

Watch Out for These Spring Birds



EDITORIALS ---

Under the auspices of the Community Council, Mount Joy has begun to look into the need for a medical center for this area, possibly as a joint venture with Elizabethtown.

At a meeting of the Council, held April 7, a committee was named to delve into the possibilities and to investigate the methods and ramifications of such a proposal.

As the problem is approached, the principal and prime question to be asked is "Does this community need such a facility?"

At the Council meeting, the speaker, Glenn Irwin, emphasized this question and then underscored it heavily.

While his community of Elizabethtown is badly in need of additional medical service, the question has not been answered and not even explored in a meaningful way for Mount Joy.

Elizabethtown this past week suffered another blow to its potential medical service. The sudden death of one of its few doctors left a widening gap in the needs of that community.

In Mount Joy, however, the situation is quite different and an in-depth study is needed before the community is asked to take a fast move toward support of an expensive medical center.

With three practicing medical doc-

tors and two osteopaths, Mount Joy community is in a far better situation than many smaller or rural communities. And, more that all of these men are in their prime age of service.

Although it is one of the objectives of the local committee to investigate, it appears that Mount Joy is fortunate in the medical service it now has available.

It was suggested at the April 7th meeting, it may be a matter of long-range wisdom to have a careful look at the local situation. But on the surface, it would seem that a concerted effort on the part of the community may be at least 10 years away.

In the meantime, it is extremely important that the community keep in mind that there are fewer and fewer men available for general practice duties in small communities and that as people now in the field reach retirement age their places will be harder and harder to fill.

The new committee has a serious commission to perform and it will need to look hard and carefully into a matter which touches, in one way or another, the lives of most of the people of this community.



DIAGNOSIS

On his 80th birthday, John Quincy Adams responded to a query concerning his well-being by saying: "John Quincy Adams is well, but the house in which he lives at present is becoming dilapidated. It is tottering upon its foundation. Time and the seasons have nearly destroyed it. Its roof is pretty well worn out. Its walls are much shattered and it trembles with every wind. I think John Quincy Adams will have to move out of it soon. But he himself is quite well, quite well."

P. O. Sets New Closing Time

Beginning Saturday, May 1, the lobby of the Mount Joy post office will close at 5:30 p.m. instead of 6 p.m.

A recent survey showed very few customers used the lobby during this time. The last mail leaves the office at 5:25 p.m. This will permit all employees to leave by 5:30 p.m.

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.

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

Or, Call the Mayor -

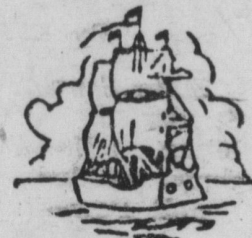
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WASHINGTON REPORT

Congressman Edwin D. Eshleman

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Many of the questions facing government today do not involve whether or not we do something, but instead involve how something should be done. For example, all levels of government and the vast majority of Americans recognize the public responsibility for educating our youth. But there are legitimate questions about whether our present system for financing and running the Nation's schools is the best system available.

Congress has an opportunity to consider many of those questions this year. The Nixon Administration recently put forward a plan for changing the Federal role in public education. It is a plan to pull together more than 30 Federal aid-to-education programs into a \$3 billion revenue-sharing package.

The revenue-sharing approach to Federal financing of our schools, if approved by Congress, would alter substantially the present piecemeal system of aid. It would not alter, however, the Federal commitment to provide resources for meeting rising educational needs. In fact, revenue sharing would, by consolidating the money allotted for the schools, make possible a useful definition of the Federal role in elementary and secondary education.

This Federal role, as outlined by the Administration, is threefold: 1. the allocation of financial resources on a broad and continuing basis to help States and local school districts meet their responsibilities, 2. the provision of national leadership to help reform and renew our schools to improve performance, and 3. the concentration of resour-

ces to meet urgent national problems during the period when they are most intense.

That third point is illustrated in some of the financial specifics detailed in the first year program for educational revenue-sharing. Since meeting the needs of disadvantaged children certainly ranks high on a list of immediate school priorities, more than half of the first-year funds would be directed toward that purpose. The remainder of the money would be set aside in broad general categories such as education of the handicapped, aid to school areas affected by Federal activities, (Turn To page 3)

Others are Saying

COLLEGE EDUCATIONS

One of the heavy costs of continuing inflation is the rising cost of a college education, now barring many students from attaining a higher education and threatening the very existence of colleges, in some cases.

Some of the nation's wealthier schools, such as Yale, open their doors to capable students regardless of financial status, allowing those who must to repay the college over a long number of years. But this is the exception and somewhat penalizes girls, because most of them presumably will become wives and mothers, not professionals, and may or may not be able to repay such debts. It's a heavy load, of course, for any student to carry as he begins in the business world.

In a few states college education is free to all, and there are scholarships for others. (Turn to page 3)

COMEDY CORNER



"I know a good ship's engineer should have a little Scotch in him, MacTavish—but you've gone too far!"