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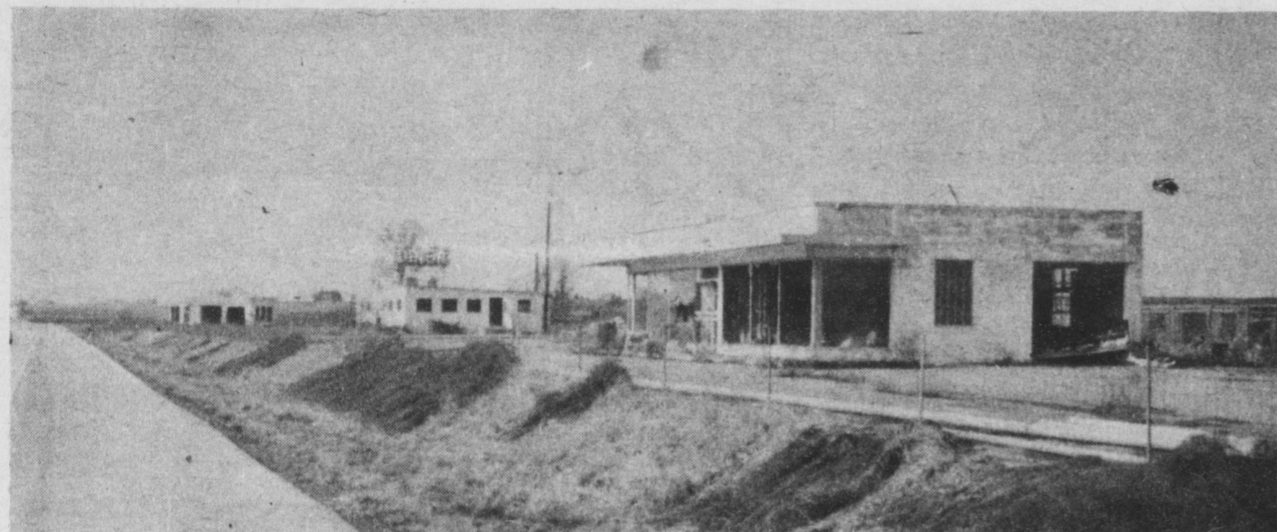
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THREE LONG-STANDING EYESORES along Road 283, east of Mount Joy have been removed!

For years three abandoned buildings have stood behind a woven wire fence along the north side of the highway, since that stretch of road was made limited access.

They were Bricker's Diner, a service station and a building

used as a trailer sales by the Pontz family. Over the years they had become deteriorating hulls of buildings, vandalized and scavengerized.

Last week workmen moved in with bulldozers and trucks and removed everything, hauling the debris to a suitable nearby site.

Above, left photo shows all three buildings standing as they were early this year when announcement was made by the state that they would be removed. At right, last week, work was in full swing. By weekend, only a few shovelfull of debris remained.



By R. A. R.

When you think of it, what besides your own birth, is the most most momentous single event during your lifetime?

Most people rather quickly would answer, "The moon walk."

Now, think, what is the "second most momentous event."

You may have a different answer, but several people we've tested come out loud and clear — "The resignation of a president of the United States."

Add to that the fact that a vice-president — whose name was picked by the "resigning president" — also resigned just a few months ago in disgrace.

These, truly, are days to remember.

And, it's interesting that one of the two important events was the achievement of an almost unattainable feat for all of mankind. The other is a black, black chapter in the history of this nation which no one wants to see again.

Guess what disappeared from the lobby of the Mount Joy post office Friday morning?

That's right, the picture of Richard M. Nixon.

This week, only an empty frame hung on the east wall of the lobby above the lock

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Christ Walters Posts 42 Years Of Perfect Attendance At Rotary

Mount Joy's Rotary club places emphasis upon attendance at its weekly, noon luncheon meetings.

Last week a current list of members who have had at least one year of perfect attendance was posted and forty-eight men were listed.

Their total attendance stretched 495 years.

Member with the longest record is Christ Walters, Main Street, who had 42

years of perfect attendance.

He is seven years the leader of G. Walter Sloan, who has not missed or "made up" meetings for 35 years.

Others with more than 20-year records are:

Arthur Mayer (34); Ray Wiley Sr. (26); and Adam Greer and Dr. Thomas W. O'Connor both with 21.

Twelve other members had 10 to 20 year perfect attendance.

'Of This and That'

by the editor's wife

"Did you ever see a weeping peach tree?" Bruce Brown asked us one evening not long ago when we were visiting on Richland Lane.

When we said an emphatic "No!" he said, "Come over here and I'll show you one!"

We stepped across into his beautiful back yard and he pointed to a young peach tree just loaded down with fruit. So full was it of tempting, pink-cheeked peaches that its branches were literally touching the ground.

Bruce, in an attempt to help Nature bear her heavy burden, had put props under the heaviest limbs to keep them from breaking off. But even so, the general effect still was that of a "weeping" peach tree.

It's not only peaches that grow for Bruce, though. He had been out in his handsome backyard garden and had pulled some beets — the largest beets we had ever seen! Each one must have been 12 or 14 inches in circumference and have

weighed a pound or more! They were beautiful!

When we admired them so much, Bruce put a few of them in a bag for us to take home. Each one made a "meal!"

While on the subject of food: Last week end in Scranton, Pa., we were shopping in a big super market for a few groceries. A transparent plastic bag marked "Syrian Bread" caught our eye.

Inside the bag were a dozen large, circular, flat "buns." Having never seen such before, we asked the clerk what they were.

"They're awfully good!" she told us. "They are hollow inside and you can fill them with whatever you like, for a good sandwich. My children love them."

We thought, "This we must try." So we bought a package.

Sure enough! The outer layer of the bun was thin, and when we snipped off a bit of

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Boro, Schools, Township Join To Eliminate Hazard

BI-CENTENNIAL MEETING

The extent of Mount Joy's participation in the 1976 Bi-Centennial celebration may well depend upon the response to a town meeting set for Wednesday, Sept. 11.

To be held at the Florin Fire Hall, the meeting has been called by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gingrich, co-chairmen of the local commission for bi-centennial celebration.

Invitations to have representatives present have been sent to all organizations in the community.

All organizations are invited, the Gingrichs emphasized.

In a fine, three-part cooperative effort by a trio of local municipalities, one of Mount Joy's potentially most hazardous street situations is being corrected.

Along Orchard road at the Grandview school, this week, workmen are installing a drain pipe in a huge open ditch along the west side of the thoroughfare.

The ditch will be covered and the roadway will be widened.

The project involves Mount Joy Borough, Donegal School District and Mount Joy township. All are contributing to the effort, which will continue into next year before finally completed.

Progress of the project was discussed Monday night, Aug. 12, at the monthly public meeting of the Borough Council, held at the borough building.

Council added another part-time police patrolman to the eligibility list. He is Gary Gallagher, age 18, a 1974 Donegal graduate.

Police Chief J. Bruce Kline reported a growing number of arrests, pointing out a sizable number of criminal actions during the month of July.

He explained it by saying, "More people problems."

Council voted \$250 to support of the local playground system. It was earmarked \$200 for transportation of boys and girls

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Betty and Abe Groff To Host Food Fest For Hans Herr House

Betty and Abe Groff, Pinkerton road, who operate the nationally-known Groff Farm restaurant, both are 10th generation descendants of Hans Herr, Mennonite pioneer in this county.

Thus, it is fitting, proper and appropriate and they should plan a Food Fest for the benefit of the restoration of the 1719 Hans Herr House, the oldest in Lancaster county.

Acting with other descendants of Herr, the Food Fest will be held at the Groff Farm on Saturday, Aug. 31.

Home-cooked Pennsylvania Dutch and other local foods will be served in sumptuous array on the lawn throughout the afternoon. The restaurant will be closed for the day.

Dinner will be served every hour, 1 though 4 p.m.

In case of rain, there will be a large tent. There also will be live music.

Donation for the benefit meal will be \$10 a person, for as much as the diner can consume. Food donations also are being sought, so that the supply will be ample in both quality and quantity.

Reservations are being taken now by H. Elvin Herr, 340 Crestline Drive, Willow Street, PA 17584. Or call Clarence Herr — 717-687-7807.

With Army Band

Army Specialist Four Gregory A. McKain, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paris H. McKain, 404 Birchland Ave., arrived at Ft. Belvoir, Va., for duty with the 75th Army Band under the army's unit of choice enlistment program.