

# CHAS. P. RUHL GIVES BEST IDEA ON CIVIC IMPROVEMENT

Twenty-six essays on Civic Improvement were presented in the Mount Joy Chamber of Commerce forum for school children of this community. Ten Dollars is awarded for the "best idea". The essays are identified by number only and the identity of the pupil is unknown until the winning idea is selected.

Last June 15 this project was added to the Chamber's program and this is the first year it is in operation. All of the essays presented were most impressive and it was very difficult to select one as the best. However on the basis of the "best idea on civic improvement" number seventeen was decided upon.

The winner of this years contest is Charles P. Ruhl, a member of the graduating class at the Mount Joy High School. The prize will be awarded to him at class day by Clarence S. Newcomer, President of the Chamber of Commerce.

The following is the winning essay:

### CIVIC IMPROVEMENT

The borough of Mount Joy is one of the best situated towns in this area. One of the main lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad runs through the center of the community connecting Philadelphia with Harrisburg, the capital of the Keystone state. It also is located along an important highway connecting these two cities, with Lancaster just twelve miles east of it. The citizens of this community should therefore justify improvements which make a bigger and better community.

There have been many good improvements made in the past years. An addition to our High School is one of the best examples. Street markers have been established at the corners of most all of the important streets. We also have set aside a certain space for the community park. In this park we have one of the best tennis courts in the county, a baseball diamond, and a band stand. These improvements have developed our community into one of the best in our locality. However, we should continue improving our community since there are many projects yet to be done.

Have you ever noticed how rough and unlevel our Main Street is? In the towns east and west of us the main streets are made of cement. Of course, we can not make any improvements without the aid and consent of the state since it is a state highway but we can put the matter before them and therefore diminish the time for such an improvement. This project would not only be an advantage to the motorist but it would also encourage business men to advance their businesses and encourage new customers to trade in our community.

There has been much talk of installing a sewage system in our communities. One of the main disadvantages of this project is the cost. Many property owners are not in favor of this improvement. Let us forget our individual feelings and losses and look to the good of the community as a whole. Such improvement would encourage industries to settle in our community, which would be an advancement to the growth of our community. We could finance such a project by various ways. This project could be carried out at the same time as the one I have mentioned formerly thus killing two birds with one stone.

A great post war project, which would greatly benefit our community and Florin, would be that of joining these two communities into one borough. Under this plan, there should be considered a sewage system for both communities; two fire departments, one in each section, cooperating together; the occupation of vacant lots; the construction of streets with a proper lighting system; and an establishment of a school system.

Another improvement which would not only benefit the knowledge of our people but also furnish an amusement for those people who like to read, would be to establish a community library. This should be located in the center of the community so that the patrons would not have to travel far to reach it.

Many of these improvements can not be done until the war is over so let us buy War Bonds and save our tin cans so we can help win this war and get a bigger and better community as soon as possible.

## Local Affairs In General Briefly Told

Ephrata's graduating class numbered 96 this year.

Sunday night's air raid rehearsal was a complete success here.

The Litzitz School Board increased its tax rate two mills. Now their tax is 24 mills.

Saturday, May 15 was straw hat day but comparatively few have been worn to date.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben N. Good, near Aberdeen Mills, were wedded fifty years May 18.

The Elizabethtown Fire Co. has launched a campaign to raise \$3,000 with which to buy an ambulance.

During Sunday night's air raid alarm Mrs. Amelia Lawrence, 83, of East Petersburg, fell down a flight of steps fracturing her elbow and several ribs.

### LETTERS GRANTED

Bertha N. Kraybill and Martin Z. Eshleman, East Donegal township, executors of Tillie N. Eshleman, late of East Donegal township,

### MOTHER SEEKS TO GAIN CUSTODY OF HER SON

Mrs. Helen Weidman, 210 E. Main Street, Tuesday instituted habeas corpus proceedings in the local court to gain custody of her son, Charles Henry Weidman, born June 17, 1940.

According to the papers filed by Charles W. Eaby, the mother claims that her husband, Henry M. Weidman, deserted her, and their baby on October 19, 1942, and is now in the armed forces. He came home on a furlough, according to the papers filed in the matter, and took the child May 4 from the home of his wife to the child's paternal grandmother, Mrs. Lennie Weidman, wife of Harry G. Weidman.

Judge Oliver S. Schaeffer set Friday at 2:30 as the time for a hearing in the matter.

### ATTENTION RED CROSS WORKERS

Beginning June 3rd, the Red Cross surgical dressing room will be open Thursday morning from 8:30 to 11:30 and Thursday evening from 7 to 9 P. M. Monday the rooms will be open 7 to 9 P. M.

The work to be done is very essential to our boys in the service and all women are requested to come out and help.

MOST UP-TO-THE-MINUTE WEEKLY IN LANCASTER COUNTY

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On This Memorial Day '43 We Salute Our Service Men - Women



All of us owe so much to all of them. No debt is greater than that which we owe these men and women who are defending our hard won

freedom. We pause this Memorial Day to pay them humble tribute and pledge our unified strength and loyalty.

Listed below are the names of those now serving in the armed forces from Mt. Joy Boro, Routes 1 and 2; Also Florin and Newtown;

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|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Arntz, Robert H.       | Broske, George F.       | Childs, Leon B.            | Engle, Chester C.       | Floyd, J. Richard         |
| Archer, James R.       | Brown, Howard T.        | Childs, Robert J.          | Erb, Marven E.          | Foster, Harold            |
| Alleman, Jr., Abram    | Brown, Martin S.        | Cramer, Ralph H.           | Erdly, William O.       | Frank, Charles B.         |
| Balmer, Earl           | Brown, Robert K.        | Creider, Eugene W.         | Eshleman, J. Roy        | Frank, Leo P.             |
| Bailey, William P.     | Brown, Thomas J. B. 3rd | Clemente, Jr., Benjamin J. | Eshleman, James W.      | Frey, Robert P.           |
| Balmer, Robert M.      | Brown, William H.       | Davis, Jerome H.           | Eshleman, Clair D.      | Fritz, Irvin R.           |
| Bard, Clarence C.      | Bush, Edgar B.          | Davis, Raymond             | Fackler, Daniel H.      | Funbar, Jr., Joseph       |
| Barr, Solon V.         | Burris, Clarence        | Demmy, Milton Z.           | Fenstermacher, Clyde W. | Funk, Eugene Z.           |
| Barnhart, Harold R.    | Burkett, William D.     | Derr, Ruth E.              | Fellenbaum, Harold H.   | Funk, John S.             |
| Beamenderfer, Asher W. | Billow, Harold W.       | Dillinger, John W.         | Fitzkee, E. Norman      | Gallagher, Jr., Walter R. |
| Beamenderfer, James    | Coen, Arthur            | Dillinger, A. B.           | Fisher Harold W.        | Gantz, John M.            |
| Bender, George B.      | College, Harold W.      | Ellis, Lawrence K.         | Flowers, Glenn L.       | Garber, David W.          |
| Boyd, Arthur, Jr.      | College, Martha H.      | Ellis, Joseph A.           | Flowers, Melvin         | Garber, Paul W.           |
| Bentzel, Robert W.     | Corll, Berwood          | Ellis, Lee E.              | Flowers, Charles E.     | Garber, Lloyd B.          |
| Brandt, Charles O.     | Corll, George B. Z.     | Engle, Charles R.          | Flowers, William L.     | Garlin, Homer             |
| Brandt, John           | Corll, Jacob R.         | Engle, Jr., Harvey C.      | Floyd, Abram L.         | (More on page 3)          |

### Received His Degree At Temple University



MERVIN W. BRANDT

At the commencement exercises at Philadelphia last Thursday, Mr. Mervin W. Brandt, principal of the local grade schools, received a Master of Education Degree from the Teachers' College of Temple University.

### This Section's Numerous Weddings

#### Virginia C. Hendrix

Charles H. Shank, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight B. Hendrix, of Darlington Road, Pittsburgh, and Lt. Charles H. Shank, U. S. N. R., son of Mrs. John W. Shank, of Delta Street, were married Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the First Baptist church in Pittsburgh, the Rev. Dr. Bernard C. Clausen, officiating.

Proceeding the ceremony, Mr. Floyd, the organist, presented a brief recital.

A reception following the ceremony, was held for one hundred guests at the home of the bride, after which the couple left for New Orleans where Lt. Shank will complete his flight instructor's training. (Turn to Page 2)

#### KILLED IN YORK CO. QUARRY

Joseph C. Maracci, fifty-four, Thomasville, York County, who was fatally injured while working at the J. E. Baker Co. quarries at Thomasville is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rose Reidinger Maracci, formerly of Marietta, and a daughter, Mary.

### I. W. Meckley Jailed For Contempt

Federal Judge Albert Johnson yesterday sentenced I. Walter Meckley, Elizabethtown contractor, to three months in jail on charges of contempt of court for "giving obstructive and evasive answers" before a U. S. Grand Jury investigating reports of fraud and embezzlement at the U. S. Naval depot at Mechanicsburg.

Judge Johnson refused a plea by Meckley's counsel for a stay of execution of the sentence, explaining: "I see no value in imposing punishment for contempt of court if x x x penalty is almost indefinitely deferred."

Meckley was awarded the contempt. (Turn to Page Four)

### 41-INCH EEL, 7 1/2 LBS. CAUGHT BY 14-YEAR-OLD RAPHO TOWNSHIP BOY

An eel that measured 41 inches in length, weighed 7 1/2 pounds and was nine inches in circumference was taken from the Big Chickies creek yesterday by a 14-year-old eighth grade pupil.

The "lucky" fisherman is Thomas Stoppard, a pupil in the Newtown School in Rapho Township and he bagged his prize with a worm.

Veteran fishermen described it as one of the biggest eels ever taken from Chickies creek.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Charles Reed has returned to his home in Philadelphia, after spending several weeks here.

Mrs. Robert R. Lauer, Mrs. John D. Dickson and daughter, Suzanne Louise, of Harrisburg, are spending several days at the editor's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wetzel of Salunga, and Mrs. Charles Wetzel, of Marietta, left Sunday for Tomah, Wisconsin to see the latter's husband, Lieut. Charles Wetzel. Mrs. Charles Wetzel will remain there with her husband, while Floyd Wetzel will return to their home.

### ATTENTION SERVICE MEN!

Any member of the armed forces now home on furlough is cordially invited to accompany the Walter S. Ebersole Post, No. 185 American Legion, and the Legion Auxiliary to the Sunday morning service in the Lutheran Church on May 30th at 10:45 A. M.

### ADJUDICATION FILED

In the estate of Amanda L. Brubaker, late of Mount Joy township, there is a balance of \$21,058.58.

### Farmers Can Still Obtain Crop Loans

Field Supervisor C. W. Deemer of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office at Reading has reported that he is still accepting applications for crop and feed loans although the end of the spring planting season in this section is almost over.

He said that in a recent statement Chester C. Davis, Food Administrator, stressed the importance of this planting season to American farm history and pointed out that the War Food Administration is asking the farmers to plant to the limit for critical farm crops, food crops, and feed for livestock.

"There is still time to obtain loans for production purposes," Deemer asserted. "Loans up to \$400 are granted to farmers who are eligible to cover the expenses of planting, producing, and harvesting crops which will contribute to the increased production of food and feed so necessary at this time."

He stated that loans are granted on a 4 percent interest rate and the security is a first mortgage on crops to be produced or a chattel mortgage on livestock to be fed. Farmers in Lancaster County may communicate with at Box 1073, Reading, or apply to Robert M. Hood, 812 North Queen Street, Lancaster.

### Rev. C. B. Segelken Resigns; Will Retire

Rev. Dr. C. Benjamin Segelken, who has been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, here and at Donegal Springs for the past 17 years has resigned the pastorate effective July 1, it was announced by church officials Thursday night.

Rev. Segelken is retiring from active ministry because of ill health.

Rev. Segelken, who has been a Presbyterian minister for 42 years, served at the Steelton church for 13 years. He also organized the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church during his Summer vacation in 1916.

### LEASED LANC. HOTEL

Mr. John Soldier, who has conducted the Farmers' Inn, corner of Market and Manheim streets here for a number of years, has leased a hotel on West King street, Lancaster and will move there in the near future.

### THE BIRTH RECORD

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Miller, Mount Joy Rte. 1, a son at the Lancaster General Hospital Sunday.



S/SGT. HERBERT W. MUMMA  
Who was promoted to Technical Sergeant, recently. "Herb" is stationed at Sioux Falls, S. D.

### Brief News Of The Day From Local Dailies

30,000 men are on a strike at a number of the Chrysler Corporation's plants.

Norman P. Reikard, 10, near Paradise, fell off a tree and fractured his back.

A temporary bridge over the Conestoga Creek at Rock Hill was swept away by high water Thursday.

Fourteen were killed and 86 injured when a crack Penna. R. R. passenger train returning from Atlantic City was wrecked Sunday.

When the levees broke at a number of places along the Mississippi river, thousands of acres of land were flooded and many families made homeless.

### THE MAYTOWN BEACON WINS SECOND PRIZE

Among the school papers printed by the Bulletin the past season was The Beacon, published by the East Donegal High school at Maytown.

In a scholastic contest by the Dept. of Journalism, Penna. State College, The Beacon was awarded second prize for excellence in make-up, etc. There were fifty school papers represented.

The staff is to be congratulated.

### WILL IS FILED

John G. Miller, E. Donegal township, who died May 9, left his estate in four equal shares to his stepbrothers and step-sisters and their heirs. The will was drawn March 13, 1935.

## Baccalaureate and Commencement H. S. Programs

The Baccalaureate service of the Class of 1943, Mount Joy High School, to be rendered in the High School Auditorium Sunday evening, May 30 at 7:30 under the auspices of the United Brethren Church.

### Order of Service

- Piano Prelude—"Adagio" from "Moonlight Sonata" *Beethoven*  
 Processional—"Grand March" from "Aida" *Verdi*  
 The Doxology  
 The Invocation *The Reverend H. M. Mumper*  
 Hymn—1—"Faith of Our Fathers" *The Reverend H. A. Minnich*  
 Responsive Reading—Psalm 19: 1-14 *Christianson*  
 Anthem—"Beautiful Savior" *Union Choir*  
 Scripture Lesson—Matthew 6: 19-33 *The Reverend W. E. Stephens*  
 Hymn—2—"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" *The Reverend E. H. Ranck*  
 The Sermon To The Graduates *The Reverend W. L. Koder*  
 The Prayer *Gounod*  
 Anthem—"O Divine Redeemer" *Union Choir*  
 Hymn—3—"Lead On, O King Eternal"  
 The Benediction *The Reverend C. B. Segelken, D. D.*  
 Piano Postlude—"Polonaise Militaire" *Chopin*  
 Choir Director—Mr. Harry B. Baughey  
 Pianist—Mrs. Robert G. Hostetter
- Fifty-ninth Commencement exercises of the class of 1943 Mount Joy High School in the High School auditorium Tuesday evening, June 1st.
- Band Recital  
 Processional—Class of 1943—Pomp and Circumstance *Elgar*  
 Band  
 Invocation *The Reverend E. R. Thomas*  
 (a) "By the Mississippi" *Davis*  
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### Deeds Recorded

Elizabeth F. G. Hiestand et al to John S. Simons and wife, premises in East Donegal township, for \$2,000.

John T. Rettew, Rapho township, to Henry H. Hackman and wife, Minnie Mae, 4 acres in Rapho township for \$450.

John Stively, Silver Springs, to E. Romaine Stively, improved land in Silver Springs.

Martha B. Meckley, Elizabethtown, to Anna S. Reem, 2 acres of Woodland in Mount Joy township.

George C. Cunningham and wife, Alice Morton, Lancaster, to Woodrow W. Fitzkee and wife, Edna, Mt. Joy, dwelling in Mount Joy.

### MOTORISTS BETTER BEHAVE

State Police and OPA representatives stopped hundreds of motorists Sunday and questioned them. Since the ban on pleasure driving motorists will profit by heeding this warning and have a good excuse every time they take the gas buggy out. Many of those stopped must appear for a hearing while 15 lost their ration books immediately.

### The Hi-Crier Staff Held a Banquet

The Hi-Crier staff of Mount Joy high school held a banquet last Friday evening at Hostetter's Banquet hall with twenty-five members of the staff and their supervisor, Miss Catharine Zeller, and their guest Mr. J. W. Harkness, present.

The staff presented Miss Zeller with a beautiful pin.

Nelson Alexander was initiated into the Quill and Scroll Society with a very impressive ceremony. There are seven members of the society in M. J. H. S., Miss Zeller, three Seniors and three Juniors.

Group singing and a delicious fried chicken dinner completed the evening's festivities.

### INJURED BY A TRUCK

William Roudabach, Mount Joy Street, is a patient in the Carlisle Hospital, suffering from injuries he received Saturday night when he was hit by a truck while changing a tire on the truck he was driving. The accident occurred on the superhighway near Carlisle.

### HALF HOLIDAY

Beginning June 9th, the Mount Joy Department Store will close every Wednesday at 12 noon for a half holiday.

### Mortuary Record In This Section

Harry C. Smith, 61 died at Columbia.

Leonard Winfred Schmidt, aged died at Columbia.

Miss Annie D. Lupold, 83 died at East Petersburg.

Jacob J. Link, 75, well known Columbia baker, died Monday.

Mrs. Henry Eurich, 49, of Columbia, died early Monday morning.

Mrs. Augusta D. Keene, 55, wife of Edwin W. Keene, of Elizabethtown, died.

Mrs. Paul Miller, 75, Columbia R2, died yesterday at the Lancaster General Hospital.

Mrs. Ida M. Hassinger  
 Mrs. Ida M. Hassinger, eighty-one, of Rheems, died at 5 p. m. Thursday at her home. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Grace Garber, Rheems and Mrs. Kurtz Stokes, (Turn to page 3)

### The Affairs At Florin For Past Week

Mrs. Martin Liggins celebrated her birthday on Sunday.

Mrs. Max King, celebrated her birthday Wednesday, May 28th.

Mr. Elmer Schlegelmilch celebrated his birthday on Saturday.

Mrs. James Mumper visited some friends at Harrisburg on Saturday.

Mrs. Raymond Miller and daughters, of York spent Tuesday in town.

Mrs. Henry Mowrer, of Philadelphia (Turn to Page 3)

### BANKS CLOSED MONDAY

Monday, May 31, Memorial Day a legal holiday, both the First National Bank & Trust Company, and the Union National Mount Jc. Bank will be closed.

### WAS DRIVING TOO FAST

Benjamin B. Zimmerman, Florin, was one of four motorists prosecuted at Lancaster last night for driving too fast for conditions.

### APPOINTED AUDITOR

Paul M. Hess was appointed auditor of Mount Joy the vacancy left by Abram Greiner.