



# The Mount Joy

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Decision by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Breneman to sell their 106-acre farm at the north edge of the Borough as a site for the proposed, new vocational-tech school deserves comment.

Because of its prime location in relation to the rest of the borough, the area long has been eyed as residential, commercial and industrial territory. But the owners have been reluctant to accept tempting land value offers.

However, because of Breneman's 27 years of service on the local school board, and because of their public spirited attitude, they now are willing to sell and to make possible a wonderful addition to the community of Mount Joy.

Frequently we see the old, familiar sights of our town in their full and true perspective only when we see them through the eyes of another person.

For instance, as National Cash Register people come to town we become conscious of how we look to outsiders. Then, as we talk to these young people who invariably ask about our schools, we see bold and clearly the front doors of our two newest Mt. Joy elementary schools.

Strangely enough, the outside doors of both are (and have been for many months) battered and banged, are rusted and unpainted.

We don't know, of course, but we'll just bet that these

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## Phone Company Will Issue Bills In New Form

Telephone subscribers in Columbia-United's Mount Joy exchange will be surprised to discover that their old familiar monthly telephone bill has undergone a "face lifting".

A modern streamlined format is scheduled to be unveiled in the current month's billing, according to President H. Y. Smith.

The new telephone bill, consisting of a one-page statement prepared entirely by computer, itemizes all local service charges, toll charges, credits and taxes into a single page listing. Formerly toll charges were printed on a second sheet and inserted separately into each subscriber's bill.

Full information explaining the new billing procedure will accompany the first computerized bill.

The decision to adopt a computer oriented system of customer billing has been dictated by the increase in telephone customers in the Columbia-United service area, the additional services offered, and the wider variety of equipment which is now available.

### COIN CLUB

The Mount Joy-Florin Coin club will meet Thursday, August 25, at 8 p. m. at the Mount Joy restaurant.

### Auxiliary News

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Mount Joy Fire Company met in the Fire Hall on Aug. 18. The president presided with 13 members in attendance.

Birthday greetings were extended to Dolly Maxwell, Harriet Roebuck, Charlotte Leib, Betty Taylor and Edith Etsell.

Plans were made for a rummage sale to be held at the Fire Hall on September 16th.

### Bank To Buy Swarr Property

Agreements have been reached for the Lancaster County Farmers National bank to purchase the Irving Swarr home on West Main street.

The house, located immediately west of the bank's property, is vacant since its owner held an auction sale of his personal property and has now moved to Elizabethtown.

Plans are, a bank official said this week, that after final papers are signed that the house will be razed and the area converted into a parking lot, added to the present macadam area north and west of the bank building.

No sale price was announced.

## 106-ACRE BRENEMAN FARM IS PART OF INDIAN LORE OF THIS AREA

One of Lancaster county's proposed, new vocational-technical schools is to be located in Mount Joy!

And, last week a 106-acre tract of land at the north edge of the borough was optioned with a view to making the area the site of the important new development in the school program of the county.

The land, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Breneman, Marietta avenue, has been optioned to the Donegal school district, which was acting in the interest of the vo-tech organization.

Present plans call for development of the property with buildings, facilities and improvements which will reach into the millions of dollars.

All plans have not been formulated definitely, but the program is moving along and the anticipation is that within the near future there will be activity on the site.

The area is one of historic interest, for on it is located the entrance to caves which are part of the Indian lore of this section. There are stories of treasure and intrigue associated with the caves, all connected with the Indians who roamed this part of the country many many years ago.

It is known that the red men did spend much time here, for stone artifacts have been found in the immediate vicinity and it is believed that tribesmen passed thru the area, using the caves and the "Cove" area as a campground.

Historians say that early white men also visited the site to parley with the Indians and to make trade and territorial agreements.

Thus, the historic spot passes into public ownership.

The land now under option came into the Breneman family in 1876 when the late Phillip Franck, a local businessman, purchased the land as one of his investments. Ownership went to his daughter, Joseph Breneman's mother. Later Breneman and his sister inherited the land. Some years ago he purchased his sister's interests.

There is one set of farm buildings on the land. The home is occupied by the Raymond Miller family and the fields are farmed by Harold O. Sherer.

With the exception of one

home along Fairview street, the land occupies the area bounded by Fairview street, on the west, Cemetery road on the north, the Cove on the east, and on the south by land owned by Robert Keller and several parcels which front onto Manheim avenue and Second street. The south line intersects Fairview a very short distance opposite the swimming pool.

The land was selected from several in the area which had been considered as suitable by the site committee of the vo-tech organization. Because that organization hasn't been completed. Donegal, as one of the schools which will send students to the new facility, becomes the option holder. Later, after a number of state agency approvals and charter of the vo-tech authority, the legal matters will be transferred.

Purchase price of the land was set at \$106,000.

Besides Donegal, other schools which will send young people here are Hempfield, Elizabethtown, Columbia, Manheim Central and probably some from a few other schools in the county. The site is ideally located to handle this aspect of the situation. Nearly 1,000 youngsters are expected to be using the school—all 10th, 11th and 12th graders.

Water and sewer facilities are available with a minimum of installation problems.

## New Bypass By Christmas Of 1969

Within little more than a year, construction of the new long-awaited Road 230 Bypass is scheduled to begin!

And, as a Christmas gift to the entire area, the highway should be finished in December of 1969.

That is the way the program is beginning to line up this summer as the state highway department puts a forced draft under the bypass

project to give relief from the strangling Road 230 traffic problem.

As things stand now, plans are being completed and bids for the work are to be asked next summer. They would be awarded in September and construction could begin about 30 days later.

Actual construction would require about two years with completion anticipated in

December of 1969.

The matter of interchanges continues, apparently, to be unsettled. However, there are indications that Mount Joy may have rather close access to the new highway via three entrances.

One, according even to the original plans, would be just west of Big Chiques creek, where the new roadway will bend northward from the present highway.

Another, as now seems possible, may be at the intersection of the new roadway and the Mount Joy-Manheim road (near the Amos Shelly farm.) And, still another, yet not definite, would be located on the Colebrook road north and east of Rheems.

Originally, plans called for an entrance on the Cedar Tree road, just north of the "S" curves. However, if the Colebrook and Manheim road interchanges are built the one on Cedar Tree would be abandoned.

Construction of the Bypass has been pushed ahead in the highway department by several months to make its completion coincide with the conversion of present Road 230 into limited access from Lancaster.

Actual plans for that project were begun as much as two years earlier.

To make Road 230 a limited access road along its present routing will require installing as many as three interchanges, presently planned at the Flory's Mill road, at the East Petersburg road and the Salunga-Spooky Nook road.

## 'Of This and That'

by the editor's wife

As the editor says, it's hard for us who live here 365 days a year to appreciate Mount Joy and Lancaster County properly. Sometimes it takes the "eyes" and the comments of an "auslander" to bring them back into focus for us.

We had that experience last week when our sister and her husband from Southern Indiana came for a four-day visit.

We took them "antiquing," and they were amazed at the wealth of interesting old things available at auctions and in shops. We took them to a nice restaurant not too far away, and they loved our delectably different foods, which we take so much for granted. We took them for a drive through the countryside, and they were flattering in their comments:

"How prosperous it looks everywhere!"

"What beautiful homes and barns on the farms!"

We drove around through Mount Joy, and they said, "Everything's so neat and orderly! Your Eastern towns are all so quaint and beautiful!"

How refreshing it is, to "see" our area through the eyes of close friends or relatives who gladly share their impressions with us!

One of life's little unexpected dividends: As our advertising manager, Dan Schroll was returning to Mount Joy from Manheim Tuesday afternoon, he was privileged to see a real "Wild West Show", enacted right before his eyes, in a field along the road on which he was driving!

A terrified steer was racing through the field, followed by a "cowboy" and a "cowgirl" on horseback, swinging lassos with which

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## An Editorion

Announcement this week that a fine, new vocational-technical school is to be located in Mount Joy is cause for community rejoicing and celebration.

Not only is the decision to bring the school here good in itself, but it marks another in the growing series of wonderful things happening to Mount Joy.

Our community is making some giant steps toward the realization of its potential and every citizen can take a measure of pride in the fact that we are developing some latent possibilities.

The school's decision puts a third outstanding project "on tap" for Mount Joy.

Already two others are in the works and as time goes on they will begin to display their benefits to Mount Joy.

We speak of National Cash Register's plans for a big plant at the eastern edge of the borough and of the coming Weis Market on west Main St.

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