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By R. A. R.

Just 10 years ago, we were reminded a few days ago as we were looking through an old issue of the Bulletin, the community was beginning to adjust to the fact that Florin and Mount Joy are one town.

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The annexation of 515 acres of land was completed by Judge Joseph B. Wissler as of Feb. 1, 1963. There was a "waiting period" of some 45 days during which other objections or legal action could have been taken. But, at that point there was none.

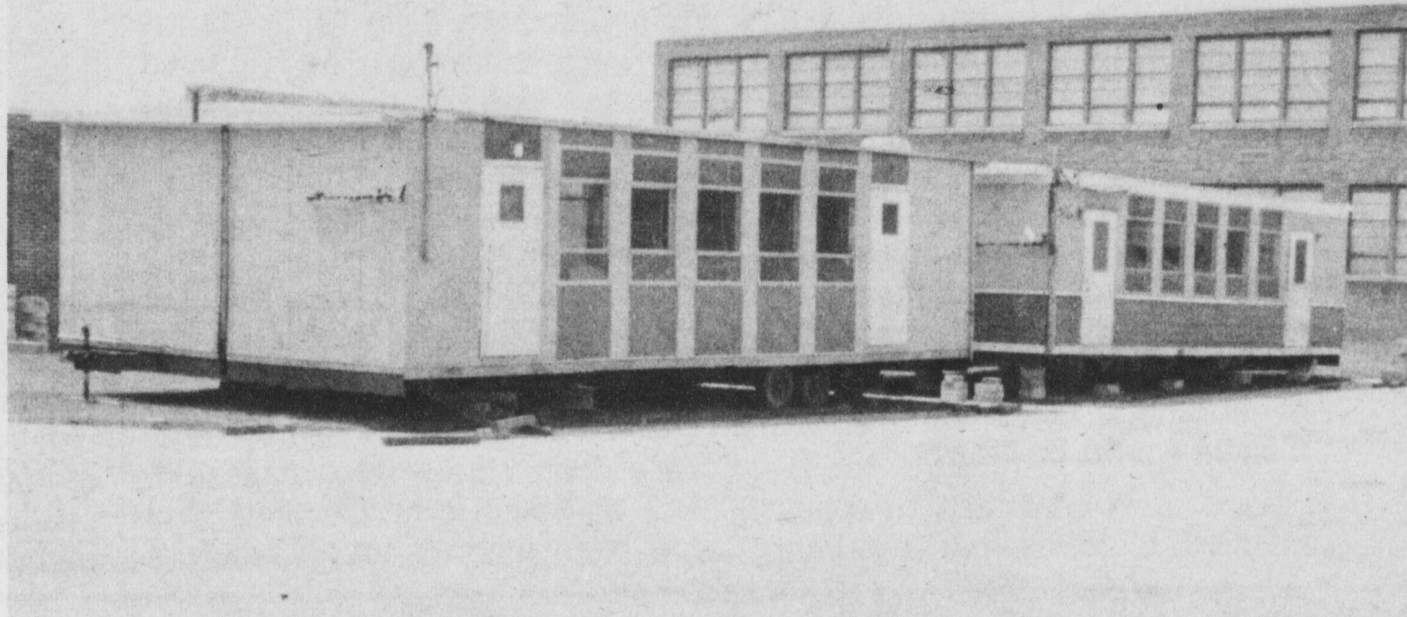
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That same year, Florin began having door-to-door mail delivery.

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A few years ago we did a very unscientific but revealing study of that problem, simply by reading and counting, each day in the daily paper, the number of deaths and births. The greatly larger number of births was almost frightening as we continued the tabulation over a lengthy period of time.

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But, recently, we have been noticing, but not keeping a record, and find that frequently the daily paper shows more DEATHS than births.

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Be advised that the present energy crisis is only the beginning of other shortages, yet to come.

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Some may be a few years ahead, but rather soon you will be hearing about such things as lead, zinc, aluminum, mercury, asbestos and nickel, just to mention a few. Then there are others, some less well known, which will have an influence upon the American style of life — uranium, manganese, tungsten, barite and titanium, not to mention a homely item like high grade clay.



**TWO MODULAR CLASS ROOMS, purchased recently by Donegal School District, have arrived and are being installed in the rear of Donegal high school in the L formed by the main classroom portion of the building and the shop and home economics wing. Shown here, the two buildings, arriving in four sections on removable wheels, are being set up on the edge of the macadam parking lot at the end of a concrete sidewalk leading northward from the building. Moved over the highways as trailers, the buildings have been used previously as class rooms. Their use is limited to five years in any one location.**

## Benefit Raises \$710 For Ray 'Dick' Bell

A total of \$710 was raised Saturday, Aug. 4, by the Mount Joy Athletic association in a benefit effort for Ray "Dick" Bell, 121 Columbia, local kidney patient.

Of that amount, \$400 will be used to purchase a "stand by" generator to operate Bell's kidney machine in case of a power failure during one of his six-hour stints with his equipment.

The remainder will be placed in a trust fund to help meet monthly payments for rental of the machine.

## Complete Testing Of Water Well; Hopes For Success Looks Good

Although official figures are not and probably will not be available for several weeks, the indications this week are that the Mount Joy Borough Authority has brought in a satisfactory water well.

The well, located west of the borough in the Abner Wolgemuth development along Donegal Springs road, was under 48-hour pumping test a week ago, and on-site indications are that both volume and quality of water is in line with needs of the authority.

Engineers now are studying the drilling results and chemists are making tests of the water for clarity, are analysing for content and studying to determine what treatments are needed.

An official report is not expected until early in September, Borough Manager George Ulrich said Monday.

Although equipment used for the test pumping has been removed from the well site, the drilling rig remains this week.

A satisfactory well climaxes a long hunt for an additional water source for the borough, including

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## 'Of This and That'

by the editor's wife

We became acquainted this week with two of America's most popular "RV's" (recreational vehicles)—motor homes, and bicycles!

As for the first-mentioned, we merely dropped by a dealer's lot to see what they were like. Having been among the earliest families to have a travel trailer, we wanted to see what these new "creations" were that are fast becoming definite competitors to the trailer industry.

They were gorgeous, luxurious

beyond description. Upholstered swivel seats for the driver and his "co-navigator," were only the beginning. There was deep-piled carpet in rich tones, there was a refrigerator-freezer, a stove with eye-level oven, a complete bathroom, lots of storage space, two or three air conditioners, a dinette that converted to a bed, a twin-bed bedroom, and all manner of "gadgets and gadgets" to make traveling a pleasure. They were very appealing!

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## Music IN THE PARK

"McCoy and the Hatfields" will be at Memorial Park on Saturday evening, August 11, for a Music in the Park program, beginning at 7 p.m.

The band is made up of approximately 16 junior and senior students from Donegal high school, under the direction of Ken McCoy.

A saxophone quartet and the Saxatonals also will perform.

Rain date will be August 18.

Music is sponsored by the Mount Joy Community Council.

## HORSE AND BUGGY BRIDGES IN MODERN MOTOR AGE

# Railroad, State, Boro Place Limits On Bridges

Mount Joy's principal problem, as relates to the "railroad bridges", is that this is no longer a "horse and buggy" world!

At approximately the turn of the century - or a little before - when the Pennsylvania railroad dug the big cut through the center of Mount Joy and divided it as neatly and as cleanly as a meat cleaver cutting pork chops - all traffic was light.

A heavily-loaded wagon was the biggest load the bridges were required to carry.

But, in the intervening years, things have changed.

Traffic is different,

requirements are different, needs are different. But the railroad bridges remain essentially the same. A few have been given special attention but even the Marietta avenue crossing, which was rebuilt rather recently, is now posted at a 13-ton load limit.

Through the years, the railroad has maintained the bridges or paid the borough for doing the job, all of which is part, apparently, with the original agreement between the railroad and Mount Joy.

However, within the past months, the rail company has fallen upon financially difficult

times. Under control of the courts to guide its operations, the now Penn Central is bankrupt and there appears to be no money for

Underscoring the railroad bridge situation in Mount Joy, the Commonwealth's PennDOT this week has erected "detour" signs, notifying traffic of load limits and directing drivers off the Marietta avenue and New Haven streets. The official signs are pedestal type located on Main Street.

repairs or maintenance of the crossings.

Because they are not being given maintenance, the safety of the bridges is in question.

The rail company has posted limits of four tons at the Lumber and Market street crossings.

And, PennDOT, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, additionally has placed limits of 13 and 8 tons at Marietta and New Haven, where state highways cross the big rail cut.

Other bridges - at Comfort alley, Barbara and Jacob are unposted, but the borough itself has an uneasy feeling until it can learn more details from engineers. Thus, these bridges are under self-imposed restric-

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