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Mount Joy's garbage problem again bobs its head into the public eye.

Last week another embarrassing repair was needed for the borough's garbage truck—another in a long long list of things which have cost the community money money.

It was hinted by one of the borough councilmen last week that maybe Mount Joy will be forced to abandon its municipal collection program. The idea expressed was "Let people who are in the collection business on a commercial basis take over the job."

One of the most interesting real estate situations which has developed in a long long time concerns the Bowman estate—the "point" at Main & Marietta Sts. It is one of the community's most prominent spots, so what happens becomes news.

Up for public sale a couple of weeks ago, it was withdrawn from auction.

However, it is reliably reported this week that it has been purchased at private sale by Dr. James Elvin.

Mt. Joy's Friendship Fire company will hold an important meeting Thursday night.

One of the items coming up concerns the buying of equipment for the new fire pumper scheduled to be delivered sometime early next summer.

If you haven't written this date on the wall, and you have school children in your home, you'd better do it now.

Donegal schools open (for the kids) on Wednesday, September 9th.

With the storm raging in Lancaster concerning the monument, it is hard for anyone living outside the city to refrain from having an opinion—keep it where it is or move it!

Our only public comment is that if the monument is to be moved and there is a problem about where to relocate it, we have a suggestion.

Let the city or county buy the Bowman "point" in Mt. Joy and re-erect the monument on one of the best locations in the county.

'Of This and That'

by the editor's wife

"Take my bicycle home, please, Dad. I'm going with the steam engine to Harrisburg!"

With these words, spoken excitedly, a 10-year-old Mt. Joy boy, Brad Newcomer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Newcomer, became the only one from Mount Joy to board "Ol' Slobberface" just after noon on Sunday for a five-hour journey into the past!

Only for Brad, it wasn't a nostalgic trip at all—it was an exciting adventure, one he will not soon forget.

A father and his young son "adopted" Bradley as the train pulled out of Mount Joy and he stayed with them during the entire trip.

"It was hot," the young adventurer said. "All the windows on the train were open, and lots of cinders and dust blew in! But no one seemed to mind."

There was the snack bar for

"Ol' Slobberface" Thrills Mount Joy Fans

Hissing steam and belching smoke, "Ol' Slobberface" came and went through Mount Joy on Sunday—twice!

And, on both stops—one shortly after noon and the second about 5:30 p.m.—the veteran railroad engine and an ancient ten-car train attracted hundreds of sightseers, some of whom were seeing a steam engine for the first time and some of whom were recalling days gone by,

when coal-fired locomotives roared into Mount Joy, some stopping for passengers and other express trains rushing on their way with luxury coaches loaded with the high and mighty.

While the train was the attraction which drew the people, it was the water which the Mount Joy Friendship Fire company provided which caused the train stops.

Steam-driven engines need

water and lots of it, and arrangements were made for "Ol' Slobberface" to stop on its run from Paoli to Harrisburg to take a drink and then to do the same on the return trip.

Firemen, headed by Chief Frank Good Jr., strung two lines from a fire plug on the north side of Memorial park, where a pumper was stationed, across Marietta avenue, down the side of the railroad

cut and into the waiting engine tender.

Approximately 4,000 gallons were taken on the "out" run and only 500 gallons less on the way back.

The only passenger to board the train at Mount Joy was 10-year-old Bradley Newcomer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Newcomer, south Mark-et street.

He was the guest of the (Turn to page 4)

Library Selects New President

A new president was elected and two new members of the board were appointed on Monday night, July 27, by the Mount Joy Library board.

Albert Newlin, 220 East Main street, was elected president to succeed Franklin Eichler, who has resigned from the board after serving several years as a member, as treasurer and as head of the organization.

Named to fill his place is Mrs. Richard Kohler, 35 East Main street.

Also appointed to the board is Mrs. James Heilig, who will fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Leroy Bates, who recently moved from the area.

The board granted a pay raise, to \$2 per hour, to the librarian's two assistants, Mrs. Ann Milanoff and Mrs. Frank Tyndall.

The board's annual fund raising drive has been set to open on Sept. 1.

LEISURE CLUB

The Mt. Joy Leisure Club will hold its next regular meeting at the Mount Joy Sports Farm on Monday, August 10, at 1 o'clock p.m.

A meeting will be held and coffee and cake will be served. A bus trip is planned to Longwood Gardens Thursday evening, Aug. 13. The group will meet at the United Methodist church at 5:30 p.m.

Doctor Makes Four Suggestions

Dr. Newton Kendig, borough of Mount Joy health officer, speaking, however, as an individual, raised four questions Monday night at Borough Council meeting, held in the borough building—rats, sewage, health department re-organization and condemnation of certain properties.

Rats, he said, are "out of hand" and getting worse and he named at least two spots (Turn to page 5)

Seek to Find Well Sites

Four possible sources of additional water for the municipality have been detailed for the Mount Joy Borough Authority.

At its regular meeting on Tuesday night, Aug. 4, a Harrisburg geologist presented a report indicating most likely areas in which suitable deep wells could be attempted.

All are located in what was described as the Donegal Springs Zone, a newly identified area which contains subsurface structure which is favorable to water production.

A somewhat unusual formation, Geologist Timothy Saylor said, the zone includes Donegal Springs, Charles Spring and other springs that are in the same valley stretching generally northwest—southeast.

The report was made as a result of a study made on order of the Authority at its July meeting.

It now becomes possible

that the Authority may take an option on a tract of land and make a test drilling to a depth of between 300 & 500 feet. However, no action was taken Tuesday night.

The areas identified as likely sites for drilling actually are four but are identified in the report as I, II, III with the third broken into two small sections. The identifications refer somewhat to the order of favorability.

No. I area includes .37 sq. miles immediately west of Donegal high school and is circular in area, lying practically astride the road running west from the school.

No. II area is 6 square miles, somewhat farther west, pear shaped with the large end turned east. Generally the west end tips the Donegal Springs church to Marietta road, the north near Kraybill church and south in the area of the Florin Anglers' property.

No. III includes one small spot north of No. II and another small area south of No. II.

Such factors as accessibility to present water installations, probability of water, contamination possibilities etc. weighted the ranking of the areas.

Donegal Band Plans Practice

The Donegal high school band will hold a rehearsal on Thursday evening, Aug. 13, at D.H.S., beginning at 7 p.m. and continuing until 9 p.m.

Because of the summer vacations and the lack of notification facilities, band members are being asked by Director Glenn Leib to notify friends and to "pass the word". Majorettes and color guard will attend.

Anyone wishing to help cut and separate new music may report to the high school main office.

Hockey Hopefuls To Take Exams

All girls who plan to try out for the Donegal high school hockey team will be taking physical examinations next week.

Practice will begin the next week on Monday, Aug. 17 at 6 p.m.

Physicals will be given on Thursday, Aug. 13, at 8 a.m. Make-ups physicals will be given on Friday, Aug. 14, beginning at 4 p.m. in the office of the Donegal high school nurse.

Girls have been reminded that there will be a bake sale in front of Greer's Jewellery store on Friday, the 14, beginning at 11 a.m.

Treasure Is Where You Find It -- Dig!

Treasure is where you find it!

Even if it is in the basement, behind a five-foot wall of earth and then deep in an ancient dye vat!

And, that's exactly where the Larry Laughman family, 123 David street, found some fascinating items last week as they progressed on a job of installing a new and larger furnace in their home they acquired last spring from Mrs. Earl Kaylor.

Included in the find were,

for instance, several "Bube Bottles" from the old brewery which has now become a tourist attraction in Mt. Joy.

As workmen were ready to install piping into the north portion of the house it became necessary to break open a section under the house which, to all appearances, was an unexcavated area.

Laughman and a neighbor boy did the work, breaking through a foundation and then through a thick wall of earth.

Then, suddenly, they struck a brick wall. Then it was that they recalled that the late Earl Kaylor had told them that somewhere under the house was located a huge dry vat, used by a dye works which once stood at what is now the corner of David and Lumber streets.

Working hard at full speed despite the hot and dirty work they finally broke through into what truly is a huge vat which measured about 10 feet in circumference and about 20 feet in depth.

Appearing much like a huge cistern, the upper part is brick but a few feet below the floor of the ground floor of the house the bricks are cemented or plastered.

The floor, Laughman believes after digging through several layers of trash of all kinds, is made of slate.

But it was the digging through the "rubbish" which produced the treasures of other years.

For instance, there were all kinds and manner of extract and medicine bottles—of all kinds and designs much sought after in this day and

age. One beautiful blue ink bottle Mrs. Laughman (Connie) grabbed and immediately claimed, personally. She washed it, saved the label, and has it sitting in her china closet—"Just because it is such a pretty blue," she twinkled.

"Someone who lived here must have read this old (1903) almanac," she ventured. "See this list of medicines? We've found bottles for almost every one of them."

Then, too, there were early 1900 copies of a Pittsburgh newspaper. Several pairs of old shoes—button shoes, no less—provided interesting speculation.

But, there were no dates earlier than a couple of years later than the turn of the century, indicating that about that time the dumping of trash into the huge vat ceased.

Which is interesting, in light of the fact that Earl Kaylor told Laughman's father, Wm. B. Laughman that he had lived in that house 60 years.

The Laughman's are not sure how old the house really is but must assume from the dates they found in the legal papers when they bought the house last year that it is more than 70 years.

They are inclined to believe that the house itself, perhaps a part of it, may have been part of the old dye plant.

Because of its size and because it is useless as it stands, the Laughmans, at present, think that they will fill the vat to the level of their basement floor & make what will then be a circular brick-walled room into a root cellar.

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