

EDITORIALS

Lancaster county now has three tremendously promising vocational technical schools.

They were dreamed, they have been built, they are in use and they officially have been dedicated.

One is at Brownstown, one is at Willow Street and the third is at Mt. Joy

What seems important is that votech officials believe that as many as 40,000 people vsited the three schools on the occasion of their dedication on three successive weekends.

People swarmed to every one of them to inspect the facilities, to have a look at the entire layout and to ask hundreds of questions.

so many many people make a special effort to visit one or the other of these three schools—all of which are very much alike?"

These 40,000 people took time, energy and braved the headaches of traffic and parking not because they felt obligated. No one said that they should or must attend. They went because they wanted to attend the open house.

Were they curious? Probably some of them were. But it takes a lot of curious people to total 40,000.

Were the people bored and looking for something new to see? Yes, probably there were some who were killing time, walking through the buildings because they had nothing better to do for a couple of hours. Were the people concerned about spending of tax money for schools? Yes, there may have been a few. But, the way the votech schools are financed, relatively little local tax money is involved. State and federal money is carrying the load.

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WASHINGTON REPORT **Congressman Edwin D. Eshleman** 16th District-Pennsylvania

Should candidates be per- become a farce. It is a modmitted to buy their way into ern farce because it was not public office? This is a ques- strong enough medicine in tion which needs an answer the beginning. from the Congress. The issue who spend hundreds of thouof campaign financing has be- sands of dollars on their come quite serious, particul- campaigns legally can report arly since the spending spree no contributions or expendiin many Senatorial and Con- tures under the law's provisgressional races this fall. ions. On the other hand, the

earlier this year designed to complete story about his halt the excessive use of campaign finances. money in political campaignnarrow in scope because it ence as an example. I intend dealt only with expenditures to be open and above board for radio and television. But about contributions and ex-I voted for this narrow effort penditures made on my beas one step in the right direc- half as a candidate. In other tion.

dent Nixon as being only a funds came from and for token attempt in an area de- what they were spent. But, manding broad-based reform. because of the way the regul-He vetoed the campaign fin- ations are stated, I must file ancing bill and asked Con- a technically questionable regress to consider a more far- port. In strictly literal terms, reaching program to limit my disclosures are improper political spending. Recently, because they go beyond the when the Senate upheld the scope of the law. But in President's veto, there was an indication that Mr. Nix-the public interest, I think on's criticism will be heeded my financial statements are in the future. The next legis- correct and justifiable. Perlative effort, hopefully in the haps, if Congress responds to near future. should encom- this national problem, by the pass all facets of campaign time the next filing of camfinancing. A bill should be passed that abolishes the enormous advantage which big campaign spending gives to men of wealth. It should assure that campaign costs do not afford an opportunitly for special interests to "buy" a candidate. There has been far too much tokenism already in the business of political spending. The Federal Corrupt Practices Act, which now requires candidates for Federal office to file financial reports, has parks is prohibited.

Candidates law actually discourages a Congress passed legislation candidate from disclosing the

ing. The bill was admittedly I can use my own experiwords, each year I make a The legislation struck Presi- full disclosure of where my

Such a turnout of people is cause for speculation. For, after all, 40,000 people is a tremendous crowd to attract to any public activity, whether it be a sports event, a public entertainment or any kind of situation you want to mention.

So, we ask the question, "Why did

If You Would Write --

Would you like to write to your state or federal representatives in Harrisburg or Washington? Here are their addresses:

FEDERAL

Sen. Hugh D. Scott, Room 260, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515.

Sen. Richard S. Schweiker, Room 4317, Senate Office Building, Washington D. C. 20515.

Rep. Edwin D. Eshleman, 416 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20515..

STATE

Senator Richard A. Snyder, Box 21, State Senate, Harrisburg, Pa. 17120.

Sen. Clarence F. Manbeck, Fredericksburg R1, Pa. 17026.

Rep. Harry H. Gring, Reinholds, Pa. 17569.

Rep. Sherman L. Hill, 201 Manor Av., Millersville 17551.

Rep. Jack B. Horner , 23-A S. Market St., Elizabethtown 17022.

Rep. Marvin E. Miller, 501 Valley Rd., Lancaster 17601.

Rep. Harvey C. Nitrauer, 125 South Street, Myerstown, Pa., 17067.

Rep. John C. Pittenger, N. West End Ave., Lancaster 17603.

Call 653-2289

Or, Call the Mayor -MAYOR Henry R. Zerphey Why then?

Votech people would like to think -and so would we-that the people were interested in the new votech program, which is designed to better equip boys and girls to face a competitive future.

It would be nice to think that the general public feels that votech will be a total benefit to the community by providing capable, trained and interested skilled workmen to serve the area in which we live.

Perhaps the true test of the public interest will come a little later when adult classes are being organized at the three buildings.

At present, the potential looks promising. Daily, votech officials report, there are queries about "When will classes begin?", "What courses will be given?'

The questions do indicate that adults are interested in improving or enlarging their skills and that after the first of the year there will be interest in the expanded program which has been part of the votech plan from the very first.

We feel that the votech school is a tremendous thing which has happened to Lancaster county and that Mount Joy will be fortuitously benefited by the location of the northwestern building.

ABSOLUTE TRUST

All a child's life depends on the ideal it has of its parents. Destroy that and everything goes-morals, behavior, everything else is the essence of education. -E. M. Forster

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"I guess you'll have to saw if off-I got it in the starch on wash day!"

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