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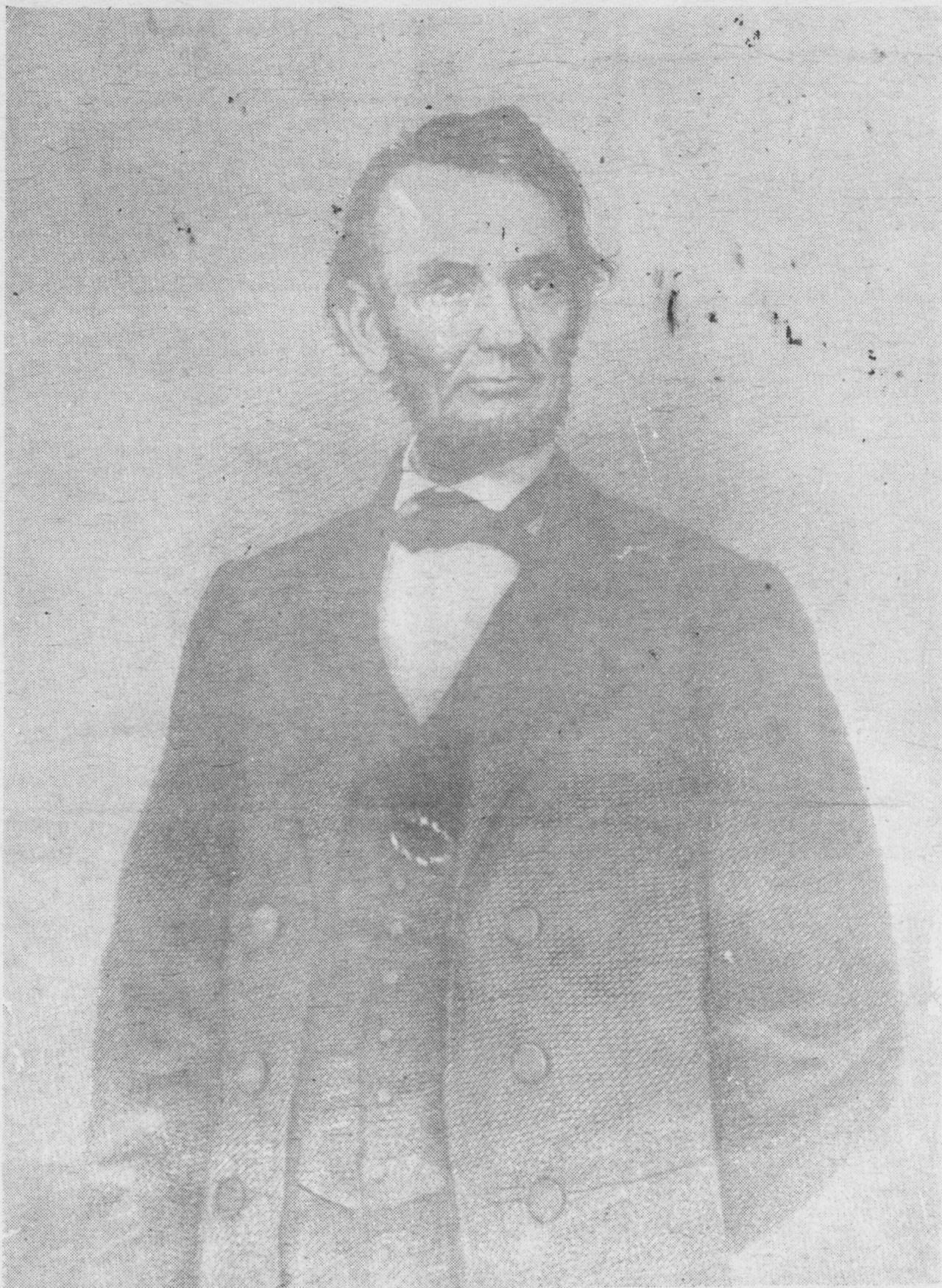
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Jane Youtz awarded Washington Medal



An authentic, original Matthew Brady print of one of his photographic portraits of Lincoln, in the possession of S. M. Simmons, 431 E. Market Street, Marietta. There are only 134 such original Brady prints of Lincoln photos extant in the world today. Loaned by Mr. Simmons to the Bulletin upon the occasion of the 166th birthday of the preserver of the Union.

Jane Youtz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Youtz and a junior at Donegal High School has been selected for the principal award this year of the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge, the George Washington Honor Medal.

This outstanding award is being presented to Miss Youtz for a one-act play she wrote for the Donegal Dramatics Club in their 1973 Veterans' Day celebration. The title of the play, which Jane wrote in one evening, is "Keep the Faith."

Jane had never written a play before, although she has always been interested in dramatics. The Dramatics Club at Donegal needed a new playwright; so Jane undertook the task. "Keep the Faith," was the result.

The brief play is centered on a conversation between an old man and a youth in the park, but contains dramatic flashbacks to scenes of heroism and tragedy in the lives of the old man, his brother, his sons, and his grandson - in four wars. In the fifteen minutes it occupied the stage at Donegal, its successive scenes hammered home the worthwhileness of patriotic sacrifice.

Although Jane never had written a play before, she has written two since "Keep the Faith." One, "The



Jane, typewriter & portrait painted in Paris

Commitment," was the Donegal Veterans' Day play of 1974, a work she thinks was better written and that contained a wider variety of emotions than "Keep the Faith."

On February 17, Jane, her parents, and Mrs. Mary-Margaret Peraro, the teacher at Donegal who commis-

sioned her to write her play, will travel to Valley Forge, where the George Washington Honor Medal will be awarded to Jane.

Senator Richard A. Snyder of Lancaster and Sgt. Ronald L. Diehm, USAF, of Lititz, will be receiving honor certificates during the ceremonies, for a speech and a letter, respectively.

"Don't underestimate the people," Pete Foley

Warren H. "Pete" Foley, president of the borough council of Mount Joy, is a public official who has carefully thought out his philosophy of government and who constantly refers to it in arriving at practical decisions.

His political philosophy is simple. It is democratic. He never forgets that government is of, by, and for the people. "Never underestimate the citizens of a community," he states. "It is the people themselves who decide the destiny of a community, the speed with which it will travel. They let their needs be felt."

As an elected representative of the people he has constantly tried to keep in close touch with the people. A busy executive in the graphic arts industry, he has to make efficient use of his time to keep his finger on the public pulse of Mount Joy. For example, in coming home from work in Harrisburg he drives a different route through Mount Joy each night to get a perspective on the entire borough.

Along the same lines, the entire borough council "rode the borough" together last month in a small bus, keeping their eyes open, getting

out often, and looking over local problems. In this way, individual council members, who were elected to represent particular wards in Mount Joy, obtained an over-view of the entire borough and its problems.

Pete Foley keeps the people in mind when he looks to the future of government in Mount Joy. He would like to see increasing participation by people in their government through ad hoc committees working in close cooperation with council committees. A recent example of close cooperation between citizens and government in Mount Joy has been

the joint work on parks and recreation by the Athletic Association and the Council.

Foley would like to see more women in Mount Joy participating actively in local government. He says that he knows some "extremely capable women" whom he would like to see in government.

Already, younger people are taking a more active political role. "The time of the younger generation is here," Foley says. He points out that Mayor James Gingrich of Mount Joy is the

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Pete Foley under bronze sculpture he welded the afternoon before Christmas.