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TEN CENTS

By R. A. R.

A couple of weeks ago this column treated as a fantasy an idea that Expo '76 might possibly be located near Mt. Joy.

Actually, there is a faint chance that it may actually land on a 1,500-acre tract owned by Hershey Estates and located between Elizabethtown and Hershey.

Those who are pushing the idea vision tremendous things for instance:

- 1.—High speed trains between Philadelphia along the Penn-Central to the Conewago branch which runs along the proposed Expo site.
- 2.—Additional interchanges on nearby Pennsylvania Turnpike.
- 3.—Heavy traffic on newly (by then) completed Rte. 283.
- 4.—Availability of Olmsted as an International airport.
- 5.—Conversion of buildings after the fair to some useful purpose as part of "Americana."

Is it a pipe dream? Well, yes and no.

There are tremendous forces at work, apparently, under the surface. But, because of the magnitude of the project—wherever it is held—the site selected must be finalized in the not too distant future.

On August 11, 1897 — 74 years ago this week—the first Pennsylvania Railroad rolled through the cut through Mt. Joy.

Although opening of the deep cut through the borough was a big engineering feat, the first train moved through without fanfare of any particular nature. That same day the new station was opened.

Until the cut was finished and put into use the railroad approached Mount Joy from the west over the present right of way but then followed the tracks which now cross west Main street and serve a number of freight businesses. The line then crossed Main street again at what is now the Union Nat'l Mount Joy bank and was at surface level, joining the present tracks east of Jacob street. To dig the cut—which was done without benefit of much mechanical equipment—necessitated moving several buildings.

If you've wondered about how construction of the new bypass expressway is progressing on west of the Elizabethtown - Hershey interchange, you'll be interested to learn what we discovered firsthand.

The concrete is poured and the highway practically completed to a point about even with the Big M market.

There, however, the concrete ends abruptly and it may be a while until the paving is done. However, it is less than a mile from that point to the new access road and expressway interchange which connects easily with Route 230 near the Swatara church between Middletown and the Big M.

Someone observed with awe the magnitude of the disaster if the rain of last week had been snow in January.

If it is a fact that seven inches of snow equal one inch of rainfall, then the rain, had it been snow last week,

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Rotarians Given Inside Look At Welfare

Speaking as a concerned insider, Jay Musser discussed public welfare Tuesday noon, Aug. 10, for his fellow Rotarians and observed that a turning point in the system may be approaching.

A member of the Lancaster County Board of Public Assistance, he talked at Hostetters dining hall on the subject, "Welfare, Fact, Fiction and Future."

The turning point in the highly controversial area of public assistance to needy is arriving, he believes, because people generally, have become concerned.

During more lush days, the economy carried the burden and the public accepted the situation. But, as the economy has slackened, he pointed out, a loud and certain cry has arisen.

At the same time, welfare costs have taken a tremendous surge upward.

He explained that there are 11,000 welfare cases in the county, which is 2 1/2 times more than in January of 1968. If that same increase continued, he observed, in five years, 1 out of every 10 persons in the county would be receiving aid.

The tremendous upsurge, Musser attributed to various factors — changes in the federal laws concerning poverty levels, the so-called "30 and a third" plan (which is proposed to go to \$50 and half), new residency requirements, administrative decisions concerning communes, students, etc., and strike welfare payments.

Musser pointed out that of the various avenues of welfare payments, the dependent children area accounts for 75 percent of the case loads. Across the state, the percentage is 80, he added.

"Welfare is a monstrous, political problem," the board member told the Rotarians as he revealed that the board actually has dwindling power over the situation.

As a matter of putting the payments in proper perspective, he noted that 48 percent of the funds are from the state, 50 percent from the federal government and two percent from the county.

The new awareness of the total situation and of the problem demands, he said, a facing up to the matter and the making of hard decisions "by you." He added that society must, because it represents such a high percentage of the payments, what it will do with the problem, and society must make a determination of "what are the rights" of the people involved.

The speaker was introduced by Charles O. Groff.

In Tennis Finals

Two top young tennis players of Mount Joy were in the thick of the finals of the Red Rose Junior tourney at the Lancaster Riding and Tennis club last week.

Drew Hostetter and Brent Zeller, playing in the under 18 division, went to the last game, finally taking the count, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, from Alan Garabedian and Dick Pronchek.

Hostetter previously had gone to the finals of the singles, dropping 6-4 and 6-4 to John Karr.

FROM FRANCES SHELLENBERGER ESTATE \$10,000 Gift Comes to Fire Company

Mount Joy's Friendship Fire company has fallen heir to \$10,000, an unexpected unanticipated and unsolicited gift!

News of the unusual gratuity was announced Thursday night, August 5, as the company held its monthly meeting in the fire hall.

The \$10,000 is the product of an insurance annuity in which the Friendship Fire company was named the beneficiary.

Back in June of 1968, Ray Bair, formerly of Mount Joy, was talking with the late Miss Frances Shellenberger, of Lancaster also formerly of this community, who was buying some insurance annuities.

When the papers were being drawn,

the question of beneficiaries naturally came to the front and Miss Shellenberger named Miss Jenny B. Roberts, also of Lancaster, who also is now deceased.

Miss Shellenberger and Miss Roberts both were registered nurses and worked together for many years in New York.

When they both retired from nursing, they came to Lancaster and took a house on Louise street.

Although she had not lived in Mount Joy for many years, Miss Shellenberger had retained an interest here, principally through her brother, the late Reuben Shellenberger, who visited with her in Lancaster for many years. One thing he

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Legion Commended for Youth Work

In recognition of its outstanding service to children and youth of the Community, W. S. Ebersole Post 185 of The American Legion has been cited by the national organization of the Legion, Post Commander Philip F. Stumpf has announced.

The citation from American Legion National Headquarters located in Indianapolis, Indiana, is signed by the Legion National commander, Alfred P. Chamie.

"Children & Youth are the American Legion's basic programs," Commander Stumpf explained, "and we are proud that our efforts have been

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Real-life Life Saving

Real-life life saving seems to be a frequent activity among employees of Armstrong's carpet plant in Marietta!

In three entirely unrelated incidents, William Zimmerman, 389 North Barbara St., Mount Joy and Mike Brennan of Leola have been credited recently with the saving of several people from drowning.

The most recent was Sunday afternoon, when Brennan rescued a woman who went down in deep water while swimming in Lions Lake, north of Lebanon on Route 72.

Zimmerman gave artificial respiration to 11-year-old Erica Nssley, who was pulled unconscious from deep water at the Mount Joy swimming pool, and then, not quite a week later, helped to rescue several persons when a small boat capsized in Little Chiques creek near The Cove during very high water.

Zimmerman is a jute range leader at the carpet plant, and Brennan is a plant engineer.

In Baseball Finals

Mount Joy's hustling Junior-Midget baseball team has hustled itself into the finals of the season-end tournament and on Friday night will meet Fulton for the championship, beginning at 6:30 p. m.

A berth in the finale came Monday night at Arnold field with a big 16 - 4 win over Manheim township.

Hunting Safety Class

Another Hunter Safety course will be held on Saturday, August 14, at the Mount Joy Sports Farm.

Beginning at 1 p.m. registration will immediately precede the course activities.

The public is invited to take the course.

All new hunters must pass this course before they can purchase a Pennsylvania hunting license.

Local Scout in Typhoon

"Wet typhoon hit. O.K. See you soon, Ed."

That is the terse but welcome message from a Mount Joy Boy Scout who has been caught up in the swirl of events at the International Jamboree in Japan.

Ed Smith, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ammon Smith, 807 West Main street, had gone to Japan late in July but the typhoon hit,

To Release Pheasants

Three hundred 12-week old pheasants will be released in this area on Saturday, Aug. 14, as part of the Mount Joy Sportsmen Association's continuing program of improving hunting.

The three-quarter grown birds will be taken in small groups into East Donegal, Rapho and Mount Joy townships on Saturday and there set free.

The pheasant raising and releasing program is in charge of Brady Hess.

Day-old chicks are furnished in the spring by the state and are put in charge of a man in the Manheim area who raises them and returns them to the club for release.

The Sportsmen's program has been in operation for several years with the young released on farms which are not posted later in the season.

IN UNIFORM COMPLETES COURSE

Army Private Michael A. Showalter, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Showalter, of 125 Ann Ave., Landisville, recently completed eight weeks of basic training at the U. S. Army training center, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

He received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, combat tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

scattering the Scouts into temples and shrines.

Exactly what has happened, in detail, the Smiths do not know. But, the brief telegram answered the most vital question.

He had been expected to return home, arriving in Philadelphia on Thursday, Aug. 12.

Prior to the telegram, the Smiths had received one letter from Ed, enclosing some pictures which he had taken and shipped home for processing.

Sacred Concert

With an attendance of "more than 300 people" the new Interchurch Council of the community held its second and last vesper service of the season on Sunday evening, Aug. 8, in Memorial park.

Soloists, duets, trios and groups presented sacred music of a wide variety, each group representing one of the churches participating in the new council.

Earlier the council's committee in charge of the vespers, Charles Hershey, chairman, had presented a program by Maranatha Productions, called Outreach.

Hershey said during intermission Sunday that the response has been so warm and favorable to the programs that it now is hoped that more such outdoor events can be planned for the 1972 summer season.

Class of '56 Reunion

The Donegal high school class of 1956 will hold its fifteenth reunion on Saturday, September 18, at Meadow Hills Dining Room, Lancaster.

Anyone not receiving an invitation and wishing to attend may make reservations by contacting Mrs. William L. Bitzer, Mount Joy R1, Ph. 653-1702.

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