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TEN CENTS

By R. A. R.

Many weeks ago, Mount Joy's then Assistant Postmaster Joseph Shaeffer ordered 70,000 Christmas stamps for the 1970 Christmas mailing season.

He set the number 20,000 above the 1969 order, wondering if he was maybe ordering a mite too many.

The last of the 70,000 were sold across the counter Thursday morning Dec. 17.

In view of the tragic accident recently on the Old Harrisburg pike near Rheems, it is worthy of note that the state highway this past week painted yellow and white lines on the blacktop surface which was laid last summer.

The new markings add a great deal to the safety of travel on the highway—both motorists and pedestrians.

The stretch of highway was reworked during the summer and the oldest stretch of concrete paving in the county was given a macadam surfacing.

The work was done along a 3.6 mile stretch between the underpass, west of the borough, to the intersection with Route 230 east of Elizabethtown.

Last week we carried a story about how a Mount Joy boy is stationed in Washington with the U. S. Marines for the very special and important mission of guarding the helicopter used by President Nixon.

The Marine—Tom Pennell—dropped in at the Bulletin office later last week (to personally thank us for mentioning his name in his hometown paper — "My buddies down there just won't believe this") and we had a wonderful chat with him about his job.

Among other things which fascinated us was his telling how his orders say that NO ONE — absolutely NO ONE — who is not specifically authorized, boards the plane, even when it is in the hanger. And, he grinned brightly as he related how once he had to pat his revolver at his belt to convince one person that "no boarding.. meant exactly that.

One of the upshots of the story in the Bulletin last week is a small but valued souvenir on the publisher's desk which bears the seal of the President of the United States. It is a book of matches off "Marine One" on which also is printed a picture of the whirley bird..

If you see on TV the President boarding or leaving the big bird and there is a U.S. Marine in full dress uniform standing nearby at stiff salute it just very well might be Tom. It was once, anyhow.

Dutch children believe that Santa rides a white horse, and fill their wooden shoes with a hay snack for the horse!

## Lunch Assistance Offered Families Of Those in Need

Complying with requirements of the Federal Lunch Program, Donegal school district has issued letters to parents of all school children informing them of the availability of free and "reduced cost" noon meals.

The benefits are for those persons whose incomes are judged to be low as compared with the number of children in the family involved.

Charges for student meals are: 35 cents in elementary schools and 40 cents in secondary.

The letter, dated Dec. 16, says that since "some families may find it difficult to pay the full price... we will provide these lunches free or at a reduced price (not more than 20 cents to those children whose families cannot afford to pay the full price."

Applications for lunch assistance are included with the letter. Consideration of unusual circumstances will be evaluated, the message indicates—prolonged illnesses, unexpected expenses etc.

A revised criteria based on family income was released by the school today. The total amount of family income and the number of people in the family which will be used as a guide for evaluation is as follows:

Total family size	Total family income
one	\$2,000
two	\$2,550
three	\$3,250
four	\$4,000
five	\$4,750
six	\$5,500
seven	\$6,250

All applications, the letter points out, will be handled privately and information will be kept strictly confidential. Children who receive free or reduced price lunches will be treated in the same manner as those who pay full prices.

Father Christmas, as Santa Claus is known in the British Empire, wears his heavy woolen suit even in Australia—where December 25 comes in the middle of summer, when the temperatures may be in the 90's.

## 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.



**MRS. GEORGE KERCHER**  
Hassler Convalescent Home  
500 S. Philadelphia Street  
Shillington, Penna.

Mrs. Kercher, 93, is the widow of the Rev. George Kercher, who came to Mount Joy as pastor of Trinity Lutheran church in 1917 and served here many years. He died in 1937. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in Mount Joy.

## Maurice Bailey Fire Company Finances Will Retire

Maurice N. Bailey, for 48 years an employee of Grey Iron Casting company, was honored Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, on the eve of his retirement.

At the company's Christmas party, held at the Mount Joy American Legion, Bailey was presented with a gold wrist watch by Donald M. Smith, president of the company.

Fittingly inscribed, the watch was engraved, "48 Years of Faithful service — Maurice N. Bailey - Grey Iron Casting company - 1923-1971.

Bailey, who lives at 47 Donegal Springs Road, began work at the local firm Jan. 1, 1923, and his retirement became effective Dec. 31, '70.

During his employment, he has been a bookkeeper, cost accountant and purchasing agent.

Bailey said last week that he and Mrs. Bailey hope to take an extended trip to the west coast next summer.

The Suez Canal has no locks because the level of the Mediterranean does not differ significantly from that of the Red Sea. The waterway runs 103 miles through desert and marshland.

## List Post Office Service Dec. 26

Postmaster Joseph Shaeffer announced the schedule of post office services for Saturday, Dec. 26—the day after Christmas.

There will be no city or rural deliveries made, but regular Saturday hours will be observed for the post office. The lobby will be open from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. and there will be the usual window service from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

On Friday, Dec. 25, the entire office will be closed, so that all personnel may enjoy Christmas with their families.

Friendship Fire company, estimated \$8,000 in contributions in '70. As prepared and adopted earlier this month (December 7th), the total budget for fire protection purposes was set at \$9,330.00, a figure which includes all items — insurance, maintenance of fire houses, materials, dispatcher salaries, a new fire hydrant, etc.

The total was announced by Dennis F. Fackler, financial secretary of the company, who pointed out that \$16,379.14 is the balance needed to meet the obligation.

What the company has to apply on the purchase came from local citizens, industries civic groups and from the profits of internal projects of the company, Fackler said.

A sizable amount was raised from farmers and from citizens living outside the borough, he added.

For those contributions which have come to the pumper fund, the Board of Officers of the company, the Board of Chiefs, and members of the firemen's organization are truly grateful.

The project is to replace a 30-year-old piece of equipment with a new and up-to-date pumper designed specially for the Mount Joy community, as seen by the firemen. Fackler said that firemen, as they learn of the borough's budget for 1971 plans, are disturbed by the fact that there is no allocation toward the cost of the pumper.

As passed on first reading at its December meeting, Borough council allocated \$6,000 as "contributions to volunteer fire companies" for the year 1971.

The two companies—Florin and Friendship—received an

Fackler, in a prepared statement, said that the fire company feels that "fire protection is not the place to cut funds to help with budget difficulties."

## Colonel Gephart Decorated Again

Army Colonel John W. Gephart, son of Noah H. Gephart, 813 West Main street, Mount Joy, recently received his third award of the Legion of Merit during ceremonies near Saigon, Vietnam.

Col. Gephart received the award for meritorious service while serving as Chief of Staff for Headquarters, U. S. Army Command.

During the same ceremony, he also was presented the Air Medal.

Col. Gephart entered the Army in 1941.

The Officer, a 1941 graduate of Elizabethtown H. S. received a Master of Science Degree in Business Administration in 1967 from George Washington University, D. C.

His wife, Kathryn, lives at 7025 Bradley Circle, Annandale, Va.

## NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK

In keeping with a practice of many years, this newspaper will not be published the week of the Christmas holidays.

Next publication will be Wednesday, January 6, 1971.

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