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We bumped into a local business man this week who had been really "down in the dumps."

It seems that an employee had set a valuable container outside the door for some reason or other and just at that time the trash collectors came by, picking up everything which appeared to be "headed for the dump."

It wasn't an imposing piece of equipment so "up she went" and into the big compactor.

Shortly afterwards the loss was noted and the big hunt was on.

When we saw the boss his hands were cut and his clothes were a mess, for he literally had been "down in the dumps" hunting and rooting around trying to find the missing property. Did he find it?

No.

Periodically someone turns up, interested in the caves which have their openings at the Cove.

Recently there was a young man in the Bulletin office who expressed curiosity about "caves of historic interest."

He was in the process of 'doing a paper' on the subject and was doing some original exploration.

He had been in one of the Cove caves but had not found anything of particular significance. The stories about the hermit and the Indians already were familiar to him.

NATIONAL CASH REGISTER CO. OPTIONS LOCAL FACTORY SITE

An option to buy approximately 23 acres of land immediately east of the Borough of Mount Joy has been taken this week by one of America's biggest industries.

If exercised within the next 90 days, the site, owned by Arthur and Clarence Hostetter, could become the location of a plant owned by National Cash Register of Dayton, Ohio.

The option was signed Monday afternoon and immediately machinery moved into high gear to

make test drilling on the site, to make surveys and to investigate the ways and means of installing water and sewer facilities.

The Hostetter brothers signed the option with representatives of a Chicago firm which specializes in making industrial site surveys for big companies and assists with the technicalities of plant locating. The firm does not do engineering or construction work.

Principals in the transaction Monday indicated that the plot under consideration is located between Road 230 and the Pennsylvania railroad. The west boundary roughly follows an old fence row which stretches southward across the road from in front of the home formerly occupied by Mrs. Ralph Eshleman. The east boundary is immediately west of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ebersole.

National Cash Register is regarded as one of the nation's top industrial corporations, rated as a "blue chip" organization by any measure of comparison.

If plans develop as now anticipated, the new plant here would be an installation which would do printing for NCR.

It is anticipated that a wide variety of printing and processing will be done, including a huge volume of supplies for electronic equipment.

In the past the company has been known as makers of cash registers but in recent year expansion and diversification has led into electronics, where great strides are now being made.

If the site is developed, within eight months to a year, employment is expected to be about 250 people, a big percent of which would be males.

The plant, which would be begun this summer and completed as quickly as possible, would be about 125,000 square feet in size.

National Cash Register has been interested in the local area for many many months and representatives have been in and out of Mount Joy checking, investigating, studying and conferring with local people.

Boro Buys Florin Water

In what was almost a simultaneous transaction, the Mt. Joy Borough Authority borrowed half a million dollars and paid \$307,000 for the Florin Water Works.

The money changed hands quickly Wednesday at the Union National Mount Joy bank as members of the Authority, bank officials who are trustees for the Authority, fiscal agents, attorneys, representatives of the Florin Water company and others looked on.

Heart of the formal business was the handing to the authority by C. C. Collings and company of Philadelphia a check for \$500,000 in exchange for 500 \$1,000 bonds and then the paying by the authority \$307,000 for the water company's assets, including its big-producing spring, pumping plant, distribution system and equipment.

The bonds, which will be offered by Collings to invest-

ors, arrived in Mount Joy earlier this week and Monday were signed by B. Titus Rutt, chairman of the Authority; Daniel Wolgemuth, secretary, and by Lester Hostetter, the bank's officer and trustee.

Purchase of the water plant now moves into another phase.

Very shortly the Authority will ask for bids for constructing a new 12-inch water line from the Florin spring, stretching across open fields to the existing 12-inch main under the Marietta Pike.

It is anticipated that the connection will be made near Melvin M. Graybill home.

Other work to be done includes considerable revamping of the pumping equipment and pumping station, improving of the water collecting system and installation of a water softening

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Nine people are included in the cast of the play, "Never Too Late," which will be given March 21 through 26 at the Donegal high school Annex by the Mount Joy Lions club. A sophisticated comedy in three acts, the production will include these pictured above: front row (seated) left to right: Jake Aument, Betty Klinedinst, Lavon Harnish, Virginia Horst; back row (standing) Jerry Shetz, Morrell Shields, Asher Halbleib, Sam Harnish and Lloyd Derr.

The Mount Joy Lions Club will present its 4th annual stage production, "Never Too Late," next week, March 21 to 26, beginning at 8:00 p.m. each night at the Donegal annex. This year's play is a sophisticated three-act comedy. The play stars Morrell Shields, Betty Klinedinst, Asher Halbleib, and Lavon Harnish. Other cast members include Virginia Horst, Clayton Aument, Gerald Sheetz,

Lloyd Derr and Sam Harnish. The production is being directed by Tom Wolfgang. "Never Too Late" has been produced professionally for about three years but has only recently been released for amateur presentation.

QUALIFIES AS EXPERT

Specialist Five Donald L. Snavely, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Snavely, Rte.

1, has qualified in Germany, as an expert in firing the M-14 rifle.

The expert rating is the highest mark a soldier can achieve in his rifle qualification test.

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An Editorion

How long, how long?

How long must the people wait? How much blood must be washed into the gutters before the state highway department takes a giant step to help prevent deaths on Road 230 between Mount Joy and Elizabethtown?

Since June of 1965, ten people have died along a relatively short strip of highway which has all the appearances of being a fine, high-speed modern highway.

But, it is a fooler!

As a three-lane road, it straddles the fence of death and has become "The Killer Strip" of Lancaster county.

In the past, the state has been urged to "do something" to put motorists on the alert that this stretch of roadway is dangerous. But, except for a very few lines, nothing has been done to curb the march of carnage.

We have said a number of times, and we say it again—please, please paint some lines on that highway, making it illegal to pass in a three lane situation.

We speak of the type markings which exist between Wrightsville and York on Road 30. Tell the motorists, by the yellow lines, that they are NOT to use the third lane for passing in both directions.

Others speak of widening this stretch of highway. Others point out that the dangers will be lessened when the new 230 bypass is built.

We want something NOW. Death is hovering over that stretch NOW. Painting lines may not be the solution to the problem, but painting is something that can be done NOW and it is just possible that painting lines would save a life — or maybe two or three.

To date, no one has done much of anything.

Is it too much to ask that those responsible for the safety of the people do something NOW?

How long, how long?