

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS:

Mount Joy Has Many Recreation Facilities; Let's Develop Them

By Larmon D. Smith

Every now and then it's a pretty good idea for individuals to take time to reflect and count their blessings.

Likewise communities can benefit by counting blessings.

This summer with most of Mount Joy cut up for the laying of sewer lines it is impossible for the borough to appear as sparkling clean as usual. However, one cannot help but feel a sense of pride as he sees folks continually scrubbing and cleaning up the mess left as the network of ditches is being pushed into all parts of town.

That's typical of folks around here. They want their communities to look nice no matter what the obstacles may be. And they are continually working at it.

Mount Joy is particularly fortunate in its park facilities. The borough park, with its fine tennis courts and playground equipment is equal to or better than anything around this area. The elementary school playground is among the best.

These two sites this year are the setting for a supervised summer playground program that is superior to similar efforts in much larger communities. Mount Joy has reason to be proud of the work that is being done here.

However, one of the community's greatest assets has been overlooked by many. The Little Chiques School Playground given to the community by the late Clarence Schock, has a natural setting that affords opportunity for almost unlimited future development.

How many residents of the borough are fully cognizant of the work already done there by the SICO Company? There are picnic tables, outdoor fireplaces and toilet facilities. It already is a beautiful recreation spot.

There is much more that can be done. But we do not believe that it should be 'just handed out.' We think some plan should be devised for community participation through the Mount Joy borough school district for a year-by-year development of the potential.

The area above the dam might become a grand place for boating and fishing in the summer. Last winter the skating there was superb. A warming house might be put up to make skating even more enjoyable.

While this writer is not an engineer and therefore would like opinions from those well versed in such matters, it seems possible that the waters above the dam might be cleaned out, the shore line sanded and swimming facilities provided just above the dam with lifeguards put on duty.

There has been considerable talk on the subject of a recreation center. Would it not be possible to make a recreation center out of the old stone house that stands on the property? Sure it would take some work and some capital. But a bunch of interested youngsters and their parents under proper supervision could transform this building into a wonderful community building.

It has been argued that this is too far from town for a recreation building. We can't go along with that thinking. Are our youngsters so soft that they can't walk a few blocks? We don't think so. Give them a good place (not fancy) and a wholesome program and they'll get there.

We'd still like to see a full time recreation director for Mount Joy. No, they don't come cheap. But anything that would be paid out in this direction will come back a hundred fold in a happier community. One young person "gone bad" will cost much more than a good recreation program.

Mount Joy is fortunate in the calibre of its young people. Juvenile delinquency (we hate the term and think it is much overworked) is not considered a problem here. But the danger is always present in any community. Young people today are growing up in a fast moving world under many different pressures. They want fun, just as their parents did before them. A community that takes steps to provide good, clean, wholesome fun is at the same time taking steps to ward off fun that is not so good and clean and wholesome.

This recreation director should at the same time be developing a program for all age levels. With the ever-shortening work week, leisure time is rapidly becoming one of the nation's major problems. Communities with adequate recreation programs are not letting leisure time become a problem but are capitalizing on it for the benefit of all residents in all age groups.

There might be those who would say: "What will be done with the old grade school site if Little Chiques park becomes the community recreation center?"

This is most certainly a valuable piece of property strategically located. And there are scores of uses to which it might be put. Conceivably it might be used for a borough hall, or a library, or a hospital. It might be developed into a nicely landscaped grass plot, with benches. A couple of tennis courts could be placed there. Part of it could be black-topped for various summer games and flooding in the winter for skating. These are some of the possibilities.

Well, that's it for now. The Bulletin would like opinions from interested residents. The only requirement is that letters be signed. The Bulletin will not publish unsigned letters.

Former School Plot Deeded To Borough

Mount Joy Borough Council accepted the deed to the former Mount Joy Elementary School grounds at the Monday night meeting. The group accepted the deed from the Mount Joy Borough School Board. This is the plot of land with boundaries of Delta Street, Marietta Avenue, S. Market Street and Oak Alley.

In presenting the deed to the borough, the agreement was made that the land will be used for public use forever. Since the school was removed from the plot in 1954, the land has been standing idle. Several organizations in the town have made tentative plans of their suggestions and support for the renovation of the plot.

Driving Course Offered

A summer driver education program will begin at the Donegal High School next week. Only persons who have already registered will be invited to join the adult course.

During the first school year at Donegal 83 students passed their drivers' test through the course. Last year 78 passed the test through the course. Last year, the adult driver training class was introduced into the area. The evening class met with success that a second course was introduced in February. Twenty-five adults passed their tests through the course.

Persons interested in entering a similar course in the fall are requested to register now for the course. Registration may be given over the phone to the secretaries at the high school any day from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 16, 7:30 p.m. when all those registered will meet with Marshall Gemberling, instructor. The course will include 2 hours of class work per week and one hour behind the wheel. Those who have registered will receive letters advising them of the meeting. When a course of this type is offered, the persons are accepted according to when they register in the event that too many have registered for one course.

The summer group will use the new Driver Education automobile which is being serviced at the present time. Through the courtesy of Newcomer Motors, a new 1956 Chevrolet will be released to the school for the training next week.

OPENHOUSE PLANNED

Arthur Oberholzer will stage his open house this Friday and Saturday at his service station called "Art's Amoco Station". Orchids will be given to the first 100 ladies who visit the station and other gifts will be given to the men and children.

4-H CLUB MEETS

The Donegal 4-H Club met last Tuesday at the Donegal High School. The girls in the cooking group made waffles, ice cream and salad. Miss Miriam Roland was chosen as a junior leader. Twenty-nine attended the affair.

Milk Producers Will Meet Here

All dairymen of Lancaster, Abner H. Risser, president of the Mount Joy Cooperative Milk Producers' Association, are invited to attend a meeting to be held at Hostetter's Banquet Hall, Mount Joy, Tuesday evening, July 17, 1956, held throughout the New at 8:00 p.m. This meeting is York milked as part of being sponsored by the Metropolitan Cooperative Milk program of marketwide ser-Producers Bargaining Agency, Inc. in cooperation with both members and non-members of the Mount Joy Farmers Co-ops of cooperatives of the operative Association and area, are invited to attend. Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative, Inc. The topic of the meeting will be, "The Current New

The Mount Joy

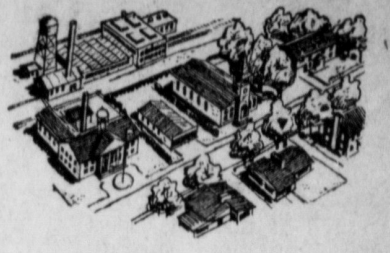


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Sends Report On Girl Scout Round-Up

(This report was written by Miss Barbara Becker for the Bulletin from the Senior Girl Scout International Round-up in Michigan.)

"We left Lancaster and got on the Manhattan Limited in Harrisburg, we changed trains because the car in which we were riding didn't have the air conditioning working. We had our dinner about 7:30 which was very good - ham, potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk and ice cream. We then went back to our coach to settle down for the night. Friday morning we awoke after a thrilling night. We had bacon and eggs for breakfast plus rolls and milk. It was also very good. At 8 a. m. we arrived in Detroit,

Michigan after a very exciting trip. We had to travel about 40 miles to get to Milford, Michigan, by bus. We finally got there and were very happy and very tired. We put up our tents and everything together to settle down. The Army is helping us throughout the whole camp with getting tables put together and they also put up the large tents. They are really working hard. We walked around the C Section and swapped items with girls from Texas, Illinois, Ohio, California, Wisconsin and other places. Saturday night we had a camp fire with 6,000 Scouts and

staff there. It was wonderful before the program started. Telegrams were read from people and Navy planes in honor of the first Senior Roundup at the Highland Recreation Area. One of the most dramatic moments of the afternoon's ceremonies came when a fifteen-year-old Texas girl, JoAnne Warren of Lubbock, read her own free verse poem on "What America Means to Me" to an audience of 10,000 campers and our visitors.

The Fourth of July celebration began with a fly-over by U. S. Air Force jets and Navy planes in honor of the first Senior Roundup at the Highland Recreation Area. One of the most dramatic moments of the afternoon's ceremonies came when a fifteen-year-old Texas girl, JoAnne Warren of Lubbock, read her own free verse poem on "What America Means to Me" to an audience of 10,000 campers and our visitors.

"Cheaper By the Dozen", was represented in the parade. State and Territorial flags were carried by campers from each state and Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Panama Canal Zone. When the flags were formally placed across the length of the outdoor arena, Mrs. Layton led the 6,000 campers in the pledge of allegiance. In the evening we all watched a three hour play of Fourth of July fireworks. I guess the girls thought the most exciting thing was the appearance of Mr. Weston from his summer home in Michigan."

Following the fly-over more than 6,000 Roundup visitors witnessed a flag ceremony involving 150 American flags, forty-eight state flags and six territorial flags. More than 200 of the campers took part. Starting with the Bunker Hill flag, a procession of historic flags and state flags told the story of American independence and growth. Each Roundup Patriot that had brought an American flag to the camp

In addition to Jo Anne's poem, those who addressed the assembly were Mrs. Roy Layton, national Girl Scout president; Dr. Lillian Gilbreth, well known engineer and mother in the book

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Mrs. Ruhl Dies After Accident

Kids' Dog Show Planned

Mount Joy will be the scene of a Kids' Dog Show scheduled for Thursday, August 2. Co-sponsored by Ken-L-Ration dog food and Mt. Joy Playgrounds, the show is open to all children up to the age of sixteen in the area who own dogs.

The evening show will begin at 6 p. m. at the borough park. Members of the Ken-L-Ration firm will be on hand with their equipment to make the show possible. The show will be divided into eight classes of dogs owned by local youngsters. A registration form must be filled in and submitted to the show. These registration forms will be available at the two playgrounds plus the playground.

Winners in each class will receive trophies and ribbons in addition to other various prizes. Each child who enters the show will receive one or more prizes. The eight classes are best dressed dog; largest dog; smallest dog; best cared for dog owned by a boy; best hand with their equipment; longest tail; and dog with the shortest tail. Although the show is sponsored by the dog food firm, the playgrounds, the child does not have to be a registered participant of the playground.

ATTENDING CAMP
Three Girl Scouts of troop 147 are attending Furnace Hills Camp this week and next week. The three attending the Lancaster County camp are Patty Nornhold, Connie Anderson and Linda Shields.

Condition of James Ruhl
was reported as 'improved' at St. Joseph's Hospital this noon. James was injured seriously in accident which Sunday claimed the life of his mother, Mrs. Signor F. Ruhl.

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Mrs. Ruhl was born in Rapho Township, a daughter of the late Milton N. and Mary Hostetter Miller. She was a member of the Mount Joy Mennonite Church where she was a Sunday school teacher. Besides her husband and son, surviving are three other sons, J. Robert, Harold M. Lancaster, and Charles P., at home. Also surviving are three grandchildren. She was the last of her immediate family.

Funeral services were held this afternoon from the local Mennonite church with interment in the Kraybill Cemetery.



TEEN DANCE FRIDAY EVENING - The popular Teen Dance under sponsorship of Mount Joy Friendship Fire Company Auxiliary will be continued this Friday evening from 8 to 11 p. m. at the fire hall, with music by the Co-op. Winners of the recent slow dance contest have been announced. They are left to right: second, Ronal Gotwalt and Lois Fuhrman; first, Pat Hamby and Russel Stoner; third, Marleen Metzler and Jim Bowers. First prize was \$5 each, second \$3 each and third \$2 each. Other contest will be announced later.

Shawnee Band Will Give Concert Here Tuesday

An out-door band concert will be given in the borough by the Shawnee Band of Columbia next Tuesday evening at the borough park. This twenty-five piece band is directed by H. Morrell Shields, Columbia Ave.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. the band will present a concert until dark. The concert will be free; made possible through the Musicians Transcription Fund. The Shawnee Band is a member of the fund. Proceeds accumulate in this fund through returns received by the Shawnee band in the afternoon. (Last week 132 children went on the swimming trip and this week 148 children attended.) Wednesday afternoon, the Wednesday playground children will

it the town playground. Thursday evening a bicycle decorating contest will be scheduled for the borough park. There is no limitation on the amount or kind of decorations to be used on the entries. Beginning at 6:30, all children are invited to enter the contest. Judges will announce the best entries.

Leaders Named
Point leaders include Richard Waltz, Charles Brown, Barry Funk and Frank Santana in the 5-8 age group; Kenneth Leakway, Robert Pennell, Johnson Ebersole, Eugene Funk in 9-10; Dennis Naugle, William Pennell, Barry Coover and Harry Greggs, 11-12; Terry Stark, Ronald Pennell, James Mus-

ser and Terry Bailey, 13-17 age group. The latest weekly point leaders among the girls are Joanne Bennett, Judy Schermick and Kathy Leitner in the 5-10 age group; and Esther Rice, Donna Eltz and Christine Leakway, tied for first place; Nadine Bailey and Nellie Derr, second and third in the 11-15 age group.

At the school playground a hand tennis tournament is now in progress. Charles Heaps was the captain of the intermediate winning kick-ball team. His team mates were Georgianne Schneider, Jeffrey Hawthorne, Sandra Gehart, John Hart and Carol Seibert. David Smith's team won the Tuesday morning's Capture the Flag event. He succeeding in capturing the flag after a daring crawl among the area bushes with Ralph Rice of the losing team in fast pursuit. David's winning team mates were Robert Hoppie, Jay Kaylor, Larry Fisher, Gary Stark, Greg Stark, Jeffrey Hawthorne, Harold Smith, Jon Dillinger, John Hart, Nancy Vogle and Sandra Eshleman.

New equipment at the playground includes a tether ball set plus two juvenile croquet courts. A tether ball contest will be started in the near future. Registrations at the two playgrounds include 133 at the school playground and 165 at the borough park playground.

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How To Call Ambulance

Persons in Mount Joy and vicinity are reminded of the Mt. Joy Community Ambulance procedure of calling the Mt. Joy Community Ambulance when needed. One phone number is listed for the calling of the ambulance, fire calls and police calls. This number is MJ 3-3431.

This information is again listed because of the condition that existed at an accident near Florin Sunday. Through several wrong telephone connections, time was lost in calling the ambulance to the scene. Persons who have phone books in Mt. Joy County and nearby areas, and vicinity have pasted on the front of the book a yellow paper with red lettering

listing the fire call phone number. The suggestion has been made that persons might enter the words "Ambulance calls to the same number on the notices."

FRESH AIR CHILDREN ARRIVE HERE
Approximately 60 Fresh Air Children arrived in Mt. Joy for the town and area today. Five hundred and twenty-five children from New York City's tenement district arrived in Lancaster County and nearby areas. The children will remain in the county for one or two week periods.

Fire Company Receives \$50

A fifty dollar donation was presented to the local Fire Company at the last Thursday evening meeting. Charles Sweigart, governor, and Harry Shank, secretary, of the Elizabethtown Moose presented Earl Zink, fire company president with a check toward the new community ambulance.

Following the invocation by the Rev. E. M. Moyer, chaplain, Ray Myers, fire chief, reported three fire calls during the month. The chief hose director reported the receiving of 300 feet of new 2 1/2 inch hose for company use. The solicitation committee reported receiving \$44.00.

Richland Lane Accepted As New Street

Richland Lane was accepted as a new street into the borough at the Monday night meeting of borough council. A deed for the new street was turned over to council by Mr. and Mrs. John Melhorn, Donegal Springs Road. This new street begins on the west side of Pinkerton Road and joins the eastern side of Marietta Avenue. Bids will be issued in the near future for the construction of the street after which the area will be ready for the construction of homes along the street.

The Rev. Lester Koder, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, offered the invocation at the beginning of the meeting. A discussion was held concerning the LeFever Road and area at the eastern extremity of the borough north and south of East Main Street.

At the present time stop signs are being placed on streets entering the route. A report was read from the Middle Department Association of Fire Underwriters in which the general condition of the borough, water supply, fire department and fire alarm systems were checked and tested. Included in the police chief's report were arrests for ignoring red traffic signals; 9; failure to yield the right of way; 1; reckless driving; 1; improper left turn; 1 and accidents investigated. 2. George Groff, chairman of the property committee, announced that a new double seaway has been purchased and will be placed in the borough park.

Rav Myers, fire chief, reported three fire calls answered during the past month. He also expressed his alarm since several streets are being blocked through the laying of the sewage pipes. In case of fire, it would be impossible to get to some of the areas. He said that he placed his request

with the sewage contractors that the intersections be kept open.

District Governor Visits Rotary

District Governor Dr. Troy M. Thompson of Elizabethtown paid an official visit to the Mount Joy Rotary Club at their luncheon meeting Tuesday noon. After addressing the club, Governor, Thompson met with the directors and committee chairmen to discuss activities scheduled

Physician On Call Sunday
Dr. John Gates

Cooperation Asked

Since the streets and alleys are being blocked through the laying of the sewage pipes, the work of the borough men collecting garbage and ashes has become more difficult. Residents are asked to lend

temporary cooperation with the men for the two collections. If it is possible, residents are asked to place the garbage and ashes where the men can collect them until the streets are again made available for travel.

COMPLETE COURSE

Marlyn Myers, South Barbara Street, and Glenn Foreney, Donegal Springs Road, completed two weeks of active duty through the U. S. Naval Reserve Unit