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SEVEN CENTS

The "hot item" on Main street this week is the Monday night action of Borough Council when it unanimously overruled previous action of the zoning commission concerning a tract of land under option by Weis markets as a possible site for a super market.

It was not exactly "What" council did which has provoked the wide discussion. Council, apparently, has every right to do what it did.

Chief target of criticism is "How" council did what it did.

In what obviously was a pre-cut, pre-dried action, and without even giving any of the principals involved any opportunity to present any information, a request for variance in zoning was denied.

Council did not give courteous consideration to representatives of the Weis interests, did not question property owners who objected nor did it bother to discuss the matter with the zoning commission.

Sympathies on Main street lay with the zoning commission, which had spent its time and energy to handle the case and had even scheduled and held a public hearing, which was attended, by only one objector—Councilman Dolan.

Zoning Chairman Omar Goff, immediately and publicly, expressed the feeling of many when he told council that "you don't need a zoning commission."

Perhaps it should be said in council's behalf, that later in its meeting Monday evening some councilmen apparently regained a bit of their equilibrium and had second thoughts about their rude and crude way of handling a matter which in every measure deserved calm, deliberate and complete consideration. Some felt that the action had been too hasty, too roughly handled and that a mistake had been made.

When should petunias be planted?

Well, one answer we heard this week is: "Anytime after the first full moon in May."

Thus, in 1966, that formula would mean that any time after Wednesday of this week the principle behind this full moon business, apparently, is that by the time the first full moon arrives, usually the weather is satisfactory.

However, we talked with Charley Ruhl this week and he said that although he already has sold some petunia plants, it would seem wise to wait a few days until the weather is better and the ground is warmer.

But, almost any way you look at it, petunia planting time is almost at hand.

Plant petunias almost anywhere to add color and to join with the rest of the town in making a real fine showing during the summer of 1966.

MEMORIAL DAY Parade Route

MAY 28, 1966

(Rain Date - Monday, May 30)

Assemble at Angle and Church streets;
South on Angle to Main street;
East on Main to Barbara street;
North on Barbara to Park Avenue
East on Park Avenue.
Dispersal at SICO park

Deny Zoning Aid To Weis

By a unanimous vote the Mount Joy Borough Council Monday night, May 2, reversed the recommendation of its Zoning commission and denied a request to rezone a relatively small strip of land from Residence B to commercial.

The area involved is a portion of a site recently optioned by the Weis markets from Jacob Y. Stauffer and Asher Beamenderfer on west Main street.

The food chain had indicated that it hoped to erect a modern super market on the site.

Monday night's action began when council took up consideration of a recommendation from the Zoning commission that a variance be granted to allow use of the plot for commercial useage.

Then a petition was presented to council bearing some 15 names, residents of the area requesting council to overrule the commission's recommendation.

With a delegation of about 15 citizens on the sidelines, Councilman Joseph Dolan of the West Ward took charge of the action and before and without discussion of the matter at hand offered a motion to deny the zoning variance.

However, Wayne Holmes, real estate manager for Weis, did manage to interject a few words and to present maps to show location of the proposed new business.

However, no objector except Dolan, whose name appeared on the petition, was called to speak.

Although Weis has an option on a sizable plot near the corner of Main and Orchard, only a portion of the area is involved in the rezoning. The remainder is already specified as commercial.

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Plans Huge Development East of Boro

If plans initiated in the fall of 1965 and now moving steadily forward come to full realization, within a year or 18 months, a development of major nature will be underway at the eastern edge of Mount Joy.

First public announcement of the plans were made Monday to the Mount Joy Bulletin by Noah S. Myers of Harrisburg, who is known widely in this area for his business and philanthropic activities over a period of many

years. Myers revealed plans for development of the Harry K. Shenk farm, on the Elm Tree school road, which will involve several hundred thousand dollars.

At the present time, four phases of the plan call for a convalescent home, and auditorium, a sizable restaurant and a cemetery.

All would be under the name of Temple Enterprises.

Myers said that the location was selected with great care—not only to be near Mount Joy but with regard to present and future highway developments, including the new Route 230 by-pass.

Easy access to highways is connected with his plan to use the auditorium for large gatherings of various kinds.

In telling of his plan for the auditorium, he said that the building will be 300 feet long and 100 feet wide with seating for several thousand people. The plan is to so construct the building that it can be used for either large or small groups, included are

To Begin New Water Line Soon

Construction of a new 12-inch water main from the Florin spring on Spookey Hill road to the Marietta pike is expected to begin within the next few days.

Contracts between the Authority and the Mount Joy Construction company are being drawn and are expected to be completed very shortly, it was announced at the Authority's May meeting, held Tuesday night in the fire hall.

The local construction company was low bidder on the job with a proposal of \$55,575. Eight other contractors submitted prices.

The main is part of a "development" program being begun at the spring to provide water for the newly-joined Mount Joy and Florin distribution systems.

In other business Tuesday night, Authority authorized the inclusion of three fire hydrants along the length of the new main; set June 2 as the date for selling a lot it owns on Old Market street, and approved its budget for the new year.

Estimated income from water and sewer sources is expected to be \$235,500, it was estimated. As of May 1, the Authority had bonds outstanding totaling \$1,205,000, it was reported.

Poster Contest Winners Named

Prize winners in the Mount Joy Chamber of Commerce 1966 "Beautify Mount Joy" Poster Contest have been announced this week as follows:

High School: First, Toni Leedom, 112 East Donegal Street; Second, Jane Gruber, 23 Frank St.; Third, Jackie Wein, 346 Marietta Avenue; Hon. Mention, Charlene Heaps, 351 Delta Street.

Elementary: First, Wendy Beamenderfer, 3rd grade, Washington School; Second, Judy Sheetz, 21 West Donegal St.; Third, Robt. Brinser, Mount Joy R2; Fourth, Mark Gainer, 140 Park Avenue.

Judges for the contest were members of the Memorial Day art committee; Mr. and Mrs. James Phillips, and Mrs. James Roberts. Prize-winning posters are on display in store windows along Main Street.

IN "OKLAHOMA"

James Roberts, west Main street, is playing the role of "Ike Skidmore," an Oklahoma ranch owner, in the Lancaster Kiwanis production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma" at the Fulton opera house in Lancaster May 3 to 7th. Mrs. Janet Gemberling, New Haven St., is a chorus member.

Plan



To Plant Petunias

May Day At Donegal Hi

Six Donegal senior girls have been picked as candidates for the annual May Day Festival to be held Thursday, May 5, at the high school.

They are: Joan Aument, Sharon Fryberger, Linda Ganer, Lilli Ann Wivell, Karen Hoffman, and Shirley Holby. The winner chosen by the votes of the students will be crowned by last year's queen Miss Susan Musser.

Representatives from the lower classes who will be included in the May Court are: juniors, Sharon Bricker, Rita May, Barbara Roberts, Valerie Schatz; sophomores, Patricia Ginder, JoAnn Herr;

the freshman member will be Donna Minnich.

The May Day program theme will correlate with the 250th anniversary of the Donegal Society. Sharon Fryberger is heading the decoration committee while Rodney Rice is student coordinator. Other committees include audio visual aids, chaired by William Buller, publicity-David Gerlach and Mervin Johns, co-chairmen; Steve Reinhold, tickets; setting for production will be in charge of Kenneth Keener.

The program will begin at 6:30 o'clock. In case of bad

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An Editorion

One of the eternal truths of community life is that there must be progress or there will be decay!

This is an uncontestable fact which needs no defense. The proof is so evident and so near at hand that mention of cases leads only to embarrassment.

And, it follows then that once decay has become entrenched, cure is difficult, painful, expensive and in too many cases almost impossible to achieve.

Once a community has started down the road of decadency, the turning back is a bloody battle.

But, by converse, the community which is progressive, continues to improve itself, maintains a bright front and retains an optimistic outlook continues to grow and thrive without headaches, heartaches and cultural health.

A thriving, progressing area does not, however, grow and thrive without headaches, heartaches and backaches.

All growth, all forward motion is painful. In fact most every gain that is made in any area is long, hard and difficult. But, measured by the rule of "the greatest good for the most people over the longest period of time," the result is worth the price.

Mount Joy, nor any other settlement of people in this world is immune from this invariable rule that

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