7:30 pm a Thanksgiving Eve service at Mount Joy Mennonite Church.

Thursday, November 27, Thanksgiving Day. Eat lots of turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie, and remember the things you are thankful for.

Thursday, November 27, at 9 am, a Thanksgiving Service at Donegal Presbyterian Church, Donegal Springs Road.

Saturday, November 29, from 9 am to 5 pm, a day-long bazaar at St. John's Lutheran Church, Maytown.

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