

BORO. BUDGET

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provide additional revenue already have been explored.

Parking meter rates have been increased, parking meter violation fines have been raised, public hearing costs have been increased, building permit charges have been increased and sub-division application charges have been upped.

Other options being eyed are:

Increased real estate tax. Claiming of an additional 1/4 percent of the earned income tax.

(One mill of tax in Mount Joy raises approximately \$6,000).

The state allows a half percent of earned income tax to be levied. Currently Mount Joy Borough and Donegal School District share it equally - 1/4 for the borough, and 1/4 for the schools.

There still is another avenue for claiming funds for the borough but it is not being considered seriously. That is the claiming of a portion of a real estate transfer tax. Some boroughs have and are now taking that source of funds.

(Donegal School District received \$8,994 real estate transfer taxes in August of '74 and \$3,232 in September.)

In years past, Mount Joy Borough Council has talked of taking its 1/2 percent of the earned income tax but because of problems involving both the borough and Donegal schools, the possibility was abandoned. The problem is born of the fact that the district is composed of four municipalities - East Donegal township, a part of Mount Joy township, Marietta borough and Mount Joy borough. Because school taxes must be equal through the district, what tax the district claims or what tax any one of the other municipalities claims has a direct influence upon the tax program of all the others.

If Mount Joy borough takes its legal portion of the earned income tax, the school would be denied that amount which it now collects.

And, the school could not collect from the other three municipalities what it does not collect from Mount Joy Borough. Thus, the school actually would lose half the earned income tax which it has been collecting from the entire district. Likely, the schools would be obliged to levy additional real estate taxes throughout the district to raise an amount equal to the earned income tax lost.

AMBULANCE

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to give "on the scene aid" and to stabilize the patient's condition before transport begins."

Exactly what type chassis would be used is not known at this time but that part of the specifications is being studied as are all features of the proposed new vehicle.

National-Standard Hikes Dividends

The Board of Directors of National-Standard company has increased its regular, quarterly dividend to 22 1/2c per share, payable Jan. 3, to stockholders of record Dec. 6.

The previous quarterly dividend rate was 20c per share. The Board also set the annual meeting at 1:30 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, Jan. 27, at the Holiday Inn, Niles, Michigan, for stockholders of record Dec. 6.

Main Street

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terested in words of the English language, you may have come across "arbitrage". If not, keep your ear to the ground. It's a good bet you might sometime soon. It means, as one meaning, "a buying of bills of exchange, stocks, etc. in one market and selling them again at a higher price in another market."

It's been a long time, relatively speaking, since we've heard proud parents, as they looked down at their new son in his crib and say with pride and with a sound of hopefulness, "Maybe someday he'll grow up to be president of the United States."

As the Mount Joy post office braces for its annual battle with the Christmas mail rush, it also will be marking its 156th birthday.

The office here was opened December 1, 1818.

SPECTORS

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4. Food and beverages are not permitted in the gym.
5. The Varsity Club stand will be open at the following times: before J.V. game, half time of J.V. game, between games and half time of varsity game.

6. Admission - adult - \$1.50, student - 75 cents.

The high school student body, the junior high school pupils and all elementary boys and girls are being admonished to act in a courteous manner to the visiting varsity teams, to and spectators and to all people around them. And, they are not to be allowed on the gym floor at any time. Loitering in the lobby will not be permitted.

DECORATIONS

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All equipment belonging to the lighting committee has been refurbished and is being put in place ready for the lighting next month.

Greetings signs across Main street are at both ends of Main street and 51 wreaths are distributed between, mounted on utility poles. Many of the units are provided needed electricity by citizens living nearby who plug them into their own

circuits and absorb the cost. The borough takes charge of storing and of hauling the wreaths to and from their assigned spots on Main street.

About Dec. 9th, letters seeking financial contributions to meet expenses of the program will be mailed.

Individuals, organizations and others will be asked to help with the funding of the program, as they have in the past.

Last year, with the energy crunch at a peak, Mount Joy street lighting was installed but lights were not energized.

'This and That'

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or snow,
To get my Bulletin I must go!"

We like that kind of faithful Bulletin readers! And, we liked his little rhyme!

Christmas wreaths went up on Mount Joy's Main Street this week. The wreaths reminded us to count the days until Christmas. We discovered there are only 30! And how fast those 30 days will go! Before we realize it, Christmas Eve will be here.

We made our shopping list several weeks ago, and have already made a little progress on it. So maybe The Day will find us completely ready, this time!

As a prelude to the Christmas season, which we feel really doesn't begin until after Thanksgiving, we made a visit on Saturday afternoon to Rebman's in Lancaster.

It was our first visit there,

and we found it very interesting. We didn't buy anything, but we particularly enjoyed the store's "Dark of the Moon" room, where a score of decorated Christmas trees twinkled and shimmered in the half-light. It was a fairyland!

There were tall trees, small ones, and in-between ones. There were tradition ones, with red, gold, green and blue ornaments, garlands of tinsel, and a bright star at the top. Then there was an all-pink tree, an all-white one, with angel's hair festooned from top to bottom, and other trees with just green or just blue lights and ornaments. Some were revolving, so we could enjoy them from every angle.

The tree-top ornaments were interesting. They were very elaborate, ranging

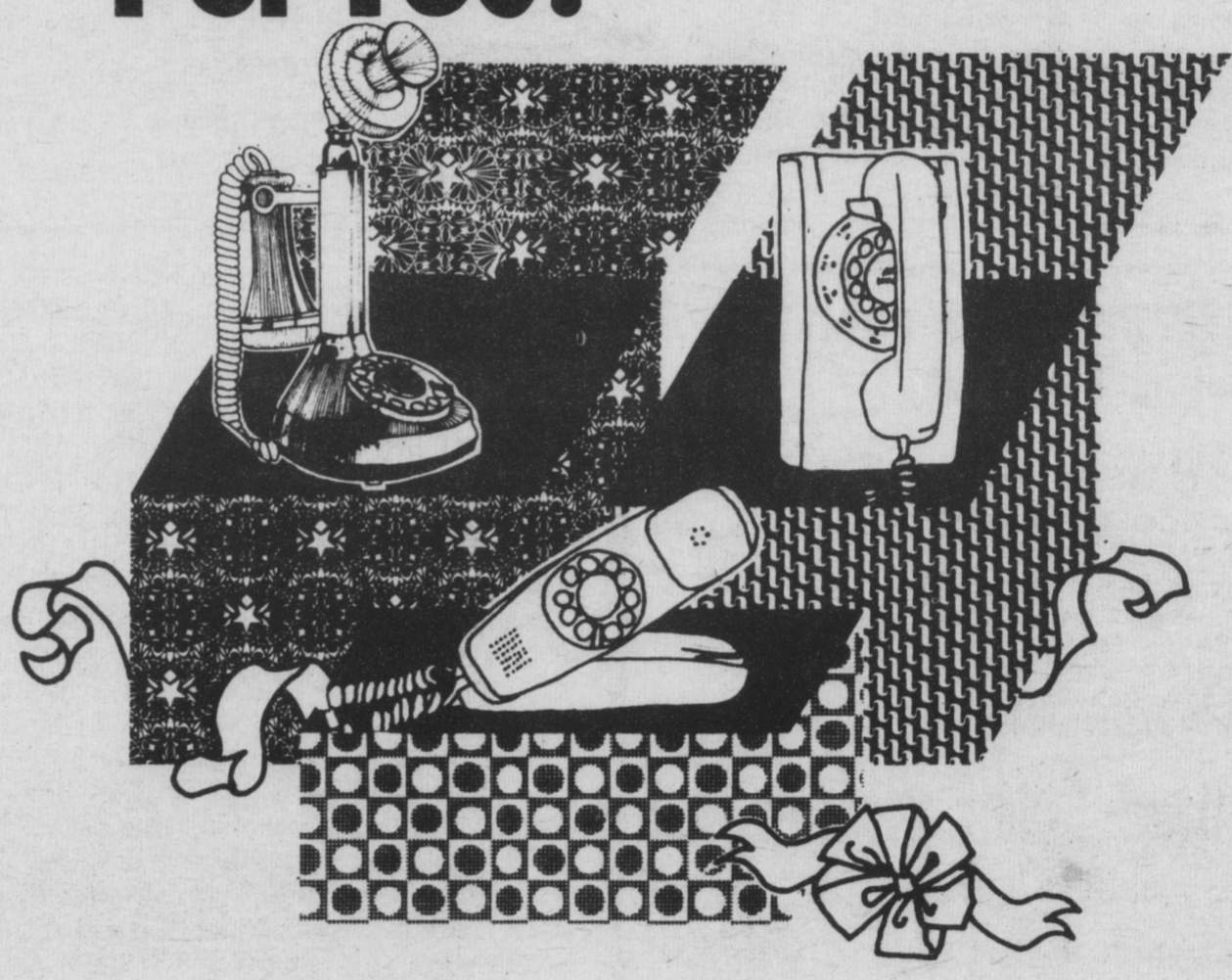
from a tinsel star to a lovely angel, with lighted snowflakes thrown in for good measure. One tree had only tiny corn husk dolls as ornaments.

There was a creche, with life-size figures.

It was a beautiful sight! But one thing was missing. There was no pine, fir, or spruce fragrance! All the trees were artificial!


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