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The silence was so strong that you could almost hear it along the Pennsylvania railroad.

One Mount Joy resident along the rails said Monday that he noticed the absence of the trains more than he notices them when the railroad is on schedule.

We took a walk that same afternoon and had a close-up look at the tracks in the cut below the passenger station, looking for rust on the rails. There was none. And, the signal lights were operating.

Mount Joy, once greatly dependent upon the Pennsylvania, has lost its connection with the railroad in many ways but the trains were missed this week, nevertheless.

For one thing, because the mail was tied up, the local post office would accept only first class and air mail if it was addressed to a point beyond 150 miles.

That embargo was lifted Tuesday morning.

About a year ago we noted that at Seiler school, where new driveways were being installed some young trees were being moved.

It was during the summer and not the time of year usually recommended for such a project. However, we noted this week that all transplanted trees are making it nicely.

A young oak has had a greater shock than a pair of maples, but with luck it has a good chance of surviving.

We've harbored the idea that a little tree nursery on the Authority's sewage disposal plant property would be a good thing. If the town had a few trees handy and available, there would be times when they could be placed here and there to help keep Mount Joy green and beautiful.

We read an article a few days ago which raised the question, "What Ever Happened To Arbor Day?"

Public planting of trees was and is a good thing and a proper observance of Arbor Day is well taken.

Has Arbor Day gone the same road as public patriotism?

'Music in Park' Sunday, July 30

Another of the popular "Music in the Park" summer series is scheduled for Sunday night, July 30, sponsored by the Mount Joy Community Council.

The program, scheduled for 7 p.m. in Memorial park, will bring to Mount Joy a "Sing Out" Lancaster, presentation.

Yet another program is scheduled for Saturday night, August 26 when the Rajah String Band will give a concert.

A fellow we know went to Florida last winter. He sent his psychiatrist a postcard saying: "Having a wonderful time. Why?"

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Swimmers Hold Three Meets

Mount Joy's 1967 swim team has had mixed success to date, winning one meet, dropping another but taking a big lead in a third interrupted match.

The local swimmers bowed to Hempfield, 215 to 144, Scott Hershey, Chris Coleman and Deb Meckley claiming double wins.

Against Conestoga Valley, Mount Joy took a 213 - 145 win.

A three-time winner was Sue Stark, who in the girls under 17 class won the freestyle, backstroke and freestyle relay.

Winners in two events were Terry Johnson, Gary Coleman, Crystal Ginder, Mike Coleman, Steve Coleman, Mike Wolfe, and Willy Heisey.

A meet on Tuesday of last week at Adamstown was stopped because of rain but at the point of interruption Mt. Joy enjoyed a big lead.

The match is scheduled to continue on Friday of this week.

Coaches of the Mount Joy team are Gary Holtzman and Warren Hayman.

May Name New D.H.S. Principal

Indications this week that he expected to have a name to submit to the Board of Education at its July meeting on Thursday night, July 20.

He indicated a certain amount of urgency in filling the position, noting that the opening of the fall term is less than two months away.

The new appointee will fill the place held for one year by Marshall Gemberling, who resigned earlier this summer to accept a position with Pennsylvania State university.

Clean Around DHS Tennis Courts

Donegal high school's \$27,000 tennis courts remained locked this week with not a tennis player in sight.

But, the "eyesore" surrounding the six green-topped courts has been cleaned up and appears to be satisfactorily presentable.

About a year ago the Donegal School Board awarded a bid to a contractor who is regarded as a specialist in installing tennis courts. But, work moved slowly and was not completed until spring of this year.

Even so, the final, green, rubberized topping was declared by school officials to be unsatisfactory and the courts were used very very little—some not at all. Also, the area surrounding the courts was left in a littered, trashy manner, not as specified by the school board.

As late as July 10th, the contractor despite repeated efforts by the Donegal district, had done nothing to rectify the situation.

Last week the Bulletin complained about the \$27,000 tennis courts which have done no one any good despite the elapse of a year since the project was started.

Friday, July 14th, a sub

NCR Tax Hearing Held In Harrisburg

STATE BOARD DECISION NOT EXPECTED UNTIL LATE AUGUST

Will school tax money from the new National Cash Register property go to Donegal District or to Manheim Central?

The decision, apparently, now lies in the lap of the state school board, which on Tuesday morning, July 18, heard testimony presented by representatives of both districts.

Evidence was presented, briefs were filed and now a 30-day waiting period begins during which additional briefs may be entered.

At the end of the designat-

ed period, the five-man board which sat Tuesday will begin its consideration of the matter.

Actually, a decision is not anticipated until at least the latter part of August.

The question involves several thousand dollars annually in school taxes, which will be generated by the new NCR plant, located at the east edge of Mount Joy borough.

Already the land upon which the plant is being built has been finally and completely annexed into the borough from Rapho township.

However, the matter of annexing the area to the Donegal school district — which in the past has followed established borough lines — remains unsettled.

Donegal has petitioned that the previously low tax producing property be annexed for school purposes along the same lines as it was for the borough. Manheim Central district, on the other hand, opposes the annexation.

When the question came before the county board of education several months ago, (Turn to page 5)

Sewer Problem In Donegal Heights

Who? how? and whether? are three important questions to a sizable group of people who live in a satellite development at the south edge of Mount Joy Borough.

All three questions refer to sewage in the area known as Donegal Heights—a section roughly including the area south of the borough between Marietta pike, Union school road and Donegal high school.

How many people live in the area—all in East Donegal township—is a moot question but there are approximately 75 homes either occupied or under construction.

Using three plus as the average number of people in a home, it appears probable that as many as 250 people may reside in the area.

All homes, including Donegal high school and even Donegal Industries, immediately south of the area described above, use on-lot sewage disposal systems.

But, despite the fact that most of the dwellings in the

area are relatively new, some owners already have experienced the usual problems arising where public facilities are not available.

The situation is not unknown to the proper authorities.

In fact, East Donegal Twp., which is knee-deep in plans for constructing a sanitary sewer project in the Maytown area, has made numerous inquiries as to the availability of Mount Joy installations.

The proposal made is to have township-sponsored sewer lines installed in the Donegal Heights area and connected with the Mount Joy disposal system and plant.

However, despite considerable pressure, the Borough Authority of Mount Joy, which is responsible for the sewers, has remained adamant, restating several times the policy of the borough that "sewage service is furnished only in areas which are part of the boro." That policy of long standing, has been reiterated by Borough Council. There the matter rests.

Mount Joy has sewer lines within a relatively short distance of some of the area and without a doubt all homes are near enough to be served — other things being equal.

In the past, the borough council and borough authority have stood firm and shoulder to shoulder in their insistence that sewage service be furnished only to areas in the borough limits. The only deviation from that policy was made with the full understanding and by agreements that the areas would become annexed. And, all areas have later become part of the borough.

The authority however has extended water lines — for which it also is responsible — to several properties outside the borough but never sewer.

As things stand at present, no plans for immediate action of any kind are known to exist by anyone — Donegal Heights residents. East Donegal township, Mount Joy Borough Authority or the Borough Council.

However, and in the meantime, the lengthening shadow of coming sewer problems by people living in Donegal Heights continues to cast an invisible pall over the situation.

Nevertheless Donegal Heights is one of Mount Joy's fastest developing satellite areas, with two new homes recently begun and another ready to start.

● An Editorion

Mount Joy borough officials have completed one of their best pieces of service to the community!

And, they have done it virtually at sword's point.

In Mount Joy, like in many other communities, disposal of garbage and refuse has become an increasingly difficult problem.

During the past few years the situation locally has been handled in various ways. But, most recently refuse has been hauled in a big, borough-owned compactor truck to a landfill near Elizabethtown.

One matter led to another between the borough and the landfill ownership until not many weeks ago relations were broken and Mount Joy's trash, garbage, etc. began going to Lancaster's landfill.

Although the situation has been satisfactory, a round trip to the site is something more than 35 miles and takes considerable time. To make collections throughout the borough and to make the necessary trips crowds the borough crew to finish the weekly job in five days.

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PLAN PICNIC

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Mount Joy Fire Company will hold their picnic Thursday, July 20, the regular meeting night, at Sico Park, at 6 p.m.

OUR CROWDED CAMPUSES

How can you expect your youngsters to get an education in college if they can't find a place to park their cars?