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By R. A. R.

A recent study indicates that the Donegal Heights area, immediately south of the borough, has had a seven percent per year growth since 1966.

In that year, there were 263 people living in the area. A brand new survey indicates there are now 336.

And, the problems of such growth are becoming apparent. But, some of them are increasing in importance.

And, that's not all. The new study estimates that by 1990—just 20 years away—there will be 826.

Which brings up the question, "What will be the population of Mt. Joy be when the 1970 census is tabulated?"

It will be a while before the figures are available. But, in the meantime, you could involve your friends and neighbors in a guessing game which might prove to be very interesting by the time the census people total their figures and make them known.

Signs of the times? We saw something Tuesday we hadn't seen for maybe fifty years. Honest, it's been that long.

We were at Donegal high school walking down the hallway to the principal's office when we met a school girl who was wearing an ankle length skirt.

Maxie coats yes. But the skirt was the first.

Except for the fact that it was a pretty blue color, it might have been on a woman just after World War I—say, in 1920. In those days, the skirt would have been black in winter and white in summer, of course.

Now, the older ones of you can argue about when it was that the hem lines went up and back down and back up etc etc.

We have no doubt but that the Donegal school girl felt that she was wearing a new style. But—she wasn't.

And, speaking of school girls—A group of W. I. Beahm junior high school girls won first place last weekend at Elizabethtown in the annual Lancaster

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## 'Of This and That'

by the editor's wife

There's skating activity again on the pond at the eastern edge of Mount Joy!

This week we saw several youngsters out there, scraping the snow off the ice and investigating the surface beneath. It must have been acceptable, for they began skating around and enjoying themselves very much.

A few wild ducks were watching from a respectful distance. They seemed to know that it is a "people pond" now—not a "duck pond" any longer!

We were in an audience this week that was singing the beloved "My Country 'Tis of Thee". We were singing lustily, not needing to look at the songbook, for we learned all four verses "by heart" as a schoolgirl.

It occurred to us to look around to see if any others were singing the familiar song "from memory". A few were—people about our age. But all of the others were singing "from the book", their eyes fastened on the pages.

We wonder if children have to memorize songs and poems any more. If not, it is sad, for our lives have been so greatly enriched by the many songs and poems

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## To Name DSA Winner Saturday

Saturday night the annual mystery will be revealed! which will begin at 6:30 o'clock.

At the 1970 Jaycee banquet, to be held at the American Legion, the winner of the Distinguished Service Award will be announced.

In one of the best guarded secrets in the community, the young man who is to receive the award is picked several days in advance. But, only the judges know his identity.

Announcement is the highlight of the D.S.A. banquet,

The '70 award will be the 13th time some young man between the ages of 21 and 35 in the local area has been singled out to be honored for his service to the community during the year previous.

Winners of other years include: 1958 — Glenn Y. Forney 1959 — George Albert 1960 — Warren Foley

## Foley Picked 'Boss of Year'

The Mount Joy Jaycees held their fifth annual Bosses Night banquet on Monday January 19 at the Watering Trough to entertain the men for whom they work. The banquet was part of the National Jaycee Week observance.

Named to receive the '70 award as "Boss of the Year" was Warren Foley, vice-president of Auto Litho division of Auto Kraft company of York.

He was nominated for the honor in an essay written by one of his employees, Ronald Wagner, a member of the Jaycees and a pressman at the big Auto Litho plant.

Wagner's nominating letter called Foley "an above-average man in all phases of life" who is "active in his church and community."

Wagner cited "improvements and benefits" brought by Foley to the company, admired Foley's willingness to listen to the view of his employees.

Bob Eshleman, chairman for the Jaycee event presented the award and plaque.

Thirty Jaycees and their bosses were on hand for the "Boss of the Year" event, which included a talk by Robert Clark, executive director of the Pennsylvania Jaycees.

The award last year went to Sam Harnish, principal of the W. I. Beahm junior high school.

## Library Meeting

The Mount Joy Library Center, Inc. will hold its annual reorganizational meeting Monday, Jan., at 8 p.m.

The public is invited to this meeting which is held on the second floor of the Library Center.

On exhibit, for the month of January, are the sketches of "Der Wunnerfitz" — Jim Kinter of the Intelligencer Journal. The sketches are on the bulletin board at the librarian's desk.

- 1961 — John E. Wolgemuth
- 1962 — John Myers
- 1963 — Dr. Newton Kendig
- 1964 — Frank Eichler
- 1965 — Henry Zerphey
- 1966 — Gary Maxwell
- 1967 — Don Straub
- 1968 — Robert Kline
- 1969 — James Gingrich

The dinner meeting is the climax of the week-long observance of the national "Jaycee Week."

Program for Saturday night will be provided by "The Saxons."

## Made Elementary Guidance Counselor

Gene H. Newcomer, 115 S. Market street, has been named guidance counselor for the elementary grades of the Donegal School District, according to an announcement made by R. F. Hallgren, supervising principal. He took over his new duties on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Newcomer, who has been teaching fifth grade at the Marietta elementary school for the past four and one-half years, is a graduate of Millersville State College. He is working toward a master's degree in guidance at Millersville. He also has taught in the summer reading program for the past three years, and is president-elect of the Donegal Education Association.

His new duties will include setting up a program

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## Masons Elect Lodge Master

Gene J. Grubb of 961 Corvair Road, Lancaster, has been elected Worshipful Master of Casiphia Lodge #551, Free and Accepted Masons, for the current Masonic year. He is a teacher in Hempfield School District, and succeeds Paul Gable of Landisville.

Also elected were: Russell J. Cooper, Landisville, Senior Warden; Woodrow W. Fitzkee, Mount Joy, Junior Warden; William D. Batzel, Mount Joy, treasurer; and Rollin C. Steinmetz, Manheim R2, secretary. Named trustees were Maurice N. Bailey, C. Bernerd Grissinger and Harold L. Myers, all past masters. Paul Gable was elected Representative in the Grand Lodge.

Grubb announced the following appointive officers: Clark G. Berrier, Chaplain; Edward G. Myers, Senior Deacon; W. Scott Stoner, Junior Deacon; R. Bruce Bernhart, Senior Master of Ceremonies; Marlin Thompson, Junior Master of Ceremonies; Charles Drace, Pursuivant; Ralph Leed, Tyler; Melvin K. Weaver and Elmer K. Wittle, Stewards; John E. Zeller, Lloyd R. Malehorn and Thomas W. O'Connor, Committee on Grievance; Harold L. Myers, Christian S. Greider and Richard L. Peifer, Committee on Charity; Maurice N. Bailey, William D. Batzel and Frederick H. Koser, Committee on Masonic Culture; Paul Gable, Rollin C. Steinmetz and William D. Batzel, Committee on Instruction. All committee appointees are past masters of the lodge.

## Armstrong to Open Soon

Little more than just two years ago a sprawling complex of drab, empty buildings stood cold and dreary along the north bank of the Susquehanna river at the edge of Marietta.

Recently vacated by the Air Force, they stood bleak and dreary, a sober reminder to the community of what can happen when a government installation decides, for any reason, to close shop.

Today, approximately half of those cavernous former warehouses are home for the Armstrong Carpet plant, which employs about 425 people.

That is a tremendous economic gain to the area and use of the area represents a tremendous betterment for everyone concerned.

Only The Beginning But—that is only the beginning of what is happening at the former depot.

Today, on the westernmost 80 of the former 249 acre tract, something thrilling is happening.

A swarm of workmen—more than 500 at the peak—are installing machinery and facilities to manufacture mineral ceiling panels.

Within a few weeks another swarm of people—more than 300—will be producing an Armstrong product which already has had an overwhelming acceptance and which has defied another Armstrong plant in Florida to satisfy.



Donald H. Betty, Donegal Springs Road, Mount Joy R1, is plant manager of Armstrong Cork's new Marietta Ceiling plant, which is under construction and which will have its shakedown run sometime in March, followed by production in April.

Donald H. Betty, plant manager, said last week that a production force of nearly 250 people must now be assembled, trained and oriented for the big start-up operation, which is scheduled for mid-March. Production will be in full swing by April 1, he said hopefully.

But, even that is not the complete story.

It is the goal of the management to make the plant so efficient, so productive and so completely satisfactory that within a relatively short time it will be expanded to become the largest mineral fiber board manufacturing facility in the world.

By as early as mid 1970 management expects to be using 580 to 600 people.

When the second production line is installed, hopefully during the 1970's the total number of workers will reach 1,000.

By almost any standard the operation will be big big big. Floor space totals 930,000 square feet (more than 21 acres under roof), a new 8,000 square feet plant office, six miles of railroad, two miles of paved roadways, etc etc, etc.

### \$10,000 Payroll

Payroll alone will be about \$10,000 per day—or at the rate of \$2½ to \$3 million per year.

Millions of dollars have been spent to ready the ceiling plant operation, but all has been done with an eye to quick expansion.

Betty said that salaried people who will handle the operation already are on the job, gathering from "all over" from various other Armstrong facilities. It is, he told a group of touring newspapermen last week, a

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