

Possibilities

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On a tract along Road 230, east of Little Chiques creek and along the north side of the highway, is a tract known as Limestone Acres.

Drawings by a New Jersey developer call for 780 units. The development would be known as The Meadows.

Water and sewer plans have not been completed but in-depth conversations have been held with both borough officials and with officials of Rapho township.

Thus, the possibility — if not instant probability — of huge development in the immediate area is very real.

If all proposals which have been made to date are carried out, 1,222 residential units are coming. Other inquiries have been made but no proposals presented.

Now for the whopper!

Planners and engineers who must keep abreast of such matters as they look into the future and try to anticipate needs before they reach crisis situations, quote a figure of 3.5 persons per housing unit.

The important figure, then, of 4,277, jumps forth startlingly.

And, that is why borough officials are rubbing their heads these days in pure wonderment.

(Mount Joy's 1970 census showed just a few more people than 5000.)

With the 4,277 figure in mind, it is well to consider the probabilities of such a huge growth of population.

It needs to be emphasized that only one of the developments previously mentioned is actually under way. Another has been "stalled" for several months despite considerable effort and activity. The largest, which calls for 152 units in its Phase 1, still is far from certain to become a reality but planning is well advanced and many of the early thorny questions have been asked and answered.

What are the factors which probably will weigh heavily?

For one thing, the availability of water from a

municipal system is almost essential for developments. Until the past few weeks, Mount Joy's supply capabilities were uncertain and, in fact, the Borough Authority had placed a moratorium on expansion.

But, as of now, the water supply picture looks brighter and a partial lifting of the moratorium already has been authorized.

It is not far-fetched or unrealistic to expect that as water is available, developers will be watching, eagerly.

Local employment possibilities have been expanding. Employment in the Marietta area has been expanding.

Now, with the probability that Kellogg's breakfast foods will open a big plant on the west edge of Lancaster, even more need for residence units will be made.

It is necessary, at this point, to re-emphasize that some of the figures now available are speculative and there is a big IF and WHEN involved.

But, the possibility begins to look towards a certainty.

As Mount Joy borough officials look to the multi-housing projects, it also is keeping a look at other developments which slowly are certainly adding to the borough's population.

Westview development along the south side of Donegal Springs road has been growing rapidly and is actually nearing an end of its potential.

The Terrace avenue area is growing with single-dwellings and recently a request for sub-division of farm land between Marietta and Pinkerton roads was placed in the official mill.

Harvestview apartments are new and have added greatly to the area population.

In the meantime, officials have in mind to attempt through its available channels to control the growth and development within reasonable bounds, giving direction and logic to the growth.

One instrument for control is a new zoning ordinance, which is well advanced toward passage. More work is needed and the looming need may push study and the writing of the new regulations.

Emergency Medical Calls

SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND SUNDAY

Dr. Newton Kendig

MAIN STREET

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Farmers who use twine for making hay bales already have discovered the problem as they look toward the coming season.

Everyone has a story about zooming prices!

For instance, we were talking the other day with a young lady who is interested in horses. A horse, she said,

which might have sold for \$45 or \$50 a year or so ago now, might bring \$100 or more.

She mentioned gas rationing and the fact that horses usually sell better in the Spring as a combination to move the prices upward.

Borough Manager

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from Birchland to Terrace.

—Approved for bidding three drainage correction projects in the borough.

—Approved for bidding about \$20,000 worth of street resurfacing — Hill and David streets and Apple alley — for this summer.

—Approved a master plan for Borough park development, including the resur-

facing of the park's tennis courts.

—Accepted a report that all financial problems with Municipal Leasing company concerning failure to pay bills have been solved. The company simply paid up.

—Gave permission to the Jaycees to hold a carnival on Kunkle field Saturday, May 25.

—Accepted the resignation of Jay G. Eicherly from the Board of Health.

Fly-Tying, Casting

School Arranged

A Fly-Tying and Fly-Casting School will be held at Donegal high school on Saturday, March 23. The program, sponsored by the Fly-Tying club, will begin at 7 p.m.

Three professional fly-

casters from the Cortland Line Company - Thomas Cooney, Wayne Grauer, and George Rodgers - will instruct in casting.

Fly-tying will be demonstrated and taught. Fishermen with equipment are invited to take it. Equipment is available for use.

A slide presentation, "Fishing in Pennsylvania," will be shown. This show was put together by Thomas Cooney over a period of years of fishing in this state.

The program is open for fishermen of all ages, from the beginner to the expert. The club is affiliated with Trout Unlimited as well as the Donegal Fish and Conservation Association.

Displays of fishing equipment by local suppliers will be shown and sold.

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