

Additional Loss Of Railroad Service May Be Suffered By Mt. Joy People

Unless Mount Joy takes parcel post, including action at once, another of the planned, progressive steps toward eliminating railroad passenger and mail service here will be taken in the very near future.

Without public notice, a sign was posted last week upon the front door of the Mount Joy station of the Pennsylvania railroad stating that application has been made to decrease further the already limited service given in this community. The railroad proposes to the Pennsylvania Public Utilities commission to change the status of Mount Joy from "an agency passenger and baggage station" to "a non-agency station."

What this proposal means is that there would be no agent at the station. Whether there would be trains at the station is not known at present. But those familiar with such matters observe that it is an easy, quick step from a non-agency status to one of non-stop status.

Unless there are protests, the utility commission will consider the application of the railroad without a public hearing.

This is another step in a series which has cut out the passenger traffic to and from Mount Joy by train to almost a trickle.

Presently, there are only two trains stopping here each day. One at 7:09 a. m. is west-bound. Another in the evening at 5:37 o'clock is east-bound. Both trains bring much of the community's mail — first class and

MAIN STREET

THIS IS the kind of story we enjoy reading — a young man giving just credit to a high school teacher for the help given on the start of a promising career.

IN LAST Sunday's Harrisburg paper there appeared a rather lengthy article concerning George McCue, Mt. Joy boy who is looking forward to another year with the Detroit Tiger baseball farm system.

AN OUTSTANDING athlete for Mount Joy, McCue went to Elizabethtown College a couple of years and then served two more with Uncle Sam. Last year he made a satisfactory showing with Valdosta, Ga.

BUT—to get to the point. George gives credit for his success in baseball to his high school coach — John Day. "He spent a lot of time with me and was always stressing fundamentals," says the Harrisburg writer quotes George. In those days, Day coached for Mount Joy. Now he is faculty manager of athletics at Donegal.

A YOUNGSTER who appreciates the help he's had in the past is one to keep an eye on in the future.

THE LOCAL tobacco crop, so we are told, has practically all been sold. While the yield was good and the quality high, some farmers were not particularly satisfied with the price. Many, in recent days, have been selling for 25 cents.

MISSING PERSONS' department — Frequently this column can be of service in helping to locate someone whose address is needed. For instance, the Friendship Fire Company needs to know the addresses of the following: Arthur H. Brown Jr., Lester Ebersole, Frederick Koewen, Benjamin H. Horst, Jr., Albert R. Retter, John Roth Jr., Clarence Ruth, Frank Schneider, Walter P. Schroll, Robert Seibert, Lester H. Sweigart, third prize for after-school dresses in the FHA clothing division; Trevena Stehman, Landisville, second for school dresses; Julie Harnly, Landisville, jump-suits; Mrs. Edna Shearer, Mount Joy R2, won third prize for American black walnuts; Mrs. Shearer, first for green river pecans.

Mrs. William Longenecker, Mount Joy, won first prize in the cotton floor rug division; Mrs. Ruth Shearer, Mt. Joy, second. Richard Ober, Mt. Joy R1, won third prize in the vocational agriculture group for his Berkshire pigs with David Hess, Marietta in fourth place. Richard Heagy, Florin, and Glenn Aldinger of Elizabethtown, R3, thirteenth. In the Hampshire division Gerald Greiner, of Manheim R4, won eighth place. H. Robert Mumma, of Landisville, won third prize in the aged cow division of Guerneys.

Crowds estimated at 85,000 piled into the Pennsylvania Farm Show building for the opening of the forty-first anniversary show Monday.

Mrs. Edna Shearer also

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Steeple-Monuments-Dormers

I, too, am a newcomer! In view of this fact, we can not resist the temptation to add a bit to the tumult raised by a recent derogatory letter to a Lancaster newspaper concerning landmarks in this area.

I, too drive through the streets of our town and of other Lancaster county communities, and I see churches — many churches. Some have steeples, some have none. I do not look carefully to see whether or not the steeples are about to topple onto the pavements. I see that this part of America has an intense personal heritage of religious freedom, and that it cherishes that freedom almost fiercely. Each group, however small, and each faith exercises its own way of worship in its own church — with or without a spire.

As I go through the streets of this town and of other nearby I see dormer windows on many buildings. Some are on old buildings, some on new. There are buildings which have been remodeled into shops and still retain the dormers.

But instead of seeing dormers, I see buildings which were erected to stand for more than a hundred years. They represent an era when workmanship was of paramount importance. A love of craftsmanship was built into every feature of the structures. They express solidarity and offer a challenge even today to anyone interested in building something permanent.

Too, as I drive about, I see monuments, plaques, markers. But instead of the artistic design of the monuments, I see an expression of loyalty to cause, a love of fellowmen and an attempt to set up in lasting form deserved tributes to great causes.

Recently we had relatives visit from "a progressive mid-western city." As we drove around Lancaster county they were deeply impressed with the many things of interest which are crowded so closely together — the way thrifty and industrious people have made a thin layer of soil into one of the most productive areas in the nation — the way industry and manufacturing have moved into the area — the way things of historic significance and importance are in the midst of everyday living and are a part of the hustle and bustle of a highly-populated area.

The visitors smiled with genuine pleasure as they observed the differences between the Lancaster county ways of life and those of the mid-westerner. They were fascinated by the indications on every hand that here live people who are enterprising and ambitious, but where many of the "old world" virtues are detained and expressed and where widely different ways of life exist side by side.

For many years we have heard of F. & M. graduates who leave the area and sing its praises loudly. It was an adventure to see for the first time the mixture of old and new that has produced one of America's oldest universities. It is a sobering thing to see tradition there at work, still turning out young people who are interested in humanity rather than atom bombs.

So we say to the derogatory letter writer — "You spoke too quickly, before you really caught the spirit of Lancaster county or 'saw' our towns at all!"

THE EDITOR

Donegal High School Named To Accredited School List

According to an official credited listing, Mount Joy notification received by the High School had first been in Donegal high school, the named to the list in 1928. Donegal is named on the list and again in 1942. In 1936 a of accredited schools for the commission chose two hundred period ending Dec. 31, 1959, dreed schools throughout the This action was the result United States to study in of an evaluation committee's determining standards for visitation to the school last the 1940 evaluations. The spring. R. D. Matthews, schools were a cross section chairman, released the in-of sizes. Mount Joy high formation of accreditation school was one of the 200 from the Committee of Sec- chosen for this study.

During the second postal quarter from October 20 to January 12, an increase of 3.2% was shown over the same period in 1955 and 1956. Elmer Zerpey, postmaster, announced the increases.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herman T. Gebhard, Manheim R1, a son, Friday, at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Mueller, Mount Joy R2, a son, Friday, at Lancaster General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Charles, Manheim R2, a son, Friday, at Lancaster General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Myers, Birchland avenue, a son, January 16th at the Columbia Hospital.

Locals Win Tobacco Awards

Area tobacco growers took twenty of the thirty prizes awarded at the Lancaster County Tobacco Show last week. Mrs. Milton S. Snyder, Manheim R4, won the championships in two classes and placed second in a third to top the individual award list.

Mrs. Snyder placed first in wrappers over 26 inches long; first in filler B over 23 inches long and placed second in filler B over 26 inches long. She won championships in both wrapper and filler B judging. Champion of the binder classes was J. Arthur Swarr, Landisville, who entry over 26 inches in length topped the under exhibit of Lee Snyder, also of Manheim R4. Swarr also won in wrappers over 26 inches.

Best filler B leaf over 26 inches was chosen by James Hess, Manheim R1. Mrs. Snyder's prize exhibits all were selected from tobacco grown on a small 1 1/4 acre plot. The small tract yielded 2,800 pounds of wrapper from which to choose. Both the yield and quality were termed the second best ever produced on the land. While the crop was the longest leaf the 1936 crop was probably better and yielded some 3,000 pounds.

Other local winners were Binder over 26 - J. Arthur Swarr, first; Donald Swarr, Landisville, second; C. H. Martin, Mount Joy R1, 3rd; John Shenberger, Manheim R4, fourth; and Lee Snyder, Manheim R4, fifth.

Binder under 26 - Lee Snyder, first; Arthur Swarr, second; A. L. Hostetter, of Manheim R1, third; Landis L. Nissley, Manheim R4, fourth and John Henry Hess, Manheim R1 fifth.

Wrapper over 26. Mrs. Snyder, first; Arthur Swarr, second; Donald Swarr, third. Wrapper under 26 local winners were Arthur Swarr, first; James Hess, second; filler B over 26 - James Hess, first; Mrs. Snyder, second; Filler B under 26 winners: and; John Hess, third. Snyder, first; John H. Hess, Jr., Manheim R1, second.

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Winter Weather Comes To Area



SNOW AND COLD weather put winter humps on the back of some, but for others it was an opportunity to enjoy sledding. Here is a group using the hill on Lumber street Monday morning for a winter sports frolic. On the sleds (left to right) are: Mrs. Effie Murphy and son, Elmer, age 4; Tracy Hamilton, 30; Terry Hamilton, and Bill Pennell.

Both snow and cold weather lasting more than a day have made the headlines after last year's mild winter. Sledding possibilities have reached a new high this week plus the ice skating.

Various readings of the temperature for Monday were ranging from below zero to seven above. The day marked the coldest day since 1955.

According to Samuel H. Miller, who has developed the predicting of weather as his hobby, the winters will gradually be getting colder for the next several years, (possibly the next fifty). The winter weather is governed by the position of the planets. At the present time, the planets are going south of the equator and back again the winters are expected to be colder.

Mr. Miller also stated that he remembers one extremely cold winter that of 1917. The temperature reading for one week was six below zero.

Residents of the area have the advantage of two ponds for skating; one located at the extreme eastern end of East Main Street and the other in Florin. (There is also one private rink located in a yard on East Donegal Street. This rink is 25 feet in diameter.)

Merchants Make Plans For Silver Dollar Days

Plans for promoting the more than \$400 in silver dollar Silver Dollar Sales Days in Mount Joy and Florin next month were made Monday night.

The plan revolves around a plan whereby each merchant participating will give away 15 silver dollars on Saturday night, February 16. The coins will be placed on display and merchants will feature many attractive bargains and will promote special sales of all kinds.

Window banners, street banners, extensive advertising and other methods will be used to promote the Silver Dollar Sales Days and to make the event a real customer savings opportunity.

Because in this section of the county silver dollars are not often seen in general circulation the committee speculated as to whether or not there would be a sufficient supply. To be sure there would be as many pieces of silver money as needed, it was arranged that the local banks would be alerted to the situation so that they can have a supply on hand. To further plan for the Sales Days, a general meeting of the Retail Merchants division of the Chamber of Commerce will meet at the Mount Joy school on Monday night, February 4.

Petition Urges Work Stoppage

Work has been stopped on the sewage line location on East Main Street on the east side of the Little Chiques Creek by the borough authority. The authority stopped the continuation of the line until a special meeting of the authority is held to discuss the matter. A decision will be made whether or not it will prove financially sound to continue the proposed line.

The action to stop the construction was brought about following a petition signed by the nine property owners located along the highway which was an extension of East Main Street through a recent annexation. The sewage line was included in the original plans and work completed to date was constructed by the Palumbo Construction Company. To date approximately 700 feet of the pipe line has been laid.

C. of C. Elects New Officers

The Tuesday, January 22, meeting of the Elementary School and Home Association will begin at 7:00 p. m. with homeroom visitation. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p. m. in the auditorium with Charles Wolgemuth, president, in charge. First grade mothers will have charge of refreshments.

Dr. Newton Kendig, local physician, will be out of town from Thursday until Monday morning.

Physician On Call Sunday Dr. Thomas O'Connor

Officers Named To Mt. Joy Paper Box Company

The thirtieth annual stockholders meeting of the Mount Joy Paper Box Company was held Jan. 10 at the Mount Joy Paper Box Company in Mount Joy. The following company officers were elected to the board of directors: Loren P. Somer, president; Robert C. Hurst, vice president, general manager and secretary; Leroy Kaylor, vice president and plant manager; John C. Byrnes, vice president and sales manager; and I. V. Somer, treasurer.

Lions, Rotary Hold Joint Meet

Mt. Joy Rotarians braved the den of the local Lions club Tuesday night at Hostetter's but there were no casualties.

The evening was the renewal of the annual joint Rotary-Lions meeting and despite a few jovial jabs, the dinner event was one of good fellowship between men of two service clubs.

Lewis Bixler, president of the Lions club, was in charge. He introduced Rotary President Mike Pricio, who responded to the Lions' welcome. Each club is host on alternate years.

Principal speaker was the Rev. Phillip Saylor of the Elizabethtown Reformed Church, who talked on "How You Look at It." His inspirational address dealt with the need for Christian character and he said that "the true values are our ideals you hold in your own heart."

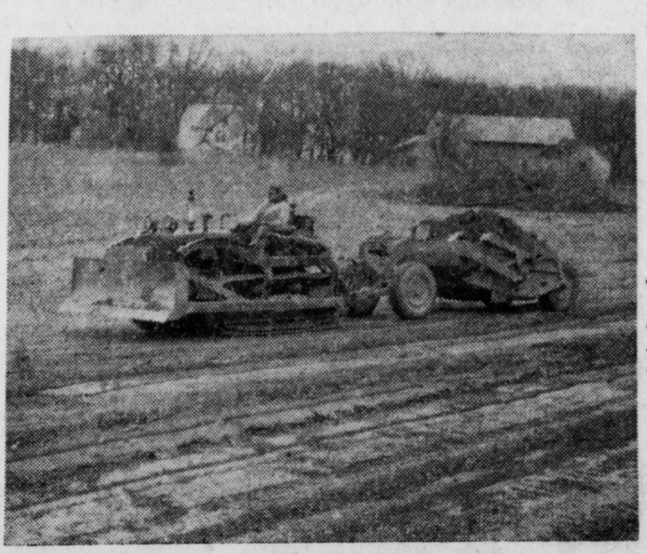
The guest speaker was introduced by Clyde Mumper.

Sportsmen Discuss Clubhouse Plans

A discussion of the plans for the clubhouse of the Mt. Joy Sportsmen Association to be built on the recently-purchased farm were discussed at the Monday night meeting of the group. In order to raise the money for its erection in the very near future, local bonds will be sold to residents.

Forty persons attended the meeting in the local council rooms. The financial secretary reported a membership of 407. The game committee reported 41 cock pheasants and 20 hen birds released Saturday, January 12.

The game trapping committee reported 71 rabbits trapped in Mount Joy; 38 in Berlin, Donald Staley, Hubert Peters, Emer on Stehman, Ragnar Hallgren, Roy Arnold, John Day, Frederick Mahmborg and Grant Miller.



PROGRESS IS BEING made on improvement of the Sportsman farm, north of Mount Joy. Shown on a "cat" moving earth is Ivan Woomert.

—Marshall Dussinger Photo