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TEN CENTS

By R. A. R.

Then there was the fellow who was telling how his mother-in-law made what is an easy mistake this year.

She put postage stamps on the front of the Christmas cards she was mailing and attached the fancy 1971 U.S. post office Christmas Stamps on the back, thinking that they were one of the other kind.

Another man joined in to say that this year "it happened." The postage on the cards cost him more than the cards themselves.

We mentioned last week about toll gates and the fact that there were one between Mount Joy and Florin.

One of the people who remembers such things has told us that such gates between two nearby communities were called "catch gates." There was one between Landisville and Salunga.

He also recalls that many a person would bypass the Marietta pike gate (located at the Eberle cemetery) by leaving Mt. Joy via Donegal Springs road, Cross Roads church, and Union School road (Angle St. extended) as they traveled to Marietta.

One additional "toll gate" item. Toll was not charged if the traveler was on his way to or from a funeral.

Where does borough money come from? Taxes, mostly! That's the answer.

Specifically, the 1972 proposed budget show that 42.3% will come from real estate taxes; 39.2 from enabling taxes (head tax, occupation tax and earned income tax 39.2; licenses and permits, 1.4; gifts and grants, 1.9; interests and rents, .7; fines and forfeits, 1.4; miscellaneous, 7.9.

Included with miscellaneous are such things as \$5,000 from parking meters; special rubbish collection, \$3,000; cable TV franchise, \$1,200.

Mount Joy receives no state or federal funds for general purpose use. The borough does, however, anticipate state aid of \$24,243.77 from the state. That amount is a nice increase from 1971 and previous years.

We're tempted—already—to ask, "Have you noticed how the days are getting longer?"

For those who struggle off to work in the dark these days and who often return home after dusk has fallen, every day which turns darkness back into light is a plus to better living.

Wednesday was the shortest day of this winter. So, we are slipping back toward longer days and shorter nights.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

A Christmas eve service will be conducted at the First Presbyterian church at 7:30 p. m.

Special music will be provided by violinist, Glen Irwin and the church choir. The sermon will be of interest to both the children and the adults, and is entitled "The Golden Madonna." The service will include the traditional lighting of the candles and Joy, is a member of Trinity Lutheran church. He is now living at the Camp Hill Lutheran home. He will be 84 years old on January 10.

Everyone is welcome to all of the services at this church.

No Paper Next Week

As has been the custom for many years, the Mount Joy Bulletin will not be published the week between Christmas and New Years.

However, the paper will be issued on regular schedule the following week—January 5.

Holiday Mail

Because the holiday falls at weekend, Christmas mail at the Mount Joy post office has not hit the huge, crushing peak it does some years.

Although the number of pieces of mail has been far above normal, the peak cancellation day fell for short of the 20,021 of last year.

Usually, the Monday which falls immediately ahead of Dec. 25 brings the heaviest crush of outgoing mail as patrons spend the weekend writing, addressing and stamping their season's greetings.

This year, however, Monday, Dec. 13, accounted for 13,000 plus on the mail counter. Tuesday, the 14th, noted 12,000 plus pieces and on Wednesday, the 15th, there were 10,000 plus.

Monday of this week, there was a bulge in the count, hooping up to 13,767. But, that was the tops.

The biggest count ever recorded in Mount Joy was on Monday, Dec. 16, 1968, when 24,143 pieces of mail were counted.

Although outgoing mail Mt. Joy mail actually is sorted in Lancaster, postal employees here have been doing the cancelling this Christmas season before forwarding all mail to Lancaster, where it is sorted and routed by a sophisticated machine which has taken over the former hand-sorting job done at each individual post office.

Post Office Hours

Mount Joy postmaster Joseph Shaeffer has announced that on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, window hours will be from 8 a.m. to 12 noon with the lobby remaining open until 5:30 p.m.

Normal delivery of mail will be given on both of these days.

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 there will be no receipt of mail, no dispatch and no deliveries. The post office will be closed for the entire day including the lobby.

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.

Harry K. Hinkle
2331 Market Street
Camp Hill, Pa. 17011

Mr. Hinkle, a native of Mt. Joy, is a member of Trinity Lutheran church. He is now living at the Camp Hill Lutheran home. He will be 84 years old on January 10.

Graduated

Gregory Brian, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brian, 207 Frederick street, was among the 900 persons receiving degrees Sunday, Dec. 18, at commencement exercises held at Penn State university.

A graduate of Donegal high school, he received the Bachelor of Science degree.

Christmas Party

Donegal Industries, Inc., on Wednesday evening, Dec. 15, held a Christmas party at Hostetters for its more than 300 employees.

Special recognition was given to mothers employed by the company who have had the most sons and daughters. Honored were: Mrs. Esther Shirk (4 daughters and 1 son); Mrs. Clara Myers (4 daughters); Mrs. Elizabeth Raber (5 daughters); and Mrs. Martha Roberts (7 daughters and 1 son).

After giving a short address, Mervin Nolt, plant manager, presented seven employees who had been employed for more than 20 yrs., each with \$500 Certificate of deposits in the local bank.

The seven employees are: Mrs. Ruth Ginder, Elizabethtown; Rhoda Heisey, Mt. Joy; Mrs. Ruth Henderson, Maytown; Mrs. Anna Lehman, of Maytown; Mrs. Elizabeth Raber, Marietta and Mrs. Esther Shirk, Maytown.

When the original company business was started 25 years ago at Maytown, Mrs. Elizabeth Raber, from Marietta, was one of the first five employees. The highlight of the program came when she was presented with a monogrammed silver tray in recognition of her retirement.

The program was concluded with the showing of the latest series of Glenn Eshelman's slides entitled "Almost Paradise"

Shopping Spree

The Mount Joy Jaycees have been deeply involved in the true meaning of Christmas!

It all began when 16 local young men helped sponsor the "Sounds from Home" program at WSBA radio station. The Jaycees helped send 50 tapes to local servicemen overseas. A young man from the York area has already responded with a thank you letter of deep feelings of appreciation.

Next, the Jaycees, represented by nearly 20 different men and Joycee-ette helpers, contributed time and effort to have "Santa" arrive in town and remain until the day before Christmas.

Saturday, Dec. 18, the Jaycees and Joycee-ettes joined together to take the 11 children at the Messiah Childrens home on a Christmas shopping excursion.

After the men helped the youngsters in their shopping experience, the Joycee-ettes helped to wrap the gifts at the Jaycee headquarters.

Later that evening aboard the Reymers limousine express the 11 children and several Jaycees and Joycee-ettes sang Christmas carols to the residents of the Schock Presbyterian Home.

The group then traveled up the windy streets of town echoing the Christmas spirit to the local shoppers and when everyone was nearly frostbitten, the group returned home.

Newcomer to Take Oath Jan. 4

As of noon, Tuesday, Jan. 4 duty. Chief Judge Joseph Lord will officiate.

—Clarence C. Newcomer Newcomer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence S. Newcomer, south Market street, was appointed by President Nixon in November and confirmed by the U. S. Senate.

As the new judge enters his new duties, he leaves in Lancaster the office of District Attorney, which will be assumed on January 3 by Henry J. Rutherford of Marietta.

The ceremony will be held in Court room 6 of the U. S. Courthouse, where Newcomer expects to be assigned for

Holiday Bank Hours

Because two holidays within the next few days fall on weekends, a changed schedule of banking hours has been announced by all three financial institutions in Mount Joy.

National Central bank and Dauphin Deposit Trust company will follow the same schedules, both for Christmas and New Years.

Both will close at 3 p.m. on Friday afternoons and will not reopen for business until Tuesday mornings following the holidays.

Union National Mount Joy bank will have its lobby open both Fridays until 2 p.m. Christmas eve the drive-in window will remain open until 5 p. m. but New Year's eve will close when the lobby closes. There will be no banking hours on Saturdays or Mondays.

List Contest Winners

A contest sponsored jointly by the Home Economics department and the Industrial Arts department has been held at Donegal high school.

Judging took place Monday afternoon, Dec. 20 in the lobby of the high school. Winners in the Christmas Decoration category are:

1. Les Engle; 2. Cindy Reiner; 3. Deb Fitzkee.

Winners in the Christmas Gift category are: 1. Les Engle; 2. Carmen Morales; 3. Tim Forrey.

The judges for the contest were Mrs. Betsy Ellis, Mrs. Fran Greiner and Miss Linda Mylin.

This is the second year for the contest that started as an outgrowth of a talk on Christmas decorations given to the Home economic students by the Home Economics teachers in 1970. This has now been expanded to be open to all high school students and is sponsored cooperatively by both departments.

Teachers in the Home Economics department are Miss Kathi Wiler and Mrs. Elinore Ruhl and teachers in the Industrial Arts Department are Theodore Rasmussen, Barry McFarland, and Kenneth Depoe.

The articles are on exhibit in the main show case of the high school lobby.

All entries in both categories are judged on the basis of originality and creativity, and none are made from any kits.

District Band

Three Donegal high school band members have been accepted to participate with the District Band Festival.

They are: Keith Smith, Molly Fry and Lolly Baker.

Eleven Donegal musicians auditioned for the district band on Saturday, Dec. 11, at Palmyra.

Indians Win

Donegal's Indians came close Friday night, Dec. 17th, but they couldn't quite make the grade and fell to Lampeter-Strasburg, 66 to 63, as the young basketball season drew nearer and nearer the start of league competition.

The Tribe was able to take narrow margins of advantage in both the second and fourth

periods, but first and third L-S was able to establish sufficient leads to hang onto the victory.

At the half it was 31-30 for the winners.

Rick Baker emerged as the scoring leader for Donegal, showing another potential sharpshooter available for the coming league wars. He poured through 22 points on seven field goals and 8 of 11 free throw attempts.

Drew Hostetter continued to look like a scoring threat as he banged the hoops for 12 points. Kraus, Sargen and Myers all had seven points each.

It was the fourth straight defeat in as many games thus far this season.

The Indian JV's took their first defeat of the season, bowing 35 to 34.

Following the Elizabethtown tournament on Dec. 28 & 29, Donegal rests until the county schedule opens on Tuesday night, Jan. 4. That evening, Columbia comes to Donegal for the first of 14 loop battles before the curtain comes down in mid-February.

Pairings for the tournament pit Donegal against Cedar Crest at 7 p.m. and Elizabethtown against Central Dauphin East at 8:30 p.m. on the opening night, Dec. 28. The following night will feature the consolation game at 7 p. m. and the championship game at 8:30 p.m.

Wrestlers Win

Donegal's 1971-'72 wrestling team opened successfully Friday night, Dec. 17, with a victory over visiting Lampeter-Strasburg, including six individual wins by pins.

In addition to the falls, Donegal scored a decision, split on a decision and took one match by default.

Pins were won by Steve Ney (104 pounds); Jim Moore (120); Jerry Hess (145); Rod Goodling (154); Rick Emmerheiser (165), and Jim Ruhl (heavyweight).

The team is entered in the Richland Holiday tournament on Dec. 28 and 29.

The Donegal matmen continue their season on Jan. 4, hosting Columbia.