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Lewis Brothers circus has come and gone.

It's interesting to know that this troupe of traveling performers is a satellite business of the Hoxie circus, which has played in Mount Joy a number of times in years past.

Hoxie Tucker has expanded, enlarged and prospered and the circus which carries his name now performs only in metropolitan areas — Baltimore, Philadelphia, etc etc.

But, there always, apparently, is a place for smaller circuses and Tucker and his wife, Betty, now own Lewis Brothers and keep it on the road, playing Mount Joy-size communities.

And, incidentally, the box office of Lewis claims that "1974 has been a good year."

A few things we can do without — David Eisenhower's opinions, More about Richard Nixon, Evel Knievel's stunts, Girls who want to play football with the boys. Public ownership of the bus system.

A few left-overs from the Mount Joy "Wimbledon" tournament, held at the borough park over the Labor Day Weekend, sponsored by the Mount Joy Tennis Club:

In the men's finale, a pair of veteran local players who individually and singly probably have won more tennis trophies than anyone else in the community were bested by a pair of young "comers".

The losers — Frank Zink and Dr. Harold Fellenbaum — played well but youth had its day. The ages of the two men total exactly 100. The winners — Dave Schlosser and Bill Houseal — add up their years to only 34.

While Zink was going down in the title match of the doubles tournament, his daughter, Corinda, (with Bonnie Rittravato) was winning the Women's Division.

Someone said afterwards. (Continued on Page 8)

CHANGES OWNERSHIP

Hostetter Dining Service

Public announcement was made this week that the Hostetter Dining Service, Inc., is changing ownership but is remaining within the family and will continue to operate without change in policies.

New owners include Rodney Stoner of Williamsburg, Va., and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stoner, North Barbara street.

Rodney Stoner, grandson of the founder of the business will be president and principal stock holder; his father, vice-president, and treasurer and his mother, the former Mary Hostetter, will be secretary.

Transfer of stock and of ownership is to become effective October 1.

Officers of the family business have been James Hostetter, president and principal stockholder; Paul Hostetter, vice-president, and Lester Hostetter, secretary-treasurer.

Rodney told the Bulletin this week that it is his intention to retain the standards of operation and the principles and policies as his grandfather. Now manager of the Williamsburg Lodge, Stoner began learning the

restaurant business from his grandfather and feels keenly the responsibility to continue the business as it was founded. While he will offer management help, active operation will be in daily charge of his parents, who are both experienced in the business.

His father, for 28 years an employee of SICO company has retired to give active interest to the Hostetter enterprise.

Stoner also said that he expects that there will be more active and aggressive solicitation of catering business for picnics, parties, weddings etc. over a wider area and perhaps the addition of service to tour buses.

The late Eli Hostetter began catering about 1929 from his home, enlarging as the business grew. In the 1950's he built the pavilion on Pine street and from time to time made additions to the building.

He died May 14, 1963.

Historical Society Plans Sept. Meet

The monthly meeting of the Mount Joy Area Historical Society will be held Monday, Sept. 16, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The session will be held in the office of the former Nissy tobacco warehouse at the corner of south Market avenue and Wood street.

The meeting is the first since June and is open to the public as well as to members.

Higher Water Bills Coming This Month

On June 6, the Mount Joy Borough Authority, at its monthly meeting, approved a water rate increase which will affect all water consumers in the community. Bills, based on the increase, will be issued at the end of this month, covering water used during the months of July, August and September.

The Authority has indicated that a "typical" residential customer had a

bill for about \$8.50. Under the new schedule, the amount will be about \$12.50.

Mount Joy water users, the Authority says, have enjoyed some of the lowest rates in the area for many years but inflation and increased costs have put pressures upon the water system's financing plans.

Rates for residential users have not changed in Mount Joy since 1959, the Authority (Continued on Page 8)

New Pumper Truck Expected Soon By Friendship Company

Mount Joy's Friendship Fire Co. No. 1, will have a brand new fire truck within the next few days — perhaps by Monday of next week!

Tuesday evening, Aug. 27,

a group of officers and members of the fire company went to Hamburg, to the Hahn Motor company to see the progress on the construction of the depart-

ment's new pumper, which has been on order for many months.

The truck is completely assembled and was scheduled for painting this week. Then there is the installation of chrome trim, lights and other finishing touches. The vehicle then will be subjected to testing by the insurance underwriters for performance and rating.

Total, ready-for-service, cost of the apparatus and related equipment will be approximately \$51,093. The fire company has, as of this date, \$38,500 to apply to the purchase price. The company has negotiated a loan to pay for the balance.

The new apparatus is a 1974 Hahn; a 1,250 gallon-per-minute triple combination pumper. The vehicle is diesel powered and designed to compliment the larger 1971 Hahn already in service. The 1974 apparatus will carry 2,000 feet of 3" hose, carry 500 gallons of water, and will be the second response engine. The vehicle will weigh approximately 28,000 pounds, and be closer to the Mount Joy bridge weight limits.

Chief Frank Good, Jr., has announced that the company's annual fund drive will be under way in a few weeks. Individual solicitation letters will be mailed to all families, businesses and industries in the Friendship response area.

Proceeds of the fund drive will be applied to the balance needed to complete payment of the 1974 Hahn pumper. The volunteer fire fighters of Friendship Fire Co. No. 1 are counting on all the citizens of the community to "answer the alarm" with continued financial support.

Dodge Goes to County Association

With delivery to Friendship Fire Company of a new, 1974 Hahn pumper only days away, plans are being made for a dedication-housing ceremony for the new apparatus, and an unusual presentation involving the 1949 Dodge pumper that is being replaced.

At the August meeting of the fire company, it was voted by the membership to donate the 1949 Dodge to the Lancaster County Firemen's Association.

The truck will be used as a training vehicle on the association's fire school grounds, located on the LCFA farm site located near Lampeter.

Mount Joy's Newest Industry Moves Into Old Cotton Mill

Mount Joy's newest industry is beginning to get underway this week in the old cotton mill on East Main street.

Willis H. Byers said Monday that his Floral Creations, Inc., firm is now moved into the new location and by later this week could begin production.

Sixty truck loads of artificial flowers — all imported — already are in the big brick building and 30 more are on the way.

Byers, who has been operating his growing business out of three locations in Lancaster, said that he is very happy to have his firm in Mount Joy and feels that having the entire

operation in one location will add greatly to the business potential.

One of the features available here will be a new show room to which customers can be taken for sales purposes. That part of the business will be ready within about 10 days, he said.

However, the business here in Mount Joy is strictly

78 YEARS AGO

Seventy-eight years ago today (Wednesday), the first passenger train used the Pennsylvania Railroad's new cut through Mount Joy. The train went through at 10:05 a.m.

Previously, PRR trains had operated at normal grade, crossing West Main street at Kinsey Archery and again on East Main just east of Barbara.

Now, there is serious talk that the railroad may be closed down or in some other way changed to accommodate to changing times.

a wholesale operation. There will be no retailing of any kind, the owner emphasized.

The new company office, which was readied early this week, is located at 324 E. Main in the building immediately west of the plant.

While no hiring of new people is expected at present, applications will be taken at the office for future consideration.

The business buys artificial flowers from foreign countries and then assembles and arranges them for sale to wholesalers. (Continued on Page 8)

ELEPHANTS ARE BIG!

Disrupt Power Supply

Elephants are big, elephants are strong and elephants are entertaining. But elephants can be destructive.

Although, when they do mess things up, it may be that it's all simply an accident.

Friday, Lewis Brothers brought to town three big elephants which performed to the great delight of the many who saw the circus at borough park, despite the

rain which made things about as wet inside the tent as outside.

At any rate, the elephants were chained in an area to the north of the big tent.

One of the big creatures pushed too hard on a tree and over it went, onto a power line.

The circuit was broken and several homes on Main street had a minor power disruption.