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## Patrick Industries Open Warehouses At East Edge Of Boro

At the easternmost edge of Mount Joy borough sit two, new, handsome - but unnamed - brick buildings.

Situated at the southwest corner of Road 230 and the Chiques - Eby road, the big structures are the newest set of buildings in a string of industrial plants which have been added to the local community during the past few years.

However, the two structures do not house industry!

They belong to Patrick Industries and they are part of warehousing operation which serves and supplies manufacturers of mobile homes, recreational vehicles, modular homes and similar other interests.

And, despite the fact no name appears on the outside of the warehouses or the attached brick office, the firm, Patrick Industries, is in full operation and is serving some 60 manufacturers over a wide area of Pennsylvania, Maryland and part of Virginia.

Brent Dowell, manager of the new facility, told the Bulletin this week that things are going well in Mount Joy despite the fact that

traditionally the mobile home industry which his firm serves hits a low cycle of business during the winter months.

Normally, things pick up about the first of March, he added, but speculated about what may happen in 1974.

Such business factors as "tight money", high interest rates, business uncertainties etc., may slow the season's return to normal, he speculated.

Dowell, young, earnest and single, is a native of Elkhart, Indiana, where the corporation headquarters of Patrick Industries are located. A graduate of the state university of Indiana, he has been with Patrick for five years and was formerly manager of the company's warehouse at Harrisburg.

The location there, however, was located on the old Olmsted air base and was closed when the new Mount Joy buildings were ready.

Specifically, the Mount Joy warehouse stocks virtually every item used on the inside of mobile homes, RV's (recreation vehicles) and modular homes, except plumbing and electrical equip-

ment.

Paneling, ceilings, beams, walls, carpeting, kitchen and bathroom cabinets and many more comprise the supplies stockpiled here.

A lengthy list of manufacturers - many known nationally in the building trades and other connected more specifically with mobile home building - have their products in the local warehouse.

Traditionally, Dowell revealed, manufacturers of mobile homes etc. do not warehouse their own needs, but depend upon the facilities of Patrick, which is an old firm with 17 installations across the country, including four manufacturing facilities.

These subsidiaries manufacturer supplies such items as counter tops, rolled edges for kitchen cabinet doors, drawer sides, decorative beams, vinyls, etc., including some new items in the area of new paneling surfaces which are not quite ready for marketing. However, there is no manufacturing of any kind in Mount Joy by Patrick.

Dowell, in his bright, attractive



BRENT DOWELL, manager of the newly constructed Patrick Industries, Inc., facilities at the east edge of Mount Joy on Road 230 at Eby-Chiques road, describes the huge warehouse function which serves the mobile homes and recreation vehicle industry in this area.

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## Borough Council Talks With Two Legislators About Rail Bridges

If response to a pair of offers by public officials to hear complaints is a true indication, people of this community do not have a long list of concerns which they are wanting to discuss.

Friday night, Feb. 22, Mount Joy's mayor, James Gingrich and two state legislators, Representative Kenneth Brandt, and Senator Clarence Manbeck, visited the local community to talk with local citizens.

They had invited anyone interested to call on them and to discuss anything "on their minds."

However, few people took

advantage of the opportunity. Or - perhaps, few people have concerns sufficiently weighty to merit making the effort.

The mayor had two or three visitors with matters of personal concern. The conversations were held at the borough building.

Gingrich will repeat the offer of conversation two evenings in March.

The legislators, sitting at the office of B. Titus Rutt, however, had something of a different reception.

There were three citizens who had matters to talk about.

But, in addition, several members of the Borough Council, including president Warren Foley, had a matter of highest importance to Mount Joy.

Previously, in an on-the-site meeting with Manbeck and Brandt last summer, council had solicited the assistance of the two men in an effort to solve the knotty problem of the bridges in the borough across the Penn Central railroad tracks.

While there was little actual progress to discuss Friday night, the importance to this community of

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## School Board Names Jere Duke

Jere R. Duke was appointed and sworn into office Thursday, Feb. 21, as a member of the Donegal School District board of directors.

Duke, his wife, Evelyn,

and two children, Tammy and Jeff, live on East Main street, east of Little Chiques street.

He is corporation secretary of Lancaster Malleable Castings com-

pany, Lancaster, with other duties and responsibilities connected with the firm.

The new school board members is a native of Lancaster, a graduate of

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By R. A. R.

This is the time of year when the weatherman is playing a winning game against those who are in charge of keeping streets in good repair.

And, a short drive around town reveals that the damage is sizeable.

It should be pointed out, however, that every year - if not this time of the season, sometime in early Spring -

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## 'Of This and That'

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There were those who wanted to call Monday morning's snow an "onion snow"!

But we are afraid that was just wishful thinking. That one will come later. Probably the snow this week was just a plain, ordinary "February" one - and there may be others in March before the true "onion snow" comes along!

Celeide Sabinbo, the 16-year-old Brazilian girl who has been visiting in Mount Joy for the past ten weeks, will be going home soon. She has been a house guest of Ken and Theresa Newcomer and their three daughters, Tammy, Wendy and Beth, West Donegal street, and has been attending Donegal High School as a sophomore, with Tammy.

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## Father and Sons In Business



ONE OF THE FEW father and two sons combinations in business together in Mount Joy are Lester, Lavern and Leon Gehman, who, with other members of the family, operate Gehman's Furniture and

Interiors, West Main street. Shown together, inspecting a piece of merchandise, are: (left to right) - Lester Gehman, president of the firm, and sons, Lavern, center, and Leon, right.