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# The Mount Joy

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It's that time of the year again!

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SEVEN CENTS

Monday the first signs of Mount Joy's Holiday lighting were seen as ornamental pieces to be erected along Main street were taken out of storage.

Within a few days they will be in place and one of the most visible evidences of the coming of Christmas will be apparent.

Another sign also appeared on Main street Monday.

Heavy equipment made its appearance at the Weis site and began pushing dirt into big piles. Trees also were taken down and the sure signs of things to come were clearly evident.

It took a lot of pushing and doing but as of now, the Mount Joy Chamber of Commerce has erected at the east and west edges of the borough fine, new, colorful 'welcome' signs.

It has been a long long job to get these two signs and if credit is due any one person it is Harold K. Keller, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

At the moment, the signs are complete except for lighting, which will follow before too long.

It is pointed out that a lighted sign is an "extra" which sometimes is overlooked. During the daylight hours the motoring public is bombarded with signs of every kind and shape until their messages are lost in a confusion of over stimulation.

At night, however, few signs are illuminated, leaving the few that are visible a choice opportunity to make an impression upon those who are using the highways.

At least that is the argument that was passed along to us.

Have you had your ear to the ground — listening to learn, if you can, what turn is being taken about the proposal to build a new Florin fire company and borough garage?

More and more we hear the suggestion — "Build three or four or five garages — whatever is needed — at a minimum figure."

That won't make everybody happy but it would solve the garage problem and would be a popular solution."

We keep wondering — "When is CATV coming to Mount Joy?"

## Mother and Son To Sing Together

They are mother and son at home! And this weekend they will be mother and son on the stage!

The two are Romaine Bridgett and her 12-year-old son, Jonathan, who will carry leading roles in the Lancaster Opera Workshop's production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors," to be presented at Lincoln Junior high school in Lancaster.

For the mother it will be one of many appearances in many kinds of musical presentations. But, for Jonathan, it will be his debut, singing the starring part in the popular Christmas opera.

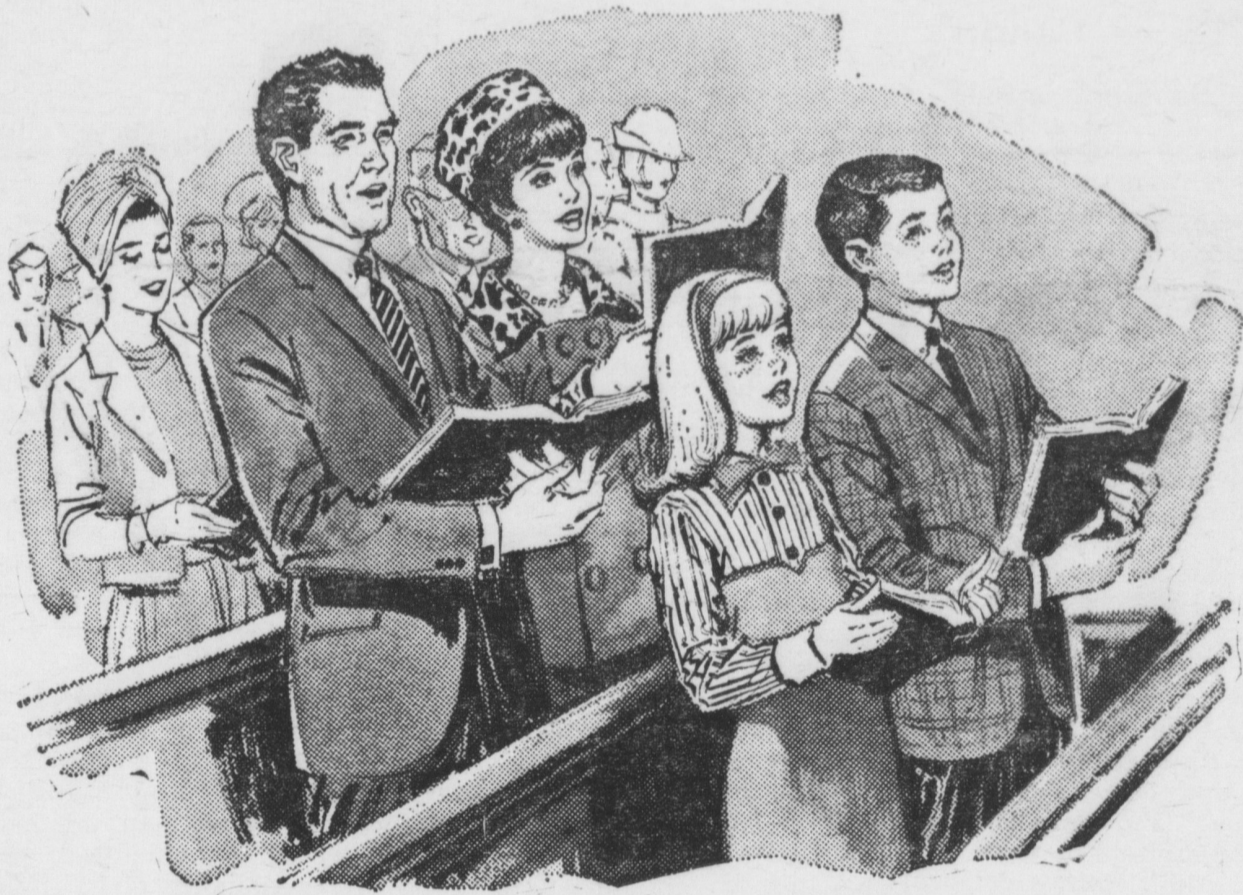
Mother and son will sing in one of the three performances. They will have the leads in the Saturday afternoon (2 p.m.) show. Other performances will be given at eight o'clock Friday and Saturday nights.

Another Mount Joy artist who will appear in the production, which is directed by Frederick Robinson, is Asher Halbleib, who will sing the part of Melchior, one of the three kings who visits the home of Amahl and his mother.

Mrs. Bridgett, whose rich contralto voice is well known in the area, and her boy soprano have had a rare and unusual experience of rehearsal since Jonathan landed the star role by audition.

He is a fifth grader at Seiler, plays the piano and alto horn. Described as "a real ham at heart," he admits that he has a delight in rock and roll music but he has been a serious student in readying himself for the matinee performance of the Christmas opera.

Mrs. Bridgett on Dec. 4th will be singing in Saint Saens Christmas oratorio at St. John's Lutheran church in Columbia and on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11, she will sing the contralto solo part for Handel's Messiah at Salem United Church of Christ, Allentown. Sunday, Dec. 18, she will be singing at Saint Paul's United Church of Christ.



## THANKSGIVING

Remembering the blessings of good life, each family in our community joins in a single voice of prayerful thanks on that day set aside for special Thanksgiving.

## Push School Planning

Step by step, the many details preliminary to the building of a new school building at Marietta are being placed in order.

Tentative agreements have been reached in opening conversations to give the proposed school use of Marietta's Memorial Park.

Cooperative use will depend upon certain agreements, some of which are expected to be reached at a meeting on Monday, Nov. 28 between representatives of

the Donegal School district and of the Marietta Borough. Attorneys are to be present.

The proposed tract of land to be used for school purposes adjoins the park, making for what is regarded as an ideal situation.

In the meantime, certain local regulatory bodies are inspecting proposed plans. Among those groups are the Lancaster Planning commission, the Department of Health and the Department of Highways.

How to handle the sewage requirements is one of the knotty problems yet unsolved.

As now projected, the school, an elementary building, is scheduled to open in the fall of 1968.

At its meeting Thursday night, Nov. 17, the school board indicated that any delays will jeopardize that target date.

In other business at its December meeting, the Donegal board of education transferred its rights of option on 106 acres of land owned by Joseph and Helen Breneman at the north edge of the borough to the Lancaster County Vocational - Technical Authority.

The board established a \$3,200 base salary for custodians with annual increases. Schedules were arranged for custodians, custodians in charge of buildings and for the head custodian.

The board's next session will be held on Monday night, Dec. 5, as required by law to hold its annual reorganization meeting. That meeting also will be the board's December business session.

## Two Piano Concert Saturday At Donegal

Two of Mount Joy's favorite musicians, Dr. David Schlosser and Mrs. Ethel Broske, will present a two-piano concert Saturday evening at 8:15 p. m. in the Donegal high school auditorium. The concert will be sponsored by the Mount Joy Rotary Club and the Business and Professional Women's club.

Tickets are available from any member of the two organizations, or may be purchased Saturday evening at the door.

The program will be varied, and will include favorites of all music lovers, arranged to take advantage of the brilliance and depth of two pianos being played together.

The public is invited to attend.

## Will Play With Civic Symphony

Lucy Eshelman, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James M. Eshelman, Mount Joy R2, has been named to membership in the civic symphony at Manchester college, North Manchester, Ind., where she is a freshman, majoring in nursing.

She is a 1966 honor graduate of Donegal high school. She also is a member of the college Glee Club.

Experience is what makes you wonder how it got its reputation for being the best teacher.

## 'Of This and That'

by the editor's wife

William Cullen Bryant used these words to describe November:

"The melancholy days are come, The saddest of the year, Of wailing winds and naked woods, And meadows brown and sear."

Actually, perhaps, this is usually true. But November this year in Mount Joy has been a month of flowers. How many flowers have we seen blooming during the past three weeks? We'll name you a few; Chrysanthemums, petunias, a sheltered rose, violets, snap dragons, a few blossoms on a forsythia bush, and an aster or two!

So far, we have escaped snow. But we hear the "small fry" wishing for some! As Christmas approaches, some of us older ones will echo their wish, to add to the enjoyment of the season.

When the freak snow fell in the state of Indiana and

other parts of the Midwest in late October—from eight to sixteen inches in some places — our mother, who lives in Southern Indiana wrote:

"We have had a real preview of winter—not so cold, but eight inches of wet, heavy snow. It fell Wednesday, and the county and state highway crews worked all night, but there was no school in the county Thursday. I wish you could have seen the yellow carpet (leaves) underneath the maple trees, laid down on the white snow! I never saw it before in all my life!"

Yes, we would have liked (Turn to page 5)

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