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Donegal school board last week heard a report on the condition of the Riverview school following its use as a flood refugee center.

While there was some damage to the school, the extent was relatively small. Some holes were punched in ceiling tile, a soft-drink dispenser was damaged and some blackboards were vandalized.

Other than that, the building survived its use as an emergency motel in rather good fashion.

In these days, when the 18 to 21 year olds are very much in the news as it concerns the 1972 election, there is another angle to the situation.

Not only has the law lowered the age to 18 for school board membership, it has also lowered the age for payment of per capita taxes.

Collection of these taxes can not begin in Donegal district until the 1973-'74 school year, however.

It's a clear case of privilege begets obligation.

Also in the news is the matter of non-public schools and the battle for funds—and for recognition in the PIAA.

From Donegal district, for the past three years, there have been just over 80 students attending non-public public schools. In 1969-'70 there were 84. In '70-'71 and in 1971-'72 there were 81.

Interestingly, "average daily attendance", which is one of the chief measuring sticks of school population, has dropped yearly in Donegal district.

Three years ago it was 2,861. The next year it was 2,809 and this past year it was 2787.

That is a decline of 74. But schoolmen point out that each year the beginning age for those admitted into school has been moved back. Excluded each year were several who would have been enrolled the year before but whose birthdays are too late to meet the adjusted deadline date.

'Of This and That'

by the editor's wife

Pennsylvania roadsides are pretty, through the spring and summer months. They are particularly attractive this year, since the Commonwealth curtailed its mowing program somewhat, in the interest of economy!

Right now the roadsides are very much a-bloom! There are miles and miles of sweet-smelling crown vetch; there is red clover and white clover; there are wild yellow snapdragons, ragged robins in their lovely shade of blue, orange lilies, and yellow butter cups!

Also, if one is not too proud and critical he can enjoy a few of the prettier weeds—the queen anne's lace, the thistles!

Also right now, the tall, lush dark green of the cornfields, and the golden glint of the grain fields form a beautiful "back drop" for the roadside blossoms!

In the towns, the petunias, the geraniums, the canvas, the midsummer roses, the zinnias etc. add their bits of color. It's a beautiful world!

Birds and other wild life help to make Pennsylvania roadsides interesting, too. It's always thrilling to see a mother pheasant guide her "babies" into the tall grass as our car goes by, or watch a proud cock pheasant flaunt his colorful plumage in the sunlight!

Groundhogs seem to be in plentiful supply this year. We have seen many of the fat fellows lumbering along the side of the road or in a field, and we have also seen many that were hit by cars as they tried to cross the road!

Last week we saw a huge terrapin in the road and were careful not to hit him. Often there are cats, far away from houses or barns, evidently foraging for field mice, or what would be sadder, song birds!

Strangely, we have never seen a snake in the road.

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To celebrate the advent of mid-summer, our cat, Pauline, had not five, not six, not seven but EIGHT kittens last Fri-

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School District To Build Track At Donegal High

Various possible school building projects in Donegal district are under consideration but a proposal to construct but a proposal to construct appears to be furthest developed.

At its July meeting, held Thursday night, in the Riverview building, the School Board indicated that it is now the intent of the school to build a track. But, under questioning, it was not "guaranteed" that the new facility will be ready for use in the spring of 1973.

Actual site of the track seems to be one of the principal uncertainties at the present time. John Weidman, chairman of the board's building committee, said that it would be possible to "squeeze" in a track on presently-owned land just east of the baseball field. But, it would be very "tight."

One of the ideas being considered is to purchase additional land immediately south of the present high school. If, such is the move, there would be several sites available. Study would be necessary, he explained, to determine the exact spot so that the facility might best fit into other school expansions.

The track is "one of the top priorities," Weidman stated, but it will be expensive.

The statement about the track followed a question by Donald Betty, a school patron who several months earlier had expressed interest in such a project.

While no definite plans for other school construction have been made, several possibilities and ideas are being studied.

One of the projects being studied is a remedial gym at the high school of about 1000 square feet.

Other projects under consideration are:

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New Factory to Break Ground Thursday

Ground breaking for Mount Joy's newest industrial expansion is set for Thursday morning, July 27, at 11:15.

Appropriate ceremonies will be held by Parkwood Homes, Inc., of Elkhart, Indiana, on a 39-acre site at the east edge of Mount Joy Borough with company officials, construction personnel, developers, and local officials taking part.

Parkwood, which builds quality mobile homes in the middle price range will be starting its first expansion program, outside its Indiana headquarters.

Location of the plant will be in the westernmost portion of the tract, which is situated between Route 230 and the Penn Central Railroad and between the NCR plant and Eby Chiques road.

Would Use School as Community Bldg.

Yet another legal delay in the sale of the old Marietta elementary school building loomed this week.

Although the Marietta Jaycees, who were the only bidder for the property, met a Monday deadline for paying down 10 percent of the proposed purchase price, at midweek there was some doubt that all terms of the sale offering had been met.

Following the building of the new Riverview school, it was determined that Donegal

formerly was owned by J. Roy Breneman, who lives immediately adjacent to the site.

Application for water and sewer services have been made and are this week being incorporated into the final building plans.

When completed, the nearly 70,000 square feet building will provide employment for about 150 people, mostly recruited locally.

Parkwood is a highly successful firm about 10 years old.

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At last week's July School Board meeting it was determined that the Jaycees were to have 10 percent of the proposed price paid down by Monday. That specification was met but in the meantime there arose questions as to whether all specifications in the legal notice of sale had been met.

A conference of schoolmen and legal counsel was set for midweek.

property as a community building, although no detailed

District was ready to sell the old Marietta structure.

But, lengthy red tape was encountered in determining boundaries and other legal matters.

Several weeks ago the property was finally judged ready for sale and was so advertised.

Only one bid was made for \$7,500.

Jaycees, at the request of the school board, have indicated that they wish to use the plans have been drawn as to

New Pastor At Marietta

The Rev. James Brown has begun his ministry at the Marietta and Bainbridge United Methodist churches. He was ordained a deacon at the denomination's 1969 annual conference at Albright college in Reading.

Rev. Brown is presently attending the Lancaster Theological Seminary, working toward his master degree in divinity. He is a graduate of Millersville State College with a bachelor's degree in history.

Born in Lebanon, he attended Lebanon schools and graduated from Cornwall-Lebanon Joint school system.

He and Mrs. Brown, the former Carolyn Gaines, and their two sons, David and John, recently have moved into the parsonage at Chestnut and Market streets, Marietta.

COMPLETES COURSE

Navy Airman Apprentice Frederick L. Longenecker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira F. Longenecker of Donegal Springs Road, has completed the advanced Aviation Structural Mechanic Course at Memphis.

Aviation Structural Mechanics maintain hydraulic systems, fuselages and wings aboard naval aircraft.

★On Dean's List

Ronald Eugene Lutz, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Lutz, Donegal Springs Road, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring term at Penn State University.

Ronald is a sophomore enrolled in the College of Science and majoring in biology.

BAND

The Donegal high school band will hold a rehearsal on Thursday evening, July 27, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the music room. Bandmen should report with their music.

New Coach Begins Work

The hubbub is over! Donegal high school will have a football team this fall and Gayne 'Desh' Deshler will be the coach.

In fact, the new mentor already has done a great deal toward launching his new season and by Monday, August 21, when practice can legally begin, there will be plenty of footballs in the air and the gridiron atmosphere will be ready for the Indians in concentrated form.

Deshler, who replaced Al Brooks this season, told the Bulletin that there will be no football camp for the Tribe this fall. "There are just too many other things" this fall.

In addition to putting the new staff together, the new styles of football which may be involved and the numerous other innovations, there is the plain hard fact of money. There is a certain amount of cash available, the coach said but more would be needed and at this point there are other things more important in 1972 than giving attention to money-raising projects.

The plan, then, is to stay at home and learn football. By rules of the athletic as-

sociation, practice can begin the third Monday in August—which this year falls on the 21st. However, physical examinations will be given on Monday and Friday of the week before, Deshler said, and full equipment will be issued.

The coach has been at Donegal a number of times to become familiar with the equipment and with physical setup and environment in which he will function with his new Indians.

Deshler signed a contract several weeks ago to coach the 1972 season and Thursday night of last week it was approved by the Board of Education. Terms of the contract were not announced, pending completion of teacher salary negotiations.

He will teach fourth grade at Maytown, taking the position left by the retirement of Mrs. Alice Myers. Formerly, he taught two years at Slattington and was in Lancaster three years, serving as assistant coach for the McCaskey high school grid team.

He is a graduate of Kutztown State college and has

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Couriers to Sing Here

The Couriers, a group of gospel musicians, will present a "Music in the Park" program Saturday night, Aug. 5, beginning at 7 p.m.

Well, known in this community and in this area for their sacred concerts by radio and in person. They are sponsored by Mt. Joy Community Council. In case of rain, the program will be given in the W. I. Beahm junior high school auditorium.

The Couriers began singing together in 1955 and in the years which have followed they have been featured in churches, on concert stages, on radio and television and in missionary crusades in more than 30 countries around the world.

They have traveled well in excess of a million miles and their personal appearances are more than 4,000. Their home base is Harrisburg.