

# COLUMN LEFT . . .

By Larmon D. Smith

This matter of sewers pops up every time one turns around. There appears to be no one against the project. However, the comment has been heard to the effect that "you'll never get sewers in Mount Joy, there are too many against them."

If that be the case, then the anti-sewer crowd certainly is plenty quiet. It's about time they stand up and be counted. The Bulletin respects any views that are honest and sincere and are not based on personalities.

Thus, The Bulletin repeats its offer (made on numerous occasions): The Bulletin columns are open to anyone who is interested enough to write his views and sign his name. Unsigned letters will not be used.

## FORTUNE HUNTING?

Just had a brilliant flash on how to make a fortune. If there wasn't so much else to do, I'd take a shot at it myself. However, maybe someone else can make use of the idea. At any rate here goes.

The other day I was watching television and got caught in the midst of a commercial. Don't know just how that happened, since usually I manage to click those blurs out before they catch me.

At any rate this fellow proceeded to shave a peach, and then a hairbrush, with one of those electric razors.

That's when the idea hit! If they're agoin' to start selling shaved peaches, a guy would be smart to buy up a lot of electric razor stock and get in on the ground floor when fuz-less peaches hit the market. No telling where it might lead.

And then, if he was really smart, a fellow might set a-bout cornering the peach market, figure a real demand for peach fuzz and market that. Just think of all the peach fuzz there'd be—it's almost astronomical!

I suppose those hairbrushes they're shaving are designed particularly for the bald-headed crowd. Hm-m-m! Let's see what use could you make of hairbrush bristles?

Say, this is getting better than I thought. I'm going out and buy myself some electric razor stock!!

## A SERIOUS THOUGHT

Try leaving your watch at home the next time you go to church. You'll get much more out of the service. It just seems as if church should be the last place for clock watching.

## SAVE ON WATER!

Every day the water supply in the creek is becoming less but not at the danger point provided that the irrigation at our head waters doesn't increase for the time being.

Irrigation is mostly done at night so every morning the creek is very low and becoming lower. At the time being lawn sprinkling should be very little and no watering of lots and farm land.

Our stand pipe must be kept full at any cost. Kindly cooperate with the Water Company through this drought. From time to time the water Co. will keep the people advised as to the condition of the water supply.

S. H. MILLER,  
Manager

## MEETING MOVED ONE WEEK

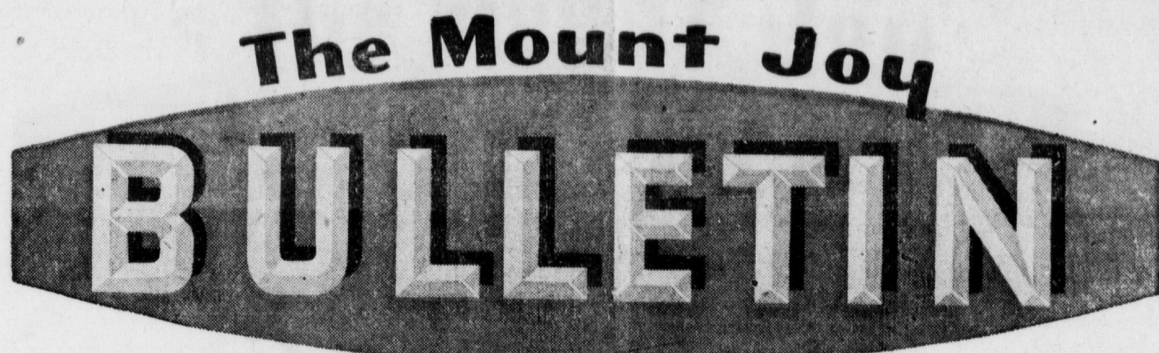
The regular meeting of the auxiliary to the local American Legion will be held next Tuesday evening instead of the regular night, the second Tuesday of the month. The meeting will be held one week earlier due to the president's attending the state convention.

## The Physician On Call

Sunday  
Dr. Thomas O'Connor

# To Hold Community Picnic Wednesday

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## Parents Night Planned For Special Playground Event

The second street dance of the season will be held tonight on North Barbara Street near the playground. The Donegal High School Dance Band will play music for the occasion. The event is open to the public.

Next week's special events will include a parent night Tuesday night. Previous nights were held as Mother and Daughter night and Father and Son night. Tuesday night, all parents are urged to come to the playground with their children for the evening. Activities are held from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday evening will feature a decorated bicycle contest. All the participants may decorate bicycles and ride them in the event which will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The playground group will again attend the swimming classes at Hershey in the mornings. The children are given free swimming instruction at the pool each morning for two (Turn to page 5)

## Friends Clean Up Debris From Fire

Ninety-three friends and neighbors this week assisted in cleaning up five debris on the farm tenanted by John K. Fisher, Mount Joy R1. The barn was destroyed by fire Thursday night.

The property is owned by David C. Witmer, Mount Joy.

Following are the ones who helped clean the debris away: Norman Leas, Lewis Good, Norman Heisey, Robert F. Shearer, Elmer L. Shearer, Elmer S. Myers, Henry S. Stoltzfus, Harold W. Ney, J. Harold Sauder, John Stoner, Roy Emmeheiser, David Hess III, Elam Brubaker, Harold Witmer, Walter Myers, Ames S. Kanode, LeRoy Heisey, Donald Ney, Donald Ney, Jr., Victor Hitz, E. S. Gibble, Lloyd R. Heisey, Harold Kulman, Amos W. Hossler, D. L. Hess Jr., Andrew Hess, (Turn to page 5)

## Plans Begun For Annual Farm Show

Tentative plans were completed for activities at the 1955 Mount Joy Community Exhibit during a meeting of the committee last Monday night. Curvin Martin, president, was in charge of the meeting at which time plans were made for the four-day affair October 12-15.

The Mount Joy Lions Club will have charge of the Wednesday night parade. Since there will no longer be any Pennsylvania Week observance, the parade will follow the farm show theme.

A tractor driving contest has been planned for one of the days. The place for this event has been changed this year. It is being planned for the Mount Joy Farmers' Cooperative building between Manheim and Old Market Streets.

Farm Women No. 8 will again take charge of the Corn Queen contest which is scheduled for one of the evenings.



LEGION COMMANDER — John Germer, Mount Joy Legion's new Commander.

At the present time, plans will probably not include a corn husking contest. Since the popularity of husking corn has ceased, the lack of contestants may eliminate this phase of the Mount Joy show this year. If the public demands that the husking contest be held, officials will include it in the schedule.

## Local Man Wins Award From National Magazine

### Auxiliary Plans More Equipment

The American Legion Auxiliary of Mount Joy announces the start of their seventh annual magazine subscription campaign. Mrs. Ruth Rincer, president of the local group, states that the commissions derived this year will again be used to purchase hospital equipment.

As a result of the previous campaigns sponsored by the auxiliary, they have been able to purchase and maintain two hospital beds, two sets of sides for the beds and a wheelchair.

This equipment has been available for temporary use, without charge to any resident. It has been in almost constant demand and has given valuable and timely service throughout the community. The auxiliary feels that the equipment it provides (Turn to page 5)

Paul L. Stoner, Jr., 117 South Barbara Street, was one of fifty winners in a national contest sponsored by the Mechanix Illustrated magazine. "Dick" will be awarded a gold-plated hammer for his idea which he submitted.

The contest was open for suggestions of ideas for inventions that may be in use in 2055 A.D. His "World of Tomorrow" suggestion will be published in the August issue of Mechanix Illustrated, a magazine which is published in New York City. An illustration of his proposed invention will also be included with his story.

The proposed invention is "Weather control stations that prevent all droughts, floods, killing frosts, and heat waves. The illustration to be shown will be a map of the state of Texas showing different points of stations throughout the state. A board of station numbers appears before the map which is to be controlled by man.

## Annual Affair Will Be Held At Rocky Springs

Wednesday is the day of the annual Mount Joy and vicinity Community Picnic. The event this year will be held at Rocky Springs Park. Free transportation is being supplied for all persons who wish to leave at 9:00 a. m. Buses will leave the First National Bank in Florin at 9:00 a. m. and will make 2 stops in Mount Joy; one at the First National Bank and one at the Union National Bank.

The SICO "basket" truck will also leave the three banks at the same times. Any one may have the lunch baskets placed at any of the three locations and they will be delivered to the park by the truck. Other activities of the day include the registration for gate prizes beginning at 9:30 a. m. Persons may register for these at the ball field. At 10:00 a. m. games will be played for all children. Prizes will be supplied for the games which will be played on the ballfield. Persons who would like to check the layout of the park may view a map of the park in the BULLETIN office window.

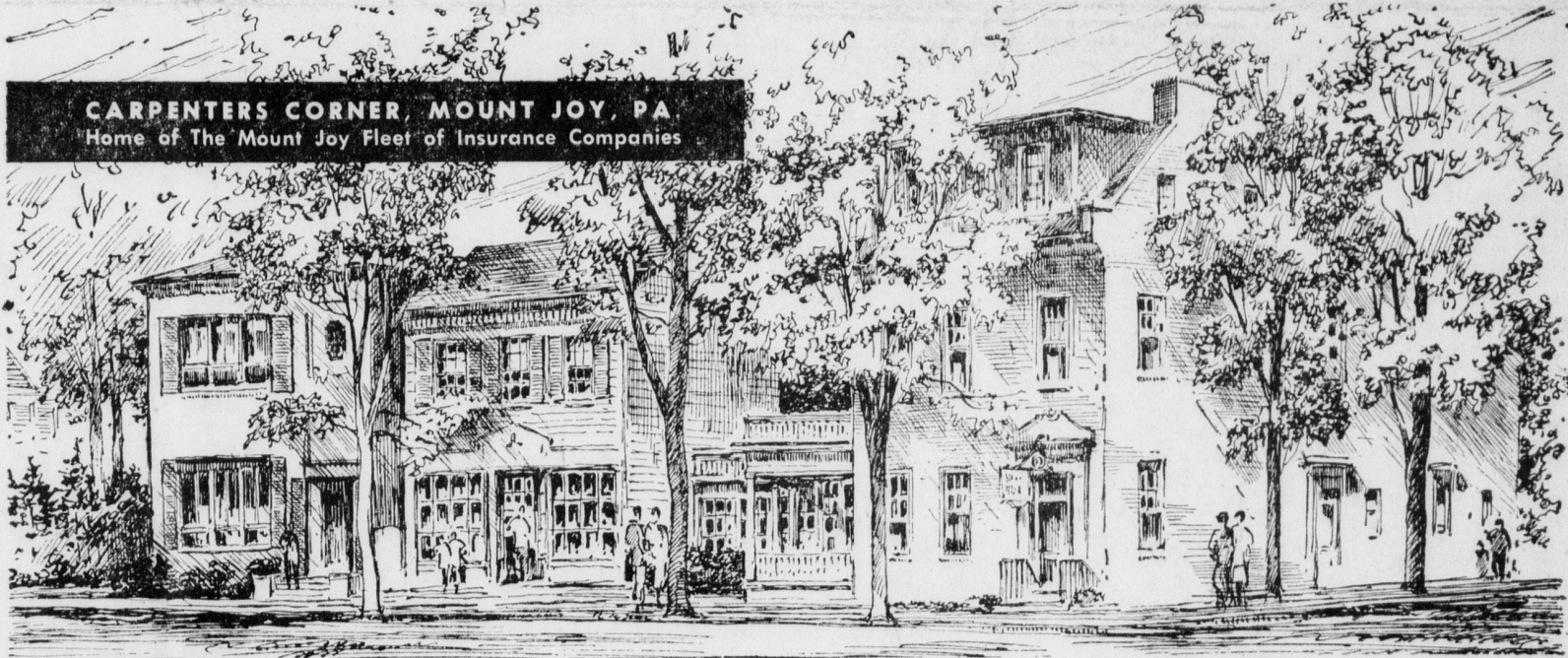
Lunch period will be from 12 to 1 p.m. and swimming session is from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Special rates have been given to the Mount Joy group for the day. Adults may swim for 35c and children, 15c.

From 3:30 to 5:00 p. m. and from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. is the time when the speciality of the day will take place. Persons may ride all the amusements as (Turn to page 5)

# Century Of Progress Is Unfolded In Story Of Mount Joy Company



(Above) Henry G. Carpenter standing before office when it was located at site now occupied by Kulp's Store. (Right) Carpenter's Corner today.



## LOCAL INSURANCE FIRM TO MARK 100TH YEAR

The Mount Joy Mutual Insurance Company will be one hundred years old next week. August 4, a plaque will be erected in the home office which will set forth in bronze the principles of the company and its dedication to a second century of service.

Mount Joy Township was the first area to be covered by the company which has its home office at 23 South Market St., Elizabethtown. From this one township, the coverage increased to surrounding counties and finally, today, it covers not only insured in Pennsylvania but also Arkansas, Indiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia and Florida.

First began as an assessment company, the insured originally paid no premium. When a fire occurred, each subscriber paid into the company a certain amount toward the total cost of the fire. Although the company was begun in 1855, according to the records, the first fire occurred in 1862. A barn owned by David H. Myers was destroyed to which the subscribers had to pay \$1,140.

Although the pre-paid department was introduced in 1923, there still is an assessment department in effect that is handled entirely by the secretary of the company, D. L.

Landis in Elizabethtown. The assessments are paid annually though instead of each time a fire occurs. Henry G. Carpenter headed the pre-paid department and had as his office, a small building which stood on the spot housed by the Kulp Confectionary on West Main Street.

### Directors Listed

Henry Reist was the first president and had been a director for eighteen years. The present secretary, Mr. Landis, has been in his present office for thirty-three years. Mr. Carpenter became president in 1947. The present board of directors includes Mr. Landis, Mr. Carpenter, John M. Bomberger, K. Ezra Bucher, John L. Myers, Edward H. Smith and Clyde L. Nissley. Officers are Mr. Carpenter, president; Mr. Bomberger, vice president; Mr. Landis, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Myers, assistant treasurer; Mr. Nissley and Mrs. Gertrude P. Helms, vice presidents and assistant secretaries; Hans W. Helms, comptroller; and W. H. Hornafius, Jr. and Paul E. Hollinger, assistant secretaries.

The financial growth of the company has increased from assets amounting to \$4,930.00 in 1922 prior to the introduction of pre-paid policies to \$616,586.10 as of December, 1954. A

history of the company has been written and appeared in July 16 issue of the national magazine "United States Review."

### Growth of Buildings

The Mount Joy office was originally a portion of the corner building. With the growth of the company, additional space was received from the next building which had originally been a store. Still more space was needed and a third building, which has formerly been a doctor's office and dwelling, was added. Today, the three appear as one building since connecting halls and doorways have been added between each.

Antiques play a part in the decorating of each of the offices. Although the offices have modern equipment, unique and unusual areas are furnished with antiques, symbolic of the early traditions of the county. The furnishings are for the most part of early Lancaster county craftsmanship and many have long been the property of the Carpenter family.

A grandfather's clock, which bears the inscription "G. Schreiner, Jan. 24, 1855" just six months before the founding of the company, still keeps the time in the main office. As late as in the spring of this year, an old parlor organ occupied

one corner of the rooms but it is now located in the recreation rooms. The storefront windows of the second building are furnished in antiques which include an Edison Gem phonograph, stereopticon views, old spinning wheel, and scene which resembles a typical Lancaster county kitchen.

On the second floor of the third building, the library is located which contains an extensive collection of publications and antique documents plus coins, stamps and curios which make this library better described as a museum. Displays on the walls throughout the buildings are framed documents from the early days of the company.

### Took Name From Ship

The company took the name of the township of Mount Joy which originally was named for the ship "Mountjoy". The specific ship used on the seal of the company is an artist's drawing from an illustration of the ship Mountjoy found in Cassell's Illustrated History of England. This drawing is believed to be an accurate and authenticated picture of the ship Mountjoy which ended the siege of Derry, Ireland in 1689.

The complete history of the company, as it is taken from the early records, recalls the

## RECEPTION TO OPEN CELEBRATION

Against a background of antique furnishings, the Centennial celebration of the Mt. Joy Mutual Insurance Company will officially open Wednesday with a reception and tea at the company offices on East Main St.

Agents of the company and their wives will meet in Mount Joy that day for the reception which is the first event of a three-day celebration. In the evening, a banquet is planned to take place in the Hershey Community Building where the remainder of the events will be held.

The Rev. John L. Myers will give the invocation at the evening affair.

Edward H. Smith, Esq. will be the toast master and Dr. Ralph W. Schlosser, head of the department of English at Elizabethtown College, will give the address. Following the ship theme, which the company has adopted after the name "Mountjoy", the program will include music by the "ship's chorus" and the "crew" members of the office staff. The string quartet composed of Miss Edna Barnes on the viola; Miss Jennette Barnes, cello; Mrs. Nancy Santeusano, violin and Miss Marion Black, piano; will also play.

The official song of the celebration will be "Do As You Would Be Did By" which was made famous by the Mariners on television. The company has always used the Golden Rule as a basis of its business operations and even issued rulers at one time with the inscription "Company with Golden Rule as basis of its business operations". In conjunction with the ship theme, small lighthouses have been placed throughout the offices which shed light on and off similar to a large lighthouse.

Thursday and Friday have been designated for those agents who have met certain requirements announced in November of 1953. Events for the agents Thursday will include

business conferences in the Little Theatre and an awards dinner in the Community Dining Room. K. Ezra Bucher will be in charge of the dinner and John M. Bomberger will offer the invocation. Arnold Brown will give the address of the evening. Mr. Brown is a district sales manager of Pennsylvania for the George A. Hormel Company of Austin, Minnesota. A resident of Trappe, Pa. he is known locally since he has been an instructor in the retail grocery school at Elizabethtown College. He will talk on selling as it relates to public relations. Hans Helms will have charge of the evening's music.

A special schedule of activities has been arranged for the agents' wives for Thursday. Their program includes a tour of the Hershey chocolate factory; trip to the museum, visit to the rose gardens and tea at Hotel Hershey in addition to their special meals at the Community building.

Friday's activities include breakfast, golf, shopping and a closing luncheon.

A history book of the first one hundred years of the company has been prepared which includes not only the written story but pictures of the first buildings and early notices of the company.