

OWL LAFFS



BY A WISE OWL

When Officer Neiss started to put a ticket on a car which was double-parked, Monday, a man hurried up and explained he always double parked when he visited his dentist because he likes to have something to worry about to keep his mind off the pain.

A friend of mine who is a nurse in Philadelphia told me of an embarrassing experience she had when she first started in her profession. She was on duty, the phone rang in a hospital and feminine voice inquired about the condition of a patient, Mrs. Gordon.

The nurse replied, "Well, pretty good," and then went into some detail. At the conclusion, the woman on the other end of the line murmured, "Thank you." The nurse conscious that the woman seemed to have had an extraordinary interest in the patient, asked who she was. "Oh," said the woman, "I'm Mrs. Gordon. My doctor never tells me anything."

A Marietta street man returned home from work last night to find a note from his wife which read: Out with Mary Simmers, my old roommate. No dinner in the refrigerator. Forget it. Do you good.

It is quite true that some girls can talk you deaf, dumb and broke.

Here's a few facts you can't afford to ignore.

You could drive a car from San Francisco to Honolulu if it weren't for the Pacific ocean.

If you substituted gin and vermouth for milk and chocolate syrup you would have a dry martini instead of a chocolate milk shake.

Texas would be smaller than California if it weren't any bigger than Connecticut — Silly, aren't they, but this is what you'll get, unless you send me some good laffs.

A local business man, harried and hurried and explosive because of the amount of work he thought he had to do, was told by a psychiatrist to do only six hours of work in an eighteen hour day and spend one day a week at a cemetery.

"What am I supposed to do in a cemetery?" he asked.

"Nothing much," said the psychiatrist. "Just look around. Get acquainted with some of the men already in there permanently. And remember that they didn't finish their work either. Nobody does, you know."

A bride-to-be was showing her friend a list of guests to be invited to the wedding.

After her friend had read the names she looked puzzled.

"What's the matter?" asked the bride-to-be.

"Isn't it rather strange," asked the friend, "you have only put down the names of married couples?"

"Yes, that was Bill's idea. Don't you think it's clever? He says that if we invite only married people the presents will be all clear profit."

"Joe is a man who always watches the clock so he still remains just one of the hands."

One day little Margie went with her dad when he drowned the extra kittens. When she began crying he let her keep one of them.

On the following Sunday they took her twin brothers to be baptised. As they neared the font, tears swelled in little Margie's eyes and she suddenly blurted, "Which one are we gonna keep, Daddy?"

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Sir:
Through the kindness of the people of Lancaster County the Salvation Army has been enabled to assist approximately 335 families.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the people of Mount Joy for their generous support of our Christmas work in connection with the recent distribution of our Christmas magazine, the "War Cry".

We of the Salvation Army extend to the citizens of your community our sincere thanks.

Sincerely,
John S. Bishop, Brigadier

Dear Editor:
I wish to publicly thank all of those persons who helped to make our opening in Mt. Joy a tremendous success Friday night, Jan. 7, at the elementary school. No other town we have opened in has been as great as the opening in Mount Joy.

This proves to me that the people of Mt. Joy really want a dancing school in the community and we will do our utmost to help the children and make the community proud that we are now a part of you.

Let me thank Mr. and Mrs. John Way for the help and cooperation they have given in bringing this fine event to Mt. Joy and to Mr. Charles Heaps, elementary school teacher for his wonderful cooperation in giving us the use of the school facilities and the fine environment in which we have to teach and give your children guidance. I also would like to thank those persons who have written letters to the Bulletin in our behalf and to all the children and parents for the fine discipline and cooperation on opening night. We also wish to thank the Bulletin for their much needed help.

In behalf of the entire staff of teachers, Miss Rose Marie Grossman, teacher of ballet, Miss Gail Wilbert, receptionist and assistant teacher, Gene Ralston, tap teacher and Frank Ebersole, teacher of acrobatics, we hope to have continued success with your cooperation.

Dancingly yours,
CLYDE G. NICKLE, Director

Dear Editor:
In reply to your September and Jan. 6th edition of the Mt. Joy Bulletin requesting views, in response to the activity of the Youth Recreation Center movement, for the necessary knowledge or information relative to the use of the former Grade School Grounds at Marietta and Market Street, I herewith state my views of the situation.

I have been looking forward to reading your weekly replies from other citizens, but am at a loss to know why so few are interested in the Youth Center Movement, which you so requested in your Dec. 2 issue. It probably means this that the Youth Recreation movement at this time is not the No. 1 project facing the community at the present time.

I have been a resident of Mt. Joy some fifty years, was born, raised and lived within one half block of the Marietta St. school practically all of that time, from 1900 to 1955 we have come a great way and a great deal of progress has been instituted in our Youth Movement and Recreation. For example we have the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts the Cub Scouts, several of which are sponsored by our local Civic Organizations, we have a kindergarten, we have a third High School Building, each one much advanced over the other. We also have our summer playground activities at the Borough park, plus the activities of the JoyCees, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

We are located close to such towns as Lancaster, Middletown, Hershey, and Elizabethtown, which provide such activities as roller skating, swimming, and ice skating. These are some of the activities afforded

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the younger folks today, that were not available to us 50 years ago, so again I say we have come a long way in our Youth Recreation and Development.

Now I believe and am convinced, (and many others whom I have talked to) that our Sewage System is our No. 1 problem facing Mount Joy today, our health and welfare of the Community rates ahead of Recreation in anybody's book. Your front page of the Bulletin September 24 issue states that the water system was 'about completed and the water enters the new standpipe. The new Donegal High School is also completed and occupied, all seems at a pretty well advanced stage.

Several years ago the Community voted for a sewage system and disposal plant and yet today Jan. 1955 it is not even started. I would not question for one minute that much of our sickness recently, such as polio, virus and influenza, is indirectly coming from our very inadequate way of disposing of sewage all the years. I believe and would not hesitate in saying that in the past 5 years, 9 out of 10 homes in Mount Joy had or now have sewage or disposal trouble.

It is a daily occurrence along the streets of Mt. Joy to see much of the polluted water from cellars, running in the gutters along the sidewalks. Many of our industries had or now have this same sewage trouble. Geo. Brown's Sons years ago spent thousands of dollars, Gerberich Payne spent thousands of dollars, Seiler Printing and others are having a very difficult problem at this writing.

Many places through out the community are ill drained (one in particular at the rear of the peanut factory on David St.) that may cause breeding places for mosquitoes during the summer. The whole town is undermined at present with sewage, which when heavy rains come floods many cellars of our homes, with surface water plus much of the sewage that has polluted the underground. I recall several years ago the Bulletin was compelled to drill a drain out in the sidewalk, in front of the office door, probably before to long I may have to do the same thing where I reside, who knows. It is also a known fact that for many years a steady stream of polluted water and human waste is flowing daily down through the center of our town, (unbeknown to many) along the south side of Main Line, of the Penna. Railroad tracks. This green polluted waste or sewage is finding its way to the tracks, from the homes along the north side of West Donegal St. only because the underground is so saturated now that it will absorb no more. The people living between 317 and 345 W. Donegal St. are very familiar with this situation.

As I stated at the original meeting of the Citizens at the High School (now grade school) Aug. 30 I was in favor of using the present Marietta School grounds, for a Children's and kiddies play ground, as I have known it for the past 50 years, and then plan for a building later on. Trees could be planted, ground could be seeded, and benches installed and plan for a more adequate project later on. A building such as was discussed at the meeting, probably would cost about 50 to \$75,000, it would not be just the cost, but maintenance and supervision would be another item of cost as well.

Mr. Editor in your editorial of Nov. 11, you stated "What about sewers?" in that article you stated that the lack of a sewer system can be nothing but a deterrent to prospective industrial and residential development. This is very, very true and to prove this, in the past several years many industries planning to come to Mount Joy, for the lack of adequate sewers, have gone elsewhere, ask our Secretary of our local Chamber of Commerce.

Now probably sewage system is not far off, but then again maybe it can be speeded up a bit, now that we have a new appointment in Mr. Robert Rosser, after all it does require years to complete one. While this problem of sewage has been on everybody's tongue for many years, I believe many are ready for it financially, as well as mentally, I know I am.

Considering our Health, Welfare, and our Community Betterment, we should make an all out effort, and give this No. 1 project priority, above and above any other.

Furthermore what about our good paved streets we had in Mount Joy, practically all have been dug up and ruined by the Gas Co. and some by the Water Co. isn't now the proper time to dig up some more, have the dirt and expense all at one time. They will not be the same, unless they are re-surfaced, patching is only temporary, take a drive out N. Barbara St. and see what I mean.

So with sewers the No. 1 project, let's promote it with the same amount of enthusiasm, we had in promoting the new Donegal High School, and save the burden on the tax payers for the present, and keep the Recreation Center movement for the No. 2 project, later.

Around this time last year the Bulletin stated that the Water Authority would start the sewers this past summer or fall, what has happened? Maybe it is finances holding it up, seems to be there would be a way to do it.

I am ready to make an initial payment now, to be credited to my account, and deducted from the total cost, when completed and connected, I believe the majority of the property owners would do the same, and avoid those sewage and stopped up drain head-aches. What do you say Water Authority? I believe Messrs. Seiler and Fish, members of the Recreation Center Movement committee would welcome this idea for their Printing Plant.

Let us chew what we have already bitten off, and get started NOW, not next month, not next summer, not next winter and not next YEAR.

Very sincerely,
CHARLES L. ESHLEMAN

To the Bulletin,

I am writing this not for argument, only for a correction.

Mr. Pennell in his letter Jan. 3, concerning the dancing school, evidently misread my letter some. Now I know that can happen very easy. I did not state in my letter that Mr. Nickles should not be permitted to conduct a dancing school. That would be saying too much.

Thank the Lord that we live in a country where we are permitted to express our opinions, and we can go to church, if we so choose, or we can go to a dance, or a ball game, or a movie, etc. Neither did I condemn Mt. Joy because some people desire a dancing school.

I still believe that there is no nicer place to live than in good old Mount Joy.

Thank you Mr. Editor.
E. E. WOLGEMUTH
Orlando, Fla.

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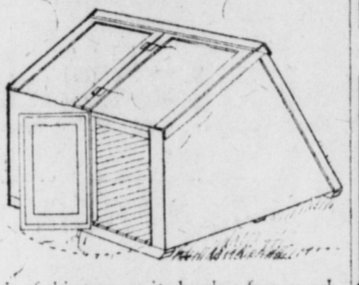
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