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We're convinced that Gerald Ford is a very nice guy! He's personable, friendly, open, candid, mentally alert and well endowed with many of the basic qualifications for leading a good and wholesome life.

There is no doubt, at this point, that he would be a very pleasant fellow to have as a dinner guest, as a man to discuss the "state of affairs" over a cup of coffee, to take a trip with, or to probe the problem of raising a family in the 1970's.

He's a good, solid mid-westerner with many of the good, old-fashioned traits traditionally assigned to the basic social stock of the state of Michigan.

If, and when, he ever comes to Mount Joy, it would seem that he would fit right into our community. He would buy a good, solid house, engage in a good solid business, raise his family according to the standards of the community, attend church of his choice and take part and immediately would assume his obligations as a citizen. Shortly, he would become an integrated part of the area and would enjoy the many many benefits of this part of America.

It would seem that his philosophy, would differ only in detail from the norm of the people living in this section and that the differences he would express would make for interesting and even stimulating conversation as the edges of his philosophy rubbed onto those with whom he mingled.

But, we are beginning to get the feeling that he is a little too much like the rest of us!

Mr. Ford is a mid-western, state politician who has learned the skills of his trade in the league in which he has been operating. He has managed to earn political victory at the polls in Michigan; has managed, by not making too many waves in Washington, to gain upward mobility.

In other words, he has been able to play the political game rather well. But, it is becoming obvious that his expertise is in the minor leagues. He knows the rules, but the rules apply, principally, to that area of success.

But, you see, Mr. Ford, is now only playing in the BIG leagues. He suddenly is placed in the position of being player, manager, coach, tactician, rule maker, umpire and, if the truth is told, the bat boy.

Does he know the rules of the major leagues, can he actually be the manager in the fastest game in the nation? Is he a coach who can flash the right signal at the right time? Can he keep the rules up dated in a fashion which gives both the offense and the defense fair opportunities?

And, can he judge when the pitcher is throwing a spit ball or a curve as a strike or a wild pitch?

Or, is our leader, at heart and by disposition, a minor league player who finds the stepped-up, pressurized and super-heated atmosphere and environment of the biggest game on earth (and touching the lives of every person in this nation), a little out of his reach?

New Directories

The United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania's new telephone directory currently is being distributed, according to David Ditenhafer, commercial manager.

Approximately 30,000 of the new books are being delivered to subscribers in the Columbia, Elizabethtown, Marietta, Mount Joy and Mountville exchange areas.

Delivery of the directory is being handled by Directory Distributing Associates, Inc. The job was to be completed by October 25. Subscribers who have not received their directory by now contact the telephone company business office.

Former Teacher Writes Bridge Book

A book about Lancaster County's covered bridges, and "also other old bridges plus interesting odds and ends," has been written and published by Mrs. E. Gipe Caruthers of Lancaster, formerly instrumental music teacher in the Donegal School District.

The book, organized in tour form with exact directions to the tenth of a mile, has eight different tours. The "D" tour, closest to Mount Joy, includes the Landis Mill bridge, Shearer's Bridge, Kauffman's Distillery bridge, Shenk's Mill bridge, Risser's Mill, Forry's bridge, Siegrist

Mill bridge and the three-arch stone bridge over Little Chiques creek, among others.

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Notice to Republicans

If you think this is a ho-hum election... think again.

A lot of good Republicans aren't taking this election seriously. And that's bad. Because the Democrats are counting on just that. They're hoping you won't care enough to show up at the polls.

Shapp's hoping they're right. Think about that. He's hoping enough Republicans will be too busy to vote, or just forget. Because he wants to win. And he wants a Democratic legislature, so he can have a free hand in running our state as he pleases.

Every Republican vote is one that counts.

Every Republican vote. Not just in the gubernatorial election. We need your votes for our Senators, too.

A good, solid Republican team in Harrisburg is the only way to fight the Democratic machine. The only way to stand up against mismanagement and fiscal carelessness. So let's make sure our legislators are fighting on our side. Get out and vote. Republican.

Our Republican Candidates:

Ralph W. Hess
Senator, 28th Senatorial District

Kenneth E. Brandt
Representative, 98th Legislative District

Tuesday, November 5th, is your only chance.
Vote Republican.

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