

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This summer, despite gas shortages and high gas prices, many Mount Joy residents still engage in a favorite American pastime of pleasure driving and riding. In general, this activity poses no unusual hazard for the public.

As a result of the increased motor vehicle traffic, however, some parts of Mount Joy suffer from a type of pollution about which little is done by any of the ecological groups who strive to preserve the natural beauty of America.

Several of Mount Joy's streets, in addition to carrying their normal load of traffic, seem to be serving as drag strips for motorcycles and automobiles. This could be one's conclusion if he took the time to listen to the shattering rumble of altered exhaust systems and to watch the vehicles traveling well in excess of the posted speed limits on these streets.

In particular, West Donegal Street and Donegal Springs Road between New Haven Street and the Crossroads Church seems to be one such scene of increased noise and speed. Vehicles have been known to travel well in excess of 60 miles-per-hour through this 35 miles-per-hour zone. Complaints to the police concerning both the excessive speeds and excessive noise of certain vehicles have been frequent. One must wonder that no small child who plays along the streets of this residential area has yet fallen prey to those who speed along, wantonly breaking the law.

Clearly, the problem of speeding is a violation of the law. The problem of noise, fortunately, also is frequently in violation of existing statutes. The alteration of factory exhaust systems or their replacement by systems with baffles or mufflers, which increase engine noise levels, is illegal. To our knowledge, such alterations may be grounds for a vehicle failing to meet state inspection standards.

The problem we have raised, then, is one of enforcement. Patrol cars are not ubiquitous in our rural society. Further, to assume that the violators of the law have no idea of the whereabouts of the police is to assume that they have no intellect whatsoever. Violators of the law are rarely easy to apprehend.

It is our sincere hope, however, that some action will soon be taken by local or state authorities to curb both the excessive noise and speed. Arrests of known violators of both laws, on even one count, might serve as a warning. Perhaps through this warning action we may save one or more families in our community from the grief of losing a loved one to another's careless exercise of personal freedom outside the law.

Charles D. Waser

THE Mayor Reports

There have been problems with speeding and excessive noise within the borough. The police department and I would like the citizens to cooperate with traffic regulations. I feel with this kind of support and help from each citizen we might be able to stop some of these offenses.

Bike license registration ended June 30, 1974. If you are riding without a license you are violating the law and liable to fine and costs. I encourage you to get your license as soon as possible before such a situation exists. The cost of a license registration is only \$1.

There have been complaints again about abandoned cars in the borough. Several months ago, I asked that such vehicles be removed. There have been questions in regard to "what is an abandoned car." Any car that is sitting on one spot for a period of time without being moved, an illegal inspection sticker or an old license plate, are some points that constitutes an abandoned car.

If you have a vehicle which you are restoring or fixing, you may obtain a waiver from the police department, for ample time to do the work which is needed. I surely hope you will comply with the borough ordinance.

Mount Joy is fortunate to have many lovely parks and picnic facilities which we certainly encourage the citizens to use.

I will be in the Borough Office July 19, 1974, from 7 p.m. 'til 8:30 p.m.

If you feel you have a complaint or would just like to talk about the borough itself, I would be happy to listen to you.

James A. Gingrich
Mayor

BAKED BEANS GLOUCESTER STYLE—TO A 1 LB. CAN OF BAKED BEANS ADD 1/4 CUP APPLE SAUCE, 2 TBSP. MOLASSES AND 2 TBSP. BROWN SUGAR.



Tennis Enthusiasts Plan Open Meeting July 24

On Wednesday, July 24, at 7:30 p.m. an open meeting will be held at the Mount Joy borough building for the purpose of organizing a Mount Joy Tennis Club.

Anyone interested in tennis is urged to attend.

The aims of the club will be: to organize tournaments (junior & adult); encourage additional tennis facilities; help enforce Boro rules; and sponsor clinics; and generally maintain the area.

It is expected that officers will be elected and that the organization will be launched.

RELIEVE THE BIRTH OF OUR NATION

WHAT BEGAN AS A WAR TO PROTEST THE UNFAIR ACTIONS OF BRITISH PARLIAMENT BECAME, IN A YEAR'S TIME, A WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE. EARLY IN 1776, GEORGE WASHINGTON'S ARMY RAISED A DISTINCTIVE AMERICAN FLAG HAND SEWN BY BETSY ROSS.



AT THE SAME TIME, THE 2ND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS WAS DRAWING UP A FORMAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AT INDEPENDENCE HALL IN PHILADELPHIA. THE DECLARATION WAS ADOPTED ON JULY 2ND AND SIGNED ON JULY 4, 1776.



WE WILL SOON BE CELEBRATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR COUNTRY'S BIRTH. VISIT INDEPENDENCE HALL IN PHILADELPHIA AND THE MANY OTHER HISTORIC SITES BEING PREPARED FOR THIS GREAT EVENT. RELIEVE THE BIRTH OF OUR NATION.

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"This and That"

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A good road wound through and over the mountains, and each bend in the road was likely to call forth an "Isn't it beautiful!" or "What a view!"

It was quite an experience! We had the feeling that we were not only going over and through the mountains, but that we and the highway were a part of them — a feeling you do not get on the Pennsylvania Turnpike! We became "involved!"

It was good to go right through the sleepy little mountain towns. It was interesting to see their business districts and their homes. We stopped once, on the side of a mountain, at a home-made candy shop, and bought some of the best hand-dipped chocolates we have ever eaten. Their road sign said, "Sweetest spot in the mountains!" We agreed.

At another place we got off the main highway to visit a widely-advertised "Miniature Horse Farm." It was a new tourist attraction, out in the hills, complete with a beautiful barn, riding ring, carousel, and the inevitable "gift shop".

We enjoyed seeing the little horses, many of them only about eight hands high, but were disappointed that they weren't smaller. Actually, they looked more like "ponies" than miniature horses, though the guide assured us they were miniature Arabians, Morgans, Thoroughbreds and Apaloosas!

There were 29 of them, some with adorable little foals that looked more like what we had expected the "miniature horses" to be!

Another bonus of our trip to Dayton came on our return east. We stopped overnight at Bedford Springs Hotel at Bedford, Pa. What a lovely place!

Serene and untroubled by the passage of time and the quickened tempo of life in the outside world, it has stood right there for almost 150 years!

Its mineral springs, its wide verandas, its rustic setting by a mountain stream, have made it a pleasant retreat for a century and a half.

We drank its waters; we ate its delicious food; we hiked its mountain trails; we sat on the wide verandas; we played shuffleboard and watched the tennis enthusiasts and swimmers. We relaxed completely, and were loathe to leave to return to the hustle and bustle of the world.

The hotel is proud of its historic past, and numbers among its guests some of the great names in our country. President Eisenhower played golf and stayed there; other presidents

SHOE FACTORY

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here in 1919.

After the death in 1954 of Gerberich, the company was operated by his sons, Clyde and Grant D. Gerberich.

One of the oldest shoe companies in the country, it is ironic that even as the announcement came of the beginning of close-out, a neat sign was still posted on the front lawn of the office on West Main Street, "Help Wanted, Male and Female".

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shared in its hospitality. A guest book, "under glass," was open to a page where a "G. Washington and lady" were registered, but the date was 1850 — quite a few years after THE George Washington's death!

But it was a beautiful, nostalgic, fascinating place — and we'll go again at the earliest possible date!

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WALL-TO-WALL CARPETING

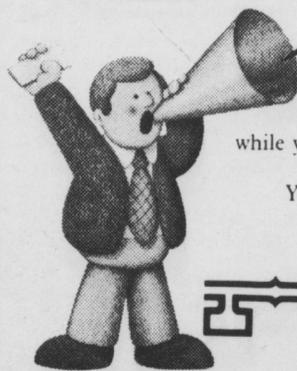


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