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By R. A. R.

Conestoga Traction company is very much in the limelight these days as it seeks to transfer its function in the community from private enterprise to public enterprise.

Two things —

One — The new "Ride and Shop" program, which is to begin on a 'demonstration' basis on Oct. 15, includes Mount Joy. Riders from the borough may claim the benefits which are available from any point on any CTC bus route.

Two — Borough manager Joseph Bateman is seeking to combine an offer from CTC to provide bus shelters for its riders with what he feels is need for shelter for school children who wait for their buses each school day. There are two school bus shelters on Mount Joy's Main street; At Lafave road and at Orchard Road, which Bateman has his eyes on.

Another point about the 'ride and shop' proposal: One Mount Joy businessman asked the question, "Why am I, a Mount Joy businessman and taxpayer asked to help pay bus fares for people who get on a bus, go to Lancaster and do their shopping there? I'm in business in Mount Joy. Why would I be in favor of my taxes being spent to help people shop in Lancaster and help the merchants in Lancaster?"

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'Of This and That'

by the editor's wife

It's natural to think of wild flowers in the spring, when anemones, violets and jack-in-the-pulpit peep through the leafy soil of the woodlands or dot the greening meadows. They appear early, before man has made his flower gardens, and they are noticed and appreciated.

But the wild flowers of summer and autumn tend to be overlooked or ignored. Some people even call them "weeds"! But they are there, just as surely as the wildflowers of spring!

We had proof of that this week end, when we gathered a sizeable and beautiful bouquet along the roadsides in the mountains near Locust Lake state park, where we were camping.

It began with a breathtaking cluster of purple fringed gentians, and included deep yellow black-eyed Susans, delicate blue ragged robins, goldenrod, Queen Anne's lace, pale yellow wild snapdragons and buttercups, white and red clover, crown vetch, a

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Donegal High Senior  
Named Semi-Finalist  
In Scholarship Tests

William Landis, son of Dr. and Mrs. William B. Landis, R1, Columbia, has been named a semi-finalist in the competition for about 3,400 Merit Scholarships to be awarded in 1975.

Announcement of the achievement was made by Donald W. Drenner, Donegal high school principal.

Young Landis, a senior in Donegal high school, is known to his classmates and to sports fans who have seen him in action, as "Tex" because he was born in the state of Texas.

Merit program semi-finalists are the highest scorers in each state on the 1973 preliminary Scholarship Aptitude Tests, given on a national basis to more than 1 million pupils in 17,000 schools.

According to Edward C. Smith, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, "The approximately 15,000

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HONOR 100 EMPLOYEES

NCR Gives Merit Awards

One hundred employees of the NCR Corporation, Mount Joy Systemed plant, were guests of honors at an Awards Dinner Saturday evening, Sept. 14, at the Host Town Resort motel in Lancaster.

Speaker for the evening was A.J. Viehman, representing the Master Printers of America. T.M. Schiewetz of Dayton, O., operations manager, brought greetings from the home office of NCR. M.D. Rupard, manager of the Mount Joy plant, presided.

Certificates and awards were presented by George Chaffee, Ivan G. Gillette, Lloyd F. Hanner, Donald E. Hatt, Robert H. Loop, Charles H. Lucabaugh, Richard D. Mott, Donald B. Shenberger, William R. Wells, M.D. Rupard and Loren M. Nedrow.

Receiving certificates of craftsmanship for their experience and ability to do

the job of a craftsman in the printing industry were: Dorothy L. Alleman, Ronald L. Alleman, Jerry L. Avers, Calvin T. Avery, John R. Barnes, Dawn M. Beaton, Phyllis J. Bender, Donald L. Bierly, Anna Billett, James H. Binkle,

Pauline A. Boltz, Paul F. Brenner, Bobby J. Brosey, Daniel P. Bubacz, Sydney Campbell, Paul E. Ceresini, Nancy L. Christofic, Gary R. Cook, Martha G. Cover, Jere F. Danz, Harold W. Deitrick, Velma A. Diehl, Louella G.

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FRIENDSHIP FIRE COMPANY'S new, 1974 Hahn Custom Pumper, on order for more than a year, arrived in Mount Joy last week from the factory in Hamberg, Pa. Here, Company President Ronald Alleman is ready to swing into the driver's seat for a test run. The \$50,000 piece of equipment will replace a 1949 Dodge Pumper, given to the company by the late K.T. Keller.

Friendship's New \$50,000  
Custom Pumper Delivered

Friendship Fire company's shining, new, \$50,000 fire truck was delivered Thursday afternoon, Sept. 19, and this week was being readied for service.

Fire-engine red, the new Hahn Custom Pumper is, in general appearance, much like the 1971 Hahn Pumper the company already owns. But, the new truck is slightly shorter and lacks a little of being as high.

However, it too, is diesel

powered and especially constructed for the local fire company. It has been on order for a year and five months.

The big machine immediately was placed in the south bay of the fire house, which had been readied many months ago. Because the Hahn is considerably larger than the Dodge Pumper which has used the space recently, it was necessary that the big door to the truck's new home be enlarged. Much of that work was done by the firemen themselves.

When delivered, the truck was not lettered and, of course, was not equipped with hose, etc.

Much of the equipment which goes onto the truck will come off the Dodge, which is to go to the County Firemen's association.

There was an opportunity to sell the 1949 Dodge to a fire company but because it came to Mount Joy as a gift from K.T. Keller, it was felt that with the county association its life could be prolonged and it would continue to be of service to the public.

In a ceremony Saturday afternoon, Oct. 12, the new pumper will be placed in service officially and the Dodge will be given to the county association, to be used as a training vehicle.

Councilman Groff Takes Stand

George D. Groff is the senior member of the Mount Joy Borough Council, having served many years as a representative of the East Ward.

However, as things now stand, Groff more accurately feels that he is a member of Borough Council who more accurately might be called the representative of all people of the community who pay local taxes.

Groff, age 74, is a retired man who spent many years with "the gas company". Thus, he now belongs to a very large economic group which goes to make up the citizenry of Mount Joy.

As a natural, life-long conservative, he now is in a position to know exactly what inflation and escalation of prices in every area is doing to many many people.

It is with pain that he looks at some expenditures in the borough.

Currently, he is concerned with the problem of replacing an old heating system at the Florin Fire hall.

Specifically, he is upset about the specifications for the system.

His itemized complaints are: 1. That specifications were written for a hot water system which was to replace an old hot air furnace system, and 2. - It cost \$250 to have the specifications written by an engineer.

Specifications were written, bids were asked, received and opened. But, instead

of the \$4,000 budgeted, all three firms making bids were more than twice that amount.

One firm was slightly over \$8,000 and both the other two were above \$10,000. All were rejected.

Thus, the \$250 fee for writing a lengthy specification paper, was not only high but went for absolutely nothing, Groff says.

The specs were drawn by Daniel Gohn's associates.

Florin Fire company building has two heating systems, both hot air. One takes care of the main part of the building, in which the dining room is located, and the other the engine room.

The former is reported to be satisfactory. It is the latter system, which came out of the old Church of the Brethren on West Main street, which is the subject for replacement.

Groff feels that the \$250 could have been saved by eliminating the detailed specifications and that a suitable, workable and completely satisfactory heating system could have been installed by now for far less than the amount of the bids.

Groff says that he is in favor of making the replacement now, before prices advance more, but he has reason to believe that an adequate new hot air system can be installed for maybe \$2,000.