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By R. A. R.

Participation this week of the Donegal band in the big Turkey Day parade in Philadelphia recalls one of the silliest observations we have ever heard expressed.

It probably was the first year the D.H.S. band marched in Gimbel's extravaganza. The drum major was Stanley Tucker, one of the finest and never a better liked "top man" ever to lead a high school band anywhere.

But, after the parade, the Bulletin received a letter from a parade watcher, in Philadelphia taking issue with the fact that Donegal called itself the Indians. "How could that be," the silly writer asked, "when it is lead by a black boy?"

Don't you agree that that is about the silliest, stupid and asinine observation anyone could draw from watching a parade? And, then to make the effort to write a "Letter to the Editor" —

If you happen to be in-
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Christmas Decorations Up; But to Delay Lighting Until About December 18

Mount Joy's outdoor Christmas decorations have been hung in place for the 1974 season at 53 spots along Main street!

But, they will not be lighted until a week before Christmas.

Complying with a guideline given it by Borough Council, the Christmas Lighting Committee has said that it will have the bulbs burning only

from about December 18 until January 1.

Decision was made as something of a compromise. The Federal Energy Administration has said that lighting this season is permissible. Yet, P.P. & L. has made a continuing plea to conserve electricity. Borough Council made its decision about two months ago.

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Decision on Borough Budget for '75 Near

Within the next few days, probably no later than Monday night, Dec. 2, a decision will be made about Mount Joy borough taxes for 1975.

Will rates remain the same, go up or, by some strange turn of events, go down?

A great deal of preliminary work already has gone into the making of the important budget for next year but, at a scheduled meeting of the Borough Council, sitting as a committee of the whole, on Monday night, Dec. 2, some

of the vital questions will be answered. If not then, certainly by its monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 9, the budget will be finalized, ready for an official reading.

Final passage is expected sometime between the 9th and the last of December. The law requires a budget by Jan. 1.

As the budget planning stands, as of this week, there is a deficit of between \$23,000 and \$24,000. In other words, anticipated income for '75 lacks that amount of balancing the slated expenditures.

Currently, there are two things to do to correct that situation. One is to find additional sources of revenue. The other is to cut expenses.

How to cut the expenses is a question which involves difficult factors. For instance, rising wages and increased costs of vital items which are fixed are inescapable.

Possible program to
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Seek to Improve Game Enjoyment for Spectators

In an effort to improve the comfort and enjoyment of all spectators of Donegal high school's home basketball games, new procedures and guidelines are being initiated for the 1974-'75 season.

The new regulations begin with the first home game on Thursday night, Nov. 28.

They are:

1. Ticket gates will be open at 6:05 p.m. and tickets will be sold until the end of the 3rd quarter of varsity games.

2. Doors to gym will be closed at the beginning of the J.V. game, which will be 6:30 p.m. After games begin, admittance into the gym will be at the following times: time outs, between quarters, half times and between J.V. and varsity game. Anyone leaving the gym will be able to return only at the above times.

3. All spectators must be seated in the bleachers at all times while in the gym.
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Giving Thanks...

It is our privilege to give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy — family, friends, home, work, and living in a free country.

WOULD REPLACE CADILLAC

Fire Company Hopes to Replace Ambulance With Newer Type

If plans now being formulated by Friendship Fire company No. 1 materialize, Mount Joy will have a new ambulance in the Spring of 1975!

The new vehicle would replace a Cadillac ambulance which this month turned 17,000 miles.

As now visualized, the emergency piece of equipment would not be of the conventional type, but of a more functional nature. In appearance, it would be

more "box" shaped, giving more and better arranged space for handling patients. The body would be mounted on a suitable chassis and would be con-

structed in such a way that when a new one is needed, the "box" would be removed and remounted for additional years of service.

Company President Ron Alleman told the Bulletin that plans are not finalized but possible specifications are being studied.

Delivery of conventional ambulances sometimes requires several months. The modular type is not expected to involve more than 120 days, probably less.

One of the advantages of the modular unit is that more equipment can be carried and immediately available to those answering emergency calls of all kinds.

Better use of space can be achieved and personnel will have more head room inside for handling patients.

The new type ambulance, Alleman said, is part of the total improvement in emergency service.

"In daysgone by," the company president said, "drivers loaded accident victims into the ambulance and drove as fast as they dared to the hospital.

"These days," he added, "people manning the ambulance are better qualified
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'Of This and That'

by the editor's wife

It may be cold, rainy and dreary outdoors today, but the fact of the matter is, we have had a very pleasant autumn, weatherwise, this year, and we should not complain.

Temperatures have averaged above normal and rainfall below normal. That isn't particularly good news for farmers or water companies, but it has made a season excellent for enjoying the out of doors.

Proof of the fact that it has been a mild interlude were the sprigs of japonica and bridal wreath which Ellen Musselman, west Main Street, brought to the Bulletin last week. The brilliant red — and white — blossoms, which she found in her yard, spoke more of springtime than of autumn!

But don't let them give you a false sense of security. From now on — get braced for winter!

In spite of temporarily bad

weather last Wednesday, Paul Fitzkee, 11 Walnut street, came into our office to pick up the Bulletin, as is his custom, on press day.

We said, "It's a little bad out there today," and Paul answered:

"In spite of rain, or sleet,
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