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TEN CENTS

By R. A. R.

Pete Foley didn't go deer hunting, but he did get a deer Monday morning.

While hunters were combing the area, he was on a business trip — driving thru the York hills. Suddenly he came upon several deer — in and on the road.

He believes that actually, one deer probably jumped over his car. But, another, a doe, was not so lucky. The car hit her and she went down.

Foley stopped and was out of the car in a flash. But the deer died and he faced the problem of notifying a game protector, which in itself proved to be quite a job on the first day of deer hunting. He finally got the kill reported at 10:30 Monday night.

These are the days when the city council is wrestling with the borough budget for next year.

There has been work done on that important aspect of government and a special meeting of council is to be held Saturday.

Although no figures have been set or announced, it is beginning to appear that Mount Joy, like some other boroughs, faces a tax rate increase.

There was no borough hike last year.

Donegal high school is at an "in between" stage of its interscholastic athletic program. Football and soccer are over and basketball, wrestling, etc have not begun.

However, athletes and coaches are hard at work and very shortly things will begin to happen.

Basketball is slated to kick the lid off Tuesday, Dec. 8, with Red Lion. Non-league games follow with Octorara

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Donegal Seniors to Give Play

The Senior Class of Donegal high school will present "Murder Takes the Veil," a three-act mystery play, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4 and 5, at eight o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Miss Catharine G. Zeller, chairman of the English Department, will direct the production.

Deborah Hollenbaugh, Patricia Greiner and Robert Feeman will portray leading roles. Other members of the cast include the following: Jane Stohler, Elizabeth Hallgren, Kenneth Kraybill, David Spickler, Steven Trostle, Susan Gerberich, Jillian Hayman, Gail Geib, Gail Kendig, Vicki Kendig, Douglas Witman, Jamey Shank, Patrick Leaman, Brenda Gainer, Linda Hower, Barry Gallo, Nan-

cy Kopp, Carol Zimmerman, Mary Jane Eshleman, Blair Smith.

Denise Wagner is student director. Connie McNaughton and Joni Hoffmaster are the prompters. The set was designed by Robert Brinser. Kenneth Depoe, chairman of the industrial arts department was in charge of set construction and printing.

Committee chairmen are as follows: lighting & sound effects, Dwight Wolgemuth; publicity, Larry Toth and Lu Ann Singer; properties, Douglas Estock; tickets, Nadyne Hiestand and Linda Hoffman; make-up, Susan Nissley; ushers, Larry Toth and Cora Hockenberry.

Music between acts will be provided by Robert Brinser, organist.

Community Council Faces Threat of Disbanding

Speaking with earnest candor, it was suggested by the president that there is a distinct possibility that the Mount Joy Community Council may be dissolved.

George Nauman, who has headed the organization this year, was speaking to the Mount Joy Rotary Club as he pointed out that the council has been caught in the pinches of apathy and a lack of communication which threatens its existence.

The talk was made at the club's weekly luncheon meeting, held at Hostetters.

Nauman said that only a few representatives of the council attend the meetings, that finances are a problem and that there is a doubt in his mind that one of the chief projects which the group has sponsored in recent years merits the amount of money it costs.

He was referring to the annual Memorial Day parade and the attendant activities which spread over a three or four day period.

Last year, he said, the parade cost \$3,200 and he estimated that it will run \$3,700 in 1971. He tossed out the idea that perhaps that amount of money could be spent better in the community for more vital projects.

He reported that each of the more than 20 organizations which theoretically belong to the council are supposed to have representatives at the meetings — normally held the first Wednesday night of each month.

However attendance in recent months has been very low. That fact he attributes to apathy.

In the past, organization dues to the council have been \$10 per year. Because of the urgent need for money to keep the organization going, he is hoping that the amount can be raised to \$15.

The president of the 13-year-old council reviewed the aims and objectives of the Community Council, which in general functions to coordinate the activities of the various other organizations in the community and to serve the community in various cooperative ways.

In the past, the council has sponsored many many projects — Memorial day, the building of Memorial park from a rubble pile, vaccinations, "Music in the Park" programs, etc etc etc.

In 1964 the council was incorporated. At about the same time, the council gave heavy support to the formation of the Mt. Joy Library Center.

Funds for operating the council, Nauman said, come from the community by donations which are solicited, particularly for the annual Memorial Day activities.

The council, the president

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Joseph Shaeffer Is Mount Joy Postmaster

Joseph G. Shaeffer, for 41 years a member of the Mount Joy post office staff, has been made postmaster, marking a rise from the lowliest job in



JOSEPH G. SHAEFFER

the organization to the highest.

He was sworn in Wednesday, Dec. 2, at Philadelphia by Regional Director Jack Pentz and given his certificate of office. He was accompanied by Mrs. Shaeffer.

Shaeffer and seven others are the first in this entire section of the country to be sworn into office under the new merit system program recently inaugurated.

Since Elmer Zerphey retired from the postmaster's office in December of 1968, Shaeffer has been designated as assistant postmaster in charge of the office.

The new postmaster entered the postal service in January of 1929 when the late William Tyndall was postmaster and served under Charles Bennett Sr., Charles

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GETS DEER

Charles Eby, Walnut street, shot a buck in Perry County at 8 o'clock Monday morning.

Takes Look at Future

Looking the 1970's square in the face and recognizing the booming interest in the ecology problem, the Mount Joy Authority Tuesday night took the first step to acquaint itself with the inevitable.

Authority authorized its engineers to begin investigation of the local situation as it is related to the discharge of sewage into Little Chiques creek.

There have been no problems which have caused the Authority to take the step, but because of the growing seriousness of the ecology picture, Authority members do not want to be caught unformed if, and when, the state makes a move toward requiring municipalities to upgrade their sewer plants.

By present standards, Mt. Joy's sewer plant, apparently, is meeting requirements.

However, at least 2 chemical entities — phosphates & nitrates — are not being removed. These, with ammonium compounds, are a big

part of the ecology problem.

This material is spoken of as nutrients. They feed the growth of water plants and begin a chain of actions which stretch far and wide.

In the past—and, in fact, to the present — no sewage disposal plants handle these materials. Removal is a skilled process and as the percentage of removal increases, the cost and technical skills increase.

The state has given no orders for any kind of move, but there is a growing feeling that such action may not be too far in the future.

The Authority's Tuesday night action focused on a target date of three years for accumulating its needed information.

Authority recognized that the field of ecology (a branch of biology which deals with the relations between living organisms and their environment) is very very new. In fact, one authority member suggested that a year ago practically no one knew what the word meant and if asked probably would have guessed that it is a skin disease.

Recognition of the growing impact of ecology prompted Authority to take its forward-looking action.

The Authority also asked its engineers to draw a proposal for including the Donegal Heights area, south of the borough, in the Mount Joy sewage system.

'Of This and That'

by the editor's wife

Take a 25½-pound turkey. Stuff it with chestnut filling. Roast it slowly for seven hours. Add cranberry sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, waldorf salad, scalloped oysters, home made hot rolls, pumpkin and mince pies and mounds of whipped cream. What do you have? Thanksgiving dinner at the editor's house.

Take millions of stuffed turkeys, tons of cranberry sauce and an assortment of other mouth-watering goodies which we couldn't even begin to list, and what do you have? Thanksgiving dinner—U. S. A!

It's fascinating to think of all the families that were gathered around tables on Thursday, eating too much, but loving every minute of it

In the middle of the afternoon on Thursday, while the turkey roasted, we took a little drive. It was amazing how few people were on the highways. There were hardly any eating places open. When we finally saw one, we stopped for a cup of coffee. Only a handful of people were there. They seemed to be either elderly couples whose children lived at too great a distance to come "home for Thanksgiving," or travelers.

One young family was having a good meal, and we overheard a conversation like this:

"How many hours till we'll be there?"
"Three or four."
"Will they wait for us, to eat?"
"Of course."
"How many miles?"
"One hundred and fifty."

Everyone doesn't eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day. Some families prefer duck—or lobster—or ham.

A friend told us Friday morning that the "piece de resistance" for his Thanksgiving dinner had been a 20-pound roast of beef!

Wouldn't that have been good eating?

And now December is here. It brings many joys. In our family there are two birthdays. There's the Marietta Candlelight tour; Elizabethtown College's concert choir has a concert; there are many other lovely musical programs arranged for the month, including the Grandview and Seiler ones. There are holiday parties, and then there is the climax of all — the celebration of the most

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THE BULLETIN'S Cheer Club

Listed below is the name of a shut-in, an elderly person, or some other member of our community to whom a card or a message of any kind would mean much. Your thoughtfulness will be deeply appreciated by them and their families.



MISS LYDIA WITMER
Myers Rest Home
Mount Joy R.D. 1

Miss Witmer until not too long ago lived at the corner of Main and Marietta streets with the late Dr. Mary Bowman.

Mount Joy Borough Council

Council Chambers, December 7, 1970, 7:30 P. M.

1. Invocation—Rev. R. Kohler
2. Minutes of last and Special meetings.
3. Unfinished Business if any.
4. Petitions and Communications.
5. Reports of Mayor, Committees and Departments.
6. Reports of any Citizen.
7. Report of Treasurer.
8. New Business.
2nd Reading of Borough Manager Ordinance
Finalize budget for 1971
Open bids for fuel oil
Open bids for police car
9. Authorization for payment of bills.
10. Adjournment.