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TEN CENTS

Not that it makes the distance any shorter — it just seems shorter, perhaps.

But, amidst the confusion and headlines of the flood, a nice improvement has been made in the area.

Workmen have completed laying a new macadam resurfacing job on Route 141 between New Haven street in Mount Joy and the highway's intersection with Route 441 at Marietta.

Now, if the state, or someone, would do something about the cemetery curve to make it less dangerous, that stretch of highway would be in excellent condition.

Here's something we'd like to see done.

When the borough building was purchased and remodeled, there was talk about installing a plaque to mark the date.

That little finishing touch is long overdue.

It would not need to be a big deal. A plaque just large enough to indicate the date and maybe the names of the councilmen and mayor at that time is sufficient. Whether or not it would be mounted inside somewhere or on the exterior is beside the point. But, it should be done.

Here are some interesting figures released this past month by the Lancaster Planning Commission concerning population projections:

	1980	1990	2000
Mount Joy	6,000	6,770	7,300
East Donegal Township	3,320	4,370	6,000
Lancaster County	376,350	441,820	519,945

But, if that's something, look at the 2010 projections: Mount Joy, 7,710; East Donegal Twp., 8,130, and Lancaster county, 615,710.

The eclipse—in Mount Joy—looked pretty much like any other day this summer!

Partly cloudy.

In fact, that's just what it was—partly cloudy.

Unless you were paying particular attention, you missed the whole thing.

During the early stages of the phenomenon, there was a light cloud cover, making it possible to view the sun in crescent form, but very quickly the unusual event was just another 1972 summer day.

It was not worth trying to show or talk about to a child who has never seen an eclipse.

Open Headquarters

Robert L. Madeira, of 1001 S. Locust St., Elizabethtown, has been named Campaign chairman of the fund raising program for the new Medical facility of the Northwest Lancaster County Medical Association, according to an announcement last week by Glenn E. Irwin, president of the Association.

Maderia is Executive Director of the National Institute of Locker and Freezer Provisioners with offices at 224 E. High St., in Elizabethtown.

The new facility is to be located on a 13-acre tract of land on Colebrook Road just north of Route 230, between Mount Joy and Elizabethtown. It will serve the residents of Elizabethtown, Mount Joy, Marietta, Bainbridge, Falmonth, Maytown, Rheems, Milton Grove, Mastersonville and the rural area south and west of Manheim.

A campaign office has been opened in Mount Joy at 745 West Main Street. Mrs. Kenneth H. Newcomer of Mount Joy and Mrs. Fred D. Light of Elizabethtown have been employed as clerical help in the office.

Estimated costs of the total project, including land costs, will be approximately \$300,000.

SICO PARK CLOSED

Flood Waters Inflict Heavy Damage

The birds sing a quiet, summer song. The air is calm and quiet. Bright little flowers flash their colors timidly on the banks of the stream.

A dog barks in the distance—a child's voice sounds somewhere far off.

Little Chiques creek, muddy, but calm, flows gently—very gently around the horse-shoe bend of SICO park.

But — SICO park is a

shambles!

A few short days ago it was a beauty spot. It was one of the nicest parks in the entire area and people by the hundreds—yes thousands—flocked there for family reunions, family picnics, a calming outing, a break in the day's activities for a mother and child.

SICO park, over the years, has become something very

special.

But, it appears unlikely that there will be a quick resumption of the normal activities of that area.

SICO park — more correctly called Little Chiques park — was perhaps the hardest hit spot in the Mount Joy area when "Agnes" went up the Atlantic seaboard late last month.

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Approve New Factory Plans

Another step toward location of a new manufacturing plant at the east edge of Mt. Joy borough was taken Monday night, July 10, as the Borough Council approved construction plans.

Following recommendations by the county and borough planning and zoning boards, Council accepted and approved plans submitted in behalf of Parkwood Homes, Elkhart, Indiana, to erect a plant on the west half of a 39-acre tract now owned by J. Roy Breneman.

Located between Route 230

and the Penn Central railroad and between National Cash Register and the Eby-Chiques road, the tract was scheduled to be sold on Wednesday of this week.

In other business Monday night, Council acted on recommendation by Mayor Clark Berrier to approve the six-months probationary period of Police Officer Charles Roye and to place him on full time, permanent status as police patrolman.

Roye began as a rookie officer January 17, 1972.

Ronald Lutz was named a part-time police officer, replacing John Germer, who has resigned.

Mayor Berrier praised the efforts of local officers during the recent flood disaster who spent their own off-time helping police officers in neighboring communities.

Mount Joy Borough Council bought one half of a shipment of paper products consigned to a local restaurant. The irate owner said that a deliveryman placed two cartons of napkins and cups near the area in which garbage and trash is stored until pickup.

The restaurateur further related that while he was otherwise busy, borough trash collection men arrived, took garbage etc, including the two newly-delivered packages. He waved a bill for slightly more than \$16. Council agreed to pay half.

Miss Mindi Liggins, 1972 Donegal graduate, was introduced as new secretary for

the borough and Borough Authority.

Council approved "hooding" of parking meters July 20, 21 and 22, at the request of Mount Joy merchants.

Borough Manager George Ulrich reported that the Authority lost about 800 feet of fencing around the sewage disposal plant, which with some electrical equipment, he believes will be replaced from federal fund allocations.

Water, Sewer Assured

Assurance that Mount Joy water and sewer connections will be provided at their proposed new factory site has been given Parkwood Homes of Elkhart, Indiana.

At its July meeting Monday night of this week, the Mt. Joy Authority gave its assurance that the facilities will be provided at the east edge of the borough on Route 230.

Details of how the connections will be made were not indicated but will be worked out through engineers for both the borough and the mobile home manufacturers, who have chosen a site on the J. Roy Breneman farm.

While the Authority is making available the facilities, installation is to be handled by the manufacturing firm according to specifications which have been ordered written.

Lines will be extended from their location along the south side of the highway in front of NC plant.

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NOTICE TO ACTIVE FIREMEN

OF FRIENDSHIP FIRE CO. NO. 1

Effective August 1, pickups on Main Street will be discontinued, due to heavy traffic and for the safety of men.

Bridges Suffer Heavily

Despite optimistic and hopeful statement by the state, from a strictly realistic point of view, it is going to be a long long time until roadways and bridges in this flood-ravaged area are replaced and repaired.

A hard, cold look at the situation locally, coupled with the knowledge that this is only one very small part of the total devastation picture, indicates a long, hard pull until things are as they were on June 2, 1972.

For instance, within the Donegal school district there are four bridges which have been either washed away or very very severely damaged.

Along the Marietta-Lancaster road, the crossing at the Drager home is gone with only rubble and a gaping hole to mark the spot. The west approach, for a distance of maybe 40 years is torn away, the black top gone and the

guard fence has disappeared.

Farther east, near the confluence of Big and Little Chiques creek, the bridge stands and appears to be undamaged, but the west approach roadway is washed away with great gaping holes. The embankment is washed through to a depth of several feet.

Against the north side of the bridge abutments, lies in jumbled entanglement — the remains of the covered bridge which stood 50 yards or so up stream across the Little Chiques.

Only the concrete abutments remain, fenced off by heavy guard timbers.

Along Route 441, between Marietta and Columbia, at the fork of Chiques rock, near the waterworks pumping station, the bridge apparently is little damaged but the west approach has suffered severe washing and cutting away part of the fill material. Along the south side of the same embankment, there has been heavy damage and the guard fence lost. But the bridge is being used.

To date, highway officials have had only time to view the damage, take preliminary inventory of the situation and to start a few beginning salvage steps.

Under the best of circumstance, the building of a bridge is a lengthy operation. From final determination to build until completion is a multiple-step process.

Actual construction, even if all design, engineering, and many other problems were solved, would take many, months.

PROUD OF THIS COMMUNITY

On behalf of the Mount Joy Jaycees, I would like to thank all those who were in any way responsible for contributing to the flood relief emergency.

We certainly were proud to represent a community which showed beyond a shadow of a doubt that people do care, and that they will go to great lengths to lend a helping hand when disaster strikes.

The number of volunteers who were on hand to help wherever needed was simply tremendous. Young and old working side by side, sorting and boxing, never quite being able to get ahead, was the scene throughout the weekend.

George Ulrich, Mount Joy's Borough Manager, can not go unmentioned for he proved to be a great asset in the success of the project. He graciously let the borough office building be used as the collection center for food and clothing, and also was there helping the entire weekend.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the following: Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts of Mt. Joy; the pastors and churches of Mount Joy and Elizabethtown; Nick Agouridis of the Taste Freeze; Elwood Martin of Pensupreme Dairy; Lutz's Citgo and Ryder Truck Rental; the volunteer workers who boxed the food and clothing; and last but not least, all the residents of Mount Joy and surrounding areas who generously contributed food, clothing, furniture, and cash donations.

President Mount Joy Jaycees
Larry K. Gainer

"Music In The Park"

The Rajah String Band will present a program at Memorial Park, Saturday night, July 15, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Playing together for the last 14 years, the band is made up of 25 men and is under the leadership of Robert Heninger from Reading.

Ben Staley of Mount Joy is a member of the band. The band has appeared, traveling on its \$15,000 float in the Mt. Joy Memorial Day parade for many years.

In case of rain, the concert will be played in the W. I. Beahm Jr. High School.

The band will appear in the park under the sponsorship of the Mount Joy Community Council.