



By R. A. R.

Any kind of talk about Lancaster buying the Mount Joy water system is just that -- talk.

But it does prompt us to note that:

1. - The borough's first public water works project was begun in 1874 - just 100 years ago, and
2. - Cost \$50,000.

At present, it appears that borough residents will not feel the \$1 per household per month garbage collection charge until near the middle of 1974.

The collection fee, which is due to be passed Dec. 28 by borough council, will be billed on an annual basis, according to present plans. First billing may come sometime in the second quarter of the year.

Bills will be issued similar to water and sewer statements; handled through the borough in a very similar manner, and tied in with a computer which already handles the water and sewer accounts.

It was estimated that administrative and handling of the accounts will be maybe \$2,000 the first year. But they will drop considerably after the initial work of programming and organizing the system is completed.

And, speaking of garbage collection, it is worth noting that only one other (possibly two) borough in the county is providing municipal refuse service on the same basis Mount Joy has done for many years. The tremendous new costs involved have caused other methods to be used.

Currently Mount Joy is hauling nearly 50 tons of refuse per week to Lancaster.

A group of school patrons interested in having School Lane
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AMERICAN LEGION

Annual Christmas Party For Community Children

The Annual American Legion Childrens' Christmas Party will be held Monday, Dec. 24, at 10 a.m. at the W.I. Beahm Junior High School.

The party is sponsored by W.S. Ebersole Post 185 American Legion and the American Legion Auxilliary.

Chairman Lee Ellis has honored the many requests to bring back The Wizard of the North Pole, Jimmy Johnston, with his Christmas Magic; Prince the Wonder Dog, and the Trained Bird Circus.

The show also will feature "Louie the Clown" with his comedy juggling, balloons and audience participation.

There is no admission charge, and Santa will be present to give goodies to all children age 12 and under.

It is a program the entire family will enjoy and all are invited to start the Holiday season together.

OLD BASKETBALL SAYING

"Lose 'Em By One - Win 'Em By One"

There's an old saying in basketball circles -

"Lose 'em by one point and you'll win 'em by one point."

But, up until now, the Donegal Indians have been losing 'em by a point or two but have not yet had their turn to win.

Friday night, Dec. 14, it was Elco that took a one-pointed 57-56 from the Donegal Green.

In fact, four of the Indians' six games have gone for an average point difference of only two points. Except for the Red Lion lacing (93-26), the Tribe has been in the ball games all the way and have half scared some of the winners half to death before the final horn.

Elco, leading 26-24, at the half, was forced to come from behind a 40-38 score at the three-quarter mark. Donegal had rallied sharply and was pushing hard.

Down to the wire, it took a 19-16 final period for the visiting Raiders to save the victory.

Donegal had three men in double figures as Kevin Miller had his best night of the season with 15 big points. Big Nat Bridgette, from Marietta, who

has averaged 10.66 points in six games, was good for 14, and Phil Waters was above his own average with 12.

The Donegal J.V.'s rolled merrily along on a victory string, winning 51-43.

PEQUEA VALLEY 82, DONEGAL 76

Although they had their biggest scoring evening of the season on Tuesday night, Dec. 11, the Donegal Indians took an 82-76 defeat from Pequea Valley.

The Indians' won the first half, 44-40, but the hosts came back after the intermission and trailed only one point at the third period, 64-63.

Phil Waters and Jack Dettinger, a pair of the 'little' fellows on Donegal's king size squad, each had 14 points, the latter looping in seven fielders. Randy Bowers, standing 6-6, dropped through 13 points.

Indian J.V.'s counted another win, grabbing a 59-56 advantage.

WEEK FOR SNOWMOBILING

First Snow Storm In Two Years

It's been a great week for the snowmobilers!

And, for a lot of other people, too.

Beginning with a flake or two in the air shortly after noon Sunday, Dec. 16, the weatherman built this area its first snow storm in two years.

And, a fine storm it was, too. Plenty of snow but not too much that there was plenty of out-door activities.

The kids loved it and some of the not-so-young kids seemed to be getting their share of pleasure. But-it was the snowmobilers who began early and had the most fun, romping in the white stuff.

And, if there was anyone who had waited a longer time for his favorite sport than the snowmobilers, it must have been the Eskimo who was sold a bathing suit by some city slicker.

Because schools were closed and great numbers of people didn't get to work, the fields were tracked early by those who were denied their fun all last winter.

Mount Joy suffered no particular ill effects of what was about a six-inch snowfall which drifted considerably but was wet underneath.

Borough snow crews were plowing by nightfall Sunday, as were state crews. While streets were open, traffic was light until late Monday.

Three plows were working for the borough and there was never any problem of staying ahead of the weather.

It was interesting to look back and to note that last winter (1971-72) there was only one snowfall on Oct. 18 - and it did not amount to much. This winter, the year of the crisis in the oil tanks, first use of the snow shovels - at least locally - did not come until Dec. 16.

Mount Joy post office found the going rough. The Christmas crunch of mail was due to fall heaviest on Monday, and the snow slowed deliveries. And, probably stretched the peak rush into Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Borough carriers went out on the rounds about on time and did the best they could with their red, blue and white jeeps and on foot. Rural carriers, however, were held back.

But, there was plenty of mail to sort and to case for delivery later.

Even with the delays, the bulk of the mail appeared to have been handled before the weekend and the annual problem appeared to be well in hand.

Welcome Wagon Club

Holds Dinner Meet

The Mount Joy Welcome Wagon Club held its November dinner meeting on Wednesday, the 28, at the Mount Joy Legion. Judith Nonnenmocher, representing the American Red Cross, showed slides on "First-Aid and Safety for the Home and at Work." Eleven guests attending the meeting.

Because there is not a dinner meeting scheduled for December, the next meeting will be on January 16 at 6:30 p.m. The speaker will be William Musser, who will discuss the virtues of jogging.

The yearly Christmas dinner-dance was enjoyed by 22 couples on Dec. 8th at the Host Corral.

The Childrens Christmas party was held on Saturday, Dec. 15 at St. Mark's church. Each child took a gift to the party to be presented to "Toys for Tots."

The next Board Meeting will be held at Carole Shannon's home on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 8 p.m.

Anyone who moved recently to the area and is interested in receiving a Welcome Wagon call from a hostess, may contact Shirley Brown, 653-2218.

Emergency Medical Calls

SATURDAY
AFTERNOON
AND
SUNDAY
AND CHRISTMAS DAY
DR. EPHRAIM AWAD

Grandview School To Present Christmas Program Thursday

"Cheer Up, Mister Santa" will be presented by the Grandview Elementary school on Thursday evening, Dec. 20. The program will be held in the Donegal high school auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The starring role of Santa will be played by Mitch Johnson. Other students include Tanya Meichant as Mrs. Santa, Mitch Mummaw as Narrator, and Jaylee Kennedy, Theresa Berg, and Kathleen Keener as the Three Little Maids.

Fourth grade will try to cheer

up Mr. Santa with the following selections: "Deck the Hall," "There is a Baby", "Joy to the World", "African Noel" (with David Eichler playing the congo drums), "Ding Dong, Merrily on High", and a solo by Lonnette Earhart entitled "Dear Santa, Have You Had the Measles?"

Fifth grade will present "We Need a Little Christmas", "Sing Gloria", "Merry Christmas the World Around", "The Bells of Christmas", "Calypso Noel" with Duane Gray playing clavés
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SPONSORED BY JOYCEE-ETTES

Annual Sweetheart Baby Contest

The Mount Joy Joyceettes will sponsor the annual Sweetheart Baby King and Queen contest again this year.

The contest is open to children ages 9 months through 3 years with a Mount Joy mailing address. Proceeds will benefit the Donegal Dental clinic.

Debra Newcomer is general chairman for the contest. Further details will be announced.

'Of This and That'

by the editor's wife

"Stille nacht, heilige nacht"...
"O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum"...

Singing these two lovely carols in the German in which they were written, their voices blending in rich harmony, the 200 people in the rustic "Saal" gave an impressive finale to the lovely Christmas program at the Ephrata Cloisters Tuesday night.

Bundled to their ears with warm boots, mittens and scarves, the hardy audience sat in hushed silence in the unheated Cloister meetinghouse, to hear the reading of scripture concerning Jesus' birth and the beautiful a capella singing of the Cloister Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Russell Getz.

There was also carol singing in

English by the audience and several numbers by a string trio.

But to us, the singing of the familiar and beloved carols, "Silent Night," and "O Christmas Tree!" in German was the high point.

There were many excellent voices in the audience, singing heartily, in harmony, and these, blending with the trained voices of the chorus, made unforgettable music. The German words were printed on an insert in the program, but the people around us didn't seem to need them. With their German background, they had probably known them since childhood!

The Cloister, always a quaint, other-worldly place, was aglow
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Post Office Holiday Closings Announced

Mount Joy post office will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, Postmaster Gerald Hostetter announced this week.

Also, the post office building itself will close at noon on Christmas Eve (Monday, Dec. 23) and at noon again on New Year's Eve (Monday, Dec. 31).

Community Christmas Carol

Mount Joy's Community Chorus will hold its annual Christmas Carol in Memorial Park on Saturday night, Dec. 22, beginning at 7 p.m.