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SEVEN CENTS

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Resignation of Dr. Thomas Mariner from the Donegal School Board, has left a residue of uncertainty and of potential political electricity.

Under normal conditions the vacancy should be filled at once by appointment of the board itself.

Immediately after Dr. Mariner's resignation the wheels began to grind and by unofficial action among the board members a replacement was agreed upon.

Unless the situation changes, that name will be submitted officially at the board's August meeting next Thursday night, Aug. 17 for action.

However, within the past few days the political wheels have begun to grind and now all is not peace!

The disquieting feature is that a political agreement made many months ago is that the nine-member school board shall be constituted with three representatives from Mount Joy borough, three from Marietta borough and three from East Donegal township and Mount Joy township.

Dr. Mariner, of course, has been a Mount Joy representative.

Actually, all nine members of the board may be elected at large, permitting the possibility that all nine people on the board could be Mount Joy residents. And, similarly, it is possible that all could be Marietta residents.

The agreement to keep the representation split according to a plan is unofficial.

Thus, as things stand this week—and there appears no opportunity for any change—there may be some interesting developments at the school board meeting on the night of the 17th.

And—incidentally, school board meetings, as are all public meetings, are open to the general public. Time, 7:30 p.m.; place, Donegal H. S. library.

Several elder residents spotted recently what to them was a very interesting news item. Lititz, it seems, has been toying with the idea of excluding persons over 65 from paying a \$10 per capita tax.

Lititz, apparently, has been exonerating people over 65 whose only income is social security or public assistance.

When you are counting the things in Mount Joy which make this one of the finest little communities anywhere around, don't forget to include the 'Music in the Park' program.

And—this summer the Community Council has arranged five. This is one more than in the past.

The "Sing Out, Lancaster" program on July 30 was a grand show and those responsible for getting this group of young people to perform in Mount Joy can take a grateful tip of the hat.

One thing about "Music in (Turn to page 5)

John Toppin Joyce-ettes Set Is Promoted Date For Fall Fashion Show

John B. Toppin, 132 Market St., has been named executive assistant to the state secretary of banking, G. Al-



JOHN B. TOPPIN

len Patterson, it was announced last week in Harrisburg

Toppin received news of his promotion from a bed in the Lancaster General hospital where he is recovering from surgery

Before his appointment to the current post, he was supervising examiner in the department, a job he has filled for the past three years.

The 50-year-old government official joined the Dept. of Banking in 1946 as a state examiner, following service in the U. S. Army.

Prior to military service, he was employed as a teller in the First National Bank of Mount Joy.

Born in Mount Joy, Toppin attended Franklin and Marshall College and was graduated with a degree in (Turn to page 5)

The Mount Joy Joyce-ettes will present their annual fall fashion show on September 20 at the W. I. Beahm Junior High School, beginning at 8 p.m.

General co-chairmen for the show are: Betty Bitzer and Joan Moore. Other chairmen are: tickets, Shirley Yingst; refreshments, Dorothy Mackison; publicity, Becky Peifer; door prizes, Lorraine Lutz; hair stylist and flowers, Diane Robinson; models assistants, Bonnie Wise; wardrobe chance tickets, Pat Gible; organist, Flo Moran.

One of the 35 models participating in the show will be Miss Mount Joy, Janet Nisley.

Talk not of wasted affection; affection never was wasted. —H. W. Longfellow

Council To Push Hard For Sewer Connections

STREET PROGRAM APPROVED BY STATE

Another round of pushing residents of the borough to connect with the sewer system was begun Monday night, Aug. 7, as Borough Council held its monthly meeting in Friendship Fire company hall.

Nearly 70 names of people who are not "hooked up" were submitted to the council by the Mount Joy Borough Authority.

It is council's obligation to enforce connections. In addition, a list of perhaps a dozen properties which do not have sewer lines available to their home was submitted.

Council voted to notify all property owners who have lines available to connect

within 60 days. Authority said that there are 50 such cases in the Florin area, a dozen along Road 230 east of Little Chiques creek and a few within the East and West Wards of Mount Joy.

Included, it was pointed out, are several for which the property owner has paid the connection fee of \$200 and has installed lines from the main sewer into the homes. These people are paying sewer charges on a regular basis, it was said, but have not connected the house plumbing to the lines, continuing to use on-lot sewage disposal arrangements.

Council, in discussion of Authority Chairman B. Titus Rutt, moved to bring together attorneys for both bodies in an attempt to iron out a lack of understanding concerning certain responsibilities for regulating the water and sewer systems.

The problem is an outgrowth of a request to install three trailers on a lot on Manheim street. The exact point of contention concerns whether or not three trailers may connect to the sewer lines through one lateral or whether each shall have its own. The Authority claims the former, the council the latter.

It was reported that the state has approved the borough's street improvement program contracts for sum- (Turn to page 4)

Stehman Safe on Forrestal

ADJ-2 Barry A. Stehman, Mount Joy's only fighting man aboard the USS Forrestal, came through that super carrier's bitter ordeal last week without injury.

In a brief telephone conversation last week, Barry told his family that he is well and was not harmed when fire broke out on the flight deck of the ship, which was operating off Vietnam.

The call to Mount Joy came from the Philippines but Stehman added no details. He did say that he was asleep when the disaster occurred.

The death toll continues to mount, now standing at above 130 as the U. S. Navy continues its release of casualties.

Stehman is the 26-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Stehman, 619 Square St. He is a mechanic assigned to helicopters.

Fire swept through the Forrestal Saturday, July 29th, when fuel ignited and did tremendous damage before the flames could be brought under control. The ship left its position immediately for the Philippines for repairs.

Charles Frey Returned Home

Charles Frey, west Main street, who was injured seriously in an auto accident, has returned home and is making satisfactory progress.

He came home in a car Saturday morning and is now able to be "up and down" but will require complete rest for some time. He is allowed only few visitors until he has had time to further recover.

Frey, a employee at New Cumberland, was returning home Tuesday, July 18, on Route 230 in Lower Swatara township when his car was struck by a car which was being towed broke loose and crossed the highway into his traffic lane.

He suffered a compound skull fracture and eye injury.

Fitzkee Remains In Hospital

Albert Fitzkee, 73, Rheems, who was injured in an unusual accident Saturday morning, July 29, remains in the General hospital for treatment.

He and his wife were driving west on Road 230 when he had a sudden seizure. The car went out of control, crossed the highway, plowed across a portion of a field, through a yard, onto the porch of the Lester Grove home at the west edge of the borough and crashed into the brick house.

An Editorion

Problems of suburbia and problems of rural townships are likened to those of siamese twins.

They both have their own personalities, their strength and their weaknesses, but they are so knitted together that separation is very very difficult to accomplish.

And, that is the current situation in East Donegal township.

The worst part of the problem for the township is that it is vitally connected with suburbia in several spots.

East Donegal township actually has a two-front situation and if the municipality is resistive to certain proposals now in the wind, the scope of the matter needs to be understood. (Turn to page 5)

'Of This and That'

by the editor's wife

Mount Joy is fortunate to have such fine parks!

There's War Memorial Park, a little gem set down in the middle of town, with its beautiful green grass, healthy young trees, and gorgeous bed of dark red roses. In the past few years it has become the scene of "Music in the Park" programs, and serves as a focal point for Memorial Day observances.

Then there is the Borough Park—center for summer playground activities, and countless unscheduled hours of ball playing and miscellaneous recreation for children of the community. In addition, there's the Florin Park, several little neighborhood play areas, and the attractive stream-side park at the Cove.

All these we have, in addition to Little Chiques Park, more commonly known as Sico Park, a very unusual park for a town the size of Mount Joy.

Surrounded on three sides by meandering Little Chiques Creek, it has much to offer in the way of recreational facilities, and gets a good workout from early spring to late fall by people of our community and other communities nearby.

On Tuesday evening it was the scene of the annual family picnic of the Mount Joy Rotary Club. Approximately 100 people ate fried chicken, potato salad and fresh corn on the cob until it was "coming out their ears!"

Afterward, the oldsters strolled along the creek, the very young hurried to the swings and slides, and the "in-betweens" enjoyed an enthusiastic game of volleyball. There was much good visiting, and a welcome was given to Brenda Phillips, a British college student, who arrived on Sunday for a 2-months visit in homes of Rotary members.

The Rotary picnic was typical of hundreds of others, held in Little Chiques park during the summer months. There are family reunions, high school class reunions, Sunday School and (Turn to page 4)

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