

MAIN STREET

If you were expecting first class mail on Friday and it did not arrive, this may be the answer.

Mount Joy, despite its first class rating based on volume of business, has its problems. One is the dispatching and receiving of mail on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Some trains catch mail "on the fly" and at the same time toss off mail sacks.

Friday, on train No. 9, a westbound fast train due here about 8:45 a. m., a bag containing two pouches of first class mail was tossed off on the north side of the track.

But, instead of landing away from the train, it was "sucked" back under the speeding cars and was badly mangled.

One of the pouches was not damaged but the other was mutilated — some mail beyond recognition. Other pieces were bent, torn and cut.

Postmaster Elmer Zerphy said that Sam Dock, station agent, and Mail Messenger Charles Groff saw the accident.

The problem is a difficult one in Mount Joy because of the high speed of the trains and the deep cut through which they are passing. Last week's accident is not the first and it is believed that the rush of air created by the train in the confined space of the cut accentuate the possibilities of difficulties.

The problem is one which causes no end of difficulties.

For instance, included in the damaged pouch were several checks. They were mutilated. Perhaps some were destroyed. Not only were the recipients inconvenienced but some were checks written for use through automatic machines. Thus, business bookkeeping systems are disrupted.

One of the recipients of some of the checks was a widow who relies for income upon receipt of her dividend checks.

Postmaster Zerphy said that the incident has been noted on official reports and has been forwarded to the postoffice transportation headquarters for investigation.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Waters, Landisville, a daughter, last Thursday, at Lancaster General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond D. Martin, Mount Joy R1, a son, Friday, at Lancaster General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Diehl, Manheim R1, a daughter, Thursday, at Lancaster General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Brien, Landisville, a daughter, Saturday, at Lancaster General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus G. Williams, Landisville, a son, Saturday, at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Coen, Main Street, Florida, a daughter, Saturday, at St. Joseph's Hospital.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
John E. Matoney, 57 East Main Street, and Elizabeth A. Hamby, Florida.

Amos S. Peters, Manheim R4, and Mary Elizabeth Geib, Manheim R4.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Kreiser, Mount Joy R1, a daughter, Sunday, at Lancaster General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bates, Cedar Lane, a daughter, Saturday, at St. Joseph's Hospital.

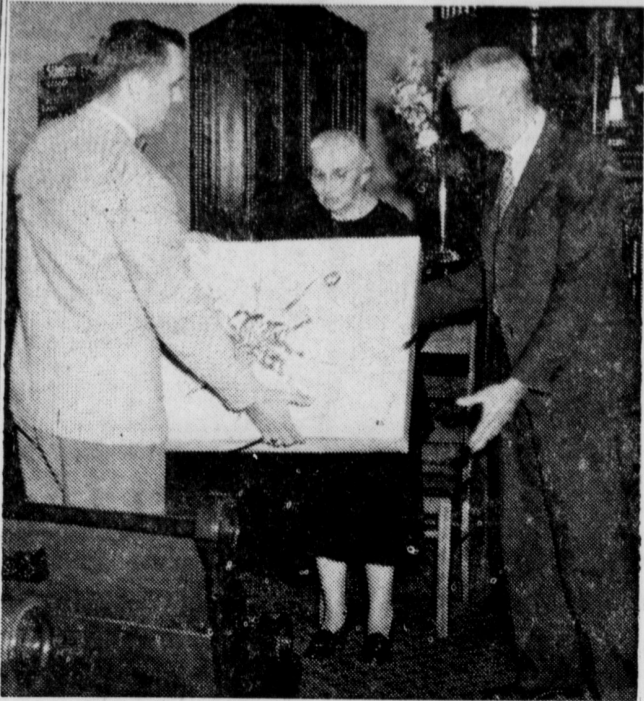
Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Anstadt, 34 West Main St., a daughter, Monday, at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zerphy, 12 West Main Street, a daughter, Monday, at the Lancaster General Hospital.

ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCED
Next Friday, April 12, the Spanish classes of Donegal high school will present a Pan-American assembly program for the student body.

The same evening, the tenth grade will hold a social "hop" in the gymnasium.

Observe Golden Anniversary



CHAS. HERSHEY AND MR. AND MRS. ELI SMELTZER

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Smeltzer were honored last Wednesday evening at a special church service the day of the couples golden wedding anniversary.

The program was held in the Church of God where Mr. Smeltzer has been custodian for the past thirty-five years.

At the beginning of the program, Mrs. George Broske and Mrs. Harvey Hawthorne played an organ and piano duet which was followed by group singing led by the Rev. William Tillet, pastor of the church. At this point in the program, unknown to Mr. and Mrs. Smeltzer, their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Divet, their grandson, Richard Divet, and other relatives of the couple came into the church.

They didn't realize that the program was in their honor until the Rev. Tillet announced it. Charles Hershey, superintendent of the Sunday School, was in charge of the program which included readings by Mrs. Jay Barnhart and Mrs. Mark Newcomer, a trombone and baritone duet by Jay and Barry Barnhart, a tenor solo by David Weidman, selections by the men's quartet consisting of Mr. Weidman, Ted Weidner, Lester Eshleman, and George Broske, and selections by the mixed quartet consisting of Mrs. Clyde Mumper, Mrs. John Weidman, David Weidman and Mr. Weidner. Mrs. Smeltzer had taught the Primary class for many years; and in her honor, the Primary Class sang several songs.

George Broske, as representative of the Sunday School board and Church council, presented them with fifty yellow rose buds; and Charles Hershey, presented them with a lighted picture of Christ, also a gift from the two groups. Lester Eshleman, past superintendent, gave the couple fifty one dollar bills which was the gift from the congregation of the church.

An honored guest of the occasion was the minister who married the couple Mar. 27, 1907. The Rev. H. S. Hershey, Landisville, attended and spoke. He said that this occasion marked the fifth golden wedding anniversary that he attended of couples he had married. Mrs. Jay Barnhart and Miss Betty Jane Charles were in charge of the program.

Mrs. Smeltzer is the former Gertrude Sprout who was formerly from Landisville. Mr. Smeltzer lived in Mount Joy all his life and the couple has lived here since their wedding. Mr. Smeltzer, in addition to his custodian duties, is active in "handyman" carpenter jobs.

Mr. and Mrs. Smeltzer wish to extend their thanks to everyone for the cards and gifts they received in honor of the occasion.

Florin Girl Wins Oratorical Contest

Carol Ginder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ginder, of Florin, won the annual oratorical contest at Everet.

Miss Ginder competed against five other district winners and spoke on "Peace - What can I do to Promote it." With the award goes a check for \$75 and an opportunity to compete for the national title at Richmond, Va., in June at the Church of the Brethren conference. Miss Ginder is a recent graduate of Donegal high school.

Local Man Wins County Contest

Edward Becker, Mount Joy R1, won first place Sunday in a safety skill run, sponsored by the Stick Shifters Rod and Custom Club. Aided by his brother, James, aged 12, as co-pilot, Mr. Becker covered the seventy-nine mile course through Lancaster and Lebanon Counties in three minutes under the prescribed time of two hours and 13 minutes.

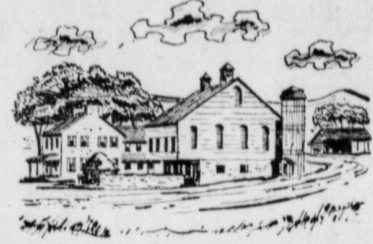
The competition also included a rigid vehicle inspection and a quiz on state driving laws, according to Kenneth Greider, club president. He said that the contest was approved by both state and turnpike police. The local man received a trophy for his first place win.

Homemakers Given Clothing Hints

The Mount Joy Women's Homemakers group met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. John Hershey, Mt. Joy R2. Instructions were given on hemming and belt making as well as completion of dresses.

Mrs. Charles Eby and Mrs. Earl Swarr will attend the Leaders Training April 4th for laundry techniques. Announcement was made of Homemaker's Day, April 24, at the Lancaster First Presbyterian Church. Lunch tickets are available for \$1.80 and may be secured from Mrs. Hershey.

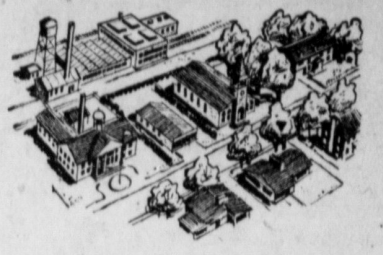
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Council To Create New Parking Area

Action was taken to provide better parking facilities at the Monday night meeting of Mount Joy Borough Council. The borough will lease from the Pennsylvania Railroad the land between Sassafras Alley and the railroad which will be macadamized for public parking. This will include the land between High Street and Walnut Street (the street that joins Sassafras Alley at the former Keener Furniture Store). The borough will also regulate incinerators on the land, will police the parking lots, and will erect barricades near the top of the bank.

In the near future, approximately forty new street signs will arrive which will be placed at intersections where no such signs exist. The property committee will hold a special meeting to decide on their placements. The group ordered 200 feet of fire hose to be purchased for the fire company. The fire places at the Cove will be repaired for the summer season.

Bids for a new borough truck which were to be opened at a special meeting on Thursday will not be opened until Monday, April 22nd. The railroad area between North Market Street and Concord Street will be turned into a twenty-foot macadam roadway. This has been used as a borough roadway in the past but never paved. Chief of police Park Neiss reported two traffic violations and one accident investigated during the past month. The Rev. W. H. Tillet, pastor of the Church of God offered the invocation and Lloyd Myers, president was in charge of the meeting.

Henry Hut, engineer, was present at the meeting and was asked to determine curb lines on several borough streets. He will also draw up specifications for the rebuilding of Lefever Road. Following the completion of these drawings, council is preparing to advertise for bids of the road by the next regular meeting. Warren Foley was also present and announced that the Rapho Township supervisors are already working on the portion of Lefever Road which is not in the borough.

Supervisor Allen Shatz announced that the tennis nets have been placed on the courts for the summer and that the wooden backstop for tennis practice has been placed against the one end of the lower courts. He also suggested trash cans be placed at the tennis courts. A request was received by him to have 150 feet of curbing at year.

In charge of buying machinery, equipment and properties, he discussed buying methods, which served to tell Rotarians how they may buy better and how they would be received as sellers by big firms.

Lawton talks with literally thousands of salesmen, seeking always to "buy the best equipment for the best price." However, he pointed out that lowest price is not necessarily the best price, and cited examples of how the highest bid suited the company's needs best as it looked at the long-range investment.

Among the things Armstrong Cork must have from a bidder are guarantees of performance, definite delivery date and guarantee of a firm price. High on the list of considerations is the service of the salesmen and past performance of the seller in satisfying complaints. Last on the list is reciprocity consideration of firms which are Armstrong's own customers. James Heilig arranged the program and introduced the speaker.

TO ATTEND ANNUAL CONVENTION

Donegal High School will be represented at the annual southern district convention of student councils next Friday at Lebanon High School. Patricia Brenner, sophomore; Jay Lehman, treasurer of the junior high student council; and Elaine Showalter, senior, will be the local representatives. Miss Showalter will act as secretary to one of the panel discussion groups. They will be accompanied by Ragner Hallgren of the faculty.

TO ATTEND MEETING: James Meminger, of the First National Bank and Trust Company, will attend the thirtieth annual trustees conference of the state Bankers Association Friday in Harrisburg. Ten Lancaster County bankers will be among the 200 state bank executives in attendance.

Physician On Call Sunday

Dr. Thomas O'Connor

DELINQUENT TAXES ARE COLLECTED

After one month following the announcement that a delinquent tax collector will collect taxes in the borough, the work was started Monday. The tax collector will collect all outstanding head taxes including the 1956 per capita tax.

Chamber Announces Committees

Committees and projects have been announced for the local Chamber of Commerce for the year. One of the projects will be to work for a better cooperation between the borough and the surrounding townships. Planning for future development is needed before placed new streets are built. Other projects for the year will include an essay contest, Christmas lighting, soap box derby, youth activity, area development and a merchants committee.

Wilbur I. Beahm heads the essay project which is an annual contest held at the Donegal high school. His committee includes Ralph Eshleman and Eli Hostetter. Christmas lighting of the borough streets will again be a project of the group with Arthur Sprecher, Clark Berrier, Simeon Horton and Miller Wolgemuth on the committee.

The soap box derby, which is sponsored in connection with the annual community exhibit, is in charge of Glenn Kaylor, Clyde Mumber and Simon Nissley. Clyde Gerberich, Jr., Charles Fish and Charles Buchenauer are in charge of the youth activity committee and Albert Seiler, Samuel Balsbaugh and Paul Stoner head the area development committee.

John Way Jr. is in charge of the merchants committee with Adam Greer, Jay Meckley, George Keener and Leonard Saiko. Public relations committee work will be done by John Booth, Walter Sloan, Titus Rutt, Clyde Nissley, Henry Carpenter and Richard Rainbolt. Adam Greer, Robert Hurst and John Booth are in charge of membership.

The board of directors meets monthly but two meetings have been planned for the membership. The semi-annual meeting held in the summer will be in charge of Jay Meckley, Samuel Heisey, Melvin Weaver and I. Richard Gerberich while the annual meeting will be in charge of Paris Hostetter, Daniel Wolgemuth, Robert Fry and Maurice Bailey.

Charles Ruhl is president of the group this year; Jay Meckley, first vice president; John Way Jr., second vice president; Maurice Bailey, secretary and Carl Krall, treasurer.

Farmers' Night Held By Lions

Farmer's Night was observed at the Tuesday night meeting of the local Lions Club at Hostetter's. Twenty-two farmers were guests of the club for the evening; and thirty-three members of the club attended the meeting.

Kenneth Young, student at Donegal high school, was the guest speaker for the annual affair. He discussed the "soil bank program" which has recently been made available to the farmers of the county. Grant Miller, who was in charge of the special night, introduced the speaker.

Miss Jackie Mariner played accordion solos. Lewis Bixler, president, was in charge of the meeting. Paul Gingrich, chairman of the forthcoming pancake breakfast, reported on the progress of the event.

To Report New Families Call MJ 3-6294

Time For Use Of New Sewer System And Disposal Plant Draws Near

Mount Joy's new sewer lines to the sewer, there are the remaining work on the system and the disposal plant certain hurdles yet to be cleared.

In the first place, there still is a legal situation pending which must be cleared, but which is in the mill. It is expected that the problem will be solved shortly.

Shortly, information pertaining to the procedure by which applications for sewer use, connection permits, fee payments and other necessary arrangements will be released.

In the meantime, every effort is being taken to speed

Stauffertown Residents Sitting On Anxious Seat

While residents of Stauffertown sit anxiously waiting for the source of some "petroleum substance" which has contaminated water wells and polluted the air in homes.

Early last week several residents of the area discovered the odor in their homes and taste in the water. Tuesday work was begun to find the leaks, if any.

Samples of water from different wells have been tested. Reports indicate a "petroleum substance" but no indication can be given as to the source.

Along the Manheim road are 4 pipe lines — one carries gasoline and three are for moving natural gas.

For several days some residents of the area have been carrying water from neighbors who still have "good" water. Other people have been obliged to keep basement doors open for usually unneeded ventilation.

The Southern Pipe Line company is sponsoring the excavations in the area. Men worked five days last week and three this week but at noon Thursday had discovered no major leaks in any of the lines.

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Cancer Drive Is This Month

Volunteer workers have been announced for the Cancer drive being conducted in the vicinity this month. Held in conjunction with both the county and national drives, the local drive will continue throughout April.

Florin chairmen are Mrs. Lloyd Vogel north of the highway and Mrs. Alvir Yingst, south of the highway. Charles Ashenfelter is chairman of the Mount Joy drive; and Arthur Sprecher is in charge of the entire area.

Mrs. Vogel's workers will be Mrs. Maynard Robinson, Mrs. Maurice Crowl, and three Girl Scouts, Patricia Lehman, Rita Herr and Nancy Vogel. Mrs. Yingst's helpers will be Robert Beauderfer, Mrs. Robert Johnson, Mrs. William Emenheiser, Mrs. Charles Hill, Mrs. Kenneth Nissley, Mrs. Roy Vagner and Miss Joyce Barber.

Baxter Wells has been named by the Authority to be sewer plant operator. He began his work on Thursday of this week.

Announcement was made that sewer installation in the alleys north of and paralleling Main street are practically finished. A petition was received asking that the line be placed in the alley to eliminate laterals in Main street. However, the Authority said that the plan is not financially practical.

An authorization to begin work of installation of sewer lines between Mount Joy and Florin on Main street and on Main street at the far east edge of the borough was given. Digging on the west project is expected to begin at once.

Giving attention to the water works division of its responsibilities, the Authority adopted a \$16,000 operating budget for the fiscal year that delinquent water users continued April 15.

The authority emphasized that delinquent water users who were given a 30-day payment warning March 15, must pay their water bills or water service will be discontinued April 15.

Lloyd Myers appeared before the Authority as a representative of the Borough Council seeking to have a "replug" moved at the corner of Main and New Haven streets and to put city park and playgrounds in condition for summer use.

Consideration also was given the continuing unsatisfactory conditions on east Mount Joy street. Indications given were that the Authority and Council would do additional joint work in the area to correct sewer and water drainage situations.

Authority Chairman Robert Rosser announced that George Broske has been made vice-chairman of the board and that William Gassman is assistant secretary-treasurer.

An operating committee to handle some of the details of the sewer and water business was named, including Broske and George Keener. Gassman and John Toppin, named to the finance committee.

Plans were also discussed at the May meeting which is the last of the school year. Officers will be elected; the elementary band will present a short concert, and the annual safety patrol awards will be made at that time.

Invitations for the annual banquet and reunion of the Mount Joy Old Timers have been mailed.

If any member was missed, should call 3-9804 for reservation.

Anyone who is not a member but wants to attend, he may do so by calling the number mentioned above for reservations.

Replies should be in early. There will be surprises.

TO TOUR HOSPITAL
Next Tuesday, Mrs. Sadie Brooks, advisor, will escort the Donegal high school Home Nursing Club on a tour of the Elizabethtown Crippled Children's Hospital.

Scout Award

James Schatz, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Schatz, Mount Joy R.D. 2, is the Scout of the Month. He is a member of Troop 39. He was presented the award on March 25 by Scoutmaster Harold Estell. The honor is based on carrying out of the Scout and Scout Laws.

Giving of the honor was started in March and James thus becomes the first scout to be so awarded. The Boy Scouts will sell home fire extinguishers and will canvass the town on Saturday, April 6.