



David H. Eby and collection

94 years in this area

by Hazel Baker

David Hostetter Eby, has lived his 94 years within a five mile radius. Born in Salunga, he was reared along the Big Chiques Creek (which he never saw flooded to the extent of the '72 disaster), and moved near Nissley's Mill, in East Donegal Township at the age of 24 when he was married. His wife, the former Katie Nissley, died in 1958, after the family had moved to Donegal Springs Road, Mount Joy, where Mr. Eby still resides with his daughters Ruth and Anna Mae.

The father of five daughters, farmed for 41 years with the aid of hired help and after retiring to Mount Joy, he remembers picking 2,000 bushels of apples in one season. The nonagenarian also recalls helping to plant 18 acres of corn by hand in 1896.

The five daughters of David Eby include three teachers and two nurses. Ruth and Anna Mae taught in Donegal District, while Vivian Denlinger taught as a missionary to Africa for 18 years. Elizabeth Hottenstein, another daughter, and Mildred Guigan, both living near Lancaster, were the nurses of the family.

Near the turn of the century, Mr. Eby, after observing the tenant farmer on his father's farm mount birds, decided he would give it a try. His collection numbers 40 stuffed birds which are native to the area although some are now quite rare. He has assembled over 400 arrowheads which he retrieved while walking behind a horse and plow. He predicts there are still many

Indian artifacts to be found, but they were easier to spot while walking when tilling the earth. Five deer were shot by our subject in his lifetime, and four of them were mounted and are hanging in his home. He recalls the names of the birds without hesitation.

The lone survivor of a family of a twin brother and a sister, two half-brothers and two half-sisters, attributes his longevity to good health. He had one broken leg in his life time which sometimes gives him a small problem; however, he is as alert as any person half his age.

The retired farmer spends a lot of his time watching sports contests on television. Until two years ago he dug his garden each year. He attends the Mount Joy Menonite Church.

A botany enthusiast, Mr. Eby taught his daughters to love wild flowers by traveling throughout neighboring counties to observe various varieties. He has traveled quite extensively within America and recalls in the early part of the century that he installed a telephone line between his brother's farm and his own. Soon this expanded to the home of his in-laws and then to 20 neighboring farms, who formed a company with Mr. Eby serving as lineman. The company was bought by Bell Telephone Company.

He was one of the first persons to purchase an automobile in the area, and found the drivers of horse and buggy's reluctant to share the roads with the new invention.

John Weidman & Sheri Zerphey- Boy and Girl of Month

John Weidman is Boy of the Month at DHS for March.

John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Weidman, 240 S. Market St., Mount Joy, Pa., and is in the academic course at Donegal.

His high school activities include: Student Council 11, 12; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12 (Tri-Captain); Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12 (Co-Captain); Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11-12; Booster Club 11-12 (Pres.); Varsity Club 11-12 (Vice-Pres.); Homecoming Escort 12; Keystone Boys State 12; Booster Club Program Chairman 12; and Voice of Donegal Basketball 12.

He attends Mount Joy Church of God and belongs to the CGYA.

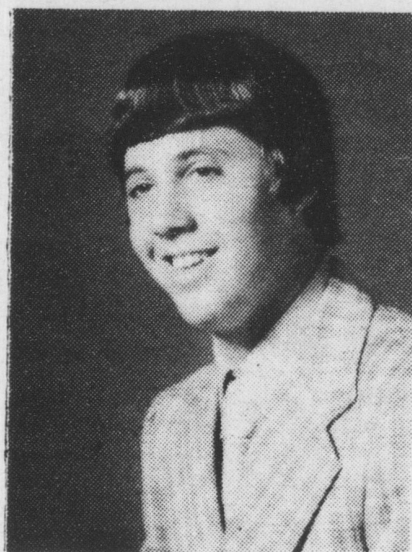
His out of school activities include membership in the Mount Joy Athletic Association.

He has been employed by Pioneer Hi-bred, Inc.

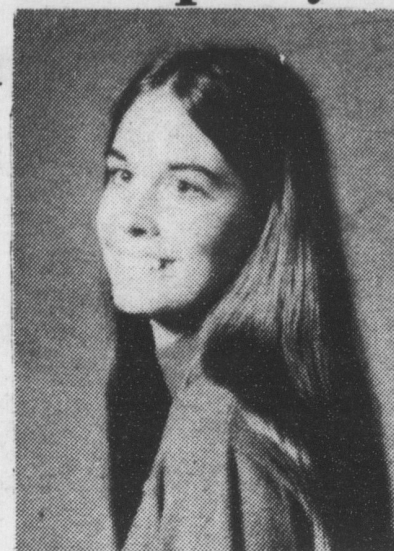
John plans to attend Penn State at the University Park Campus to study Liberal Arts.

Girl of the Month at DHS is Sheri Zerphey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zerphey, 332 South Market Ave., Mount Joy.

Sheri's high school activities include: Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; Hockey 9, 10, 11, 12; Booster Club 9; Future Business Leaders Club 10-11 (Treas.) - 12 (Pres.); Student Council 9, 10, 11; (Secretary) - 12 (Secretary); Student Council Curriculum Committee 10, 11, 12; Class Treasurer 9; Class Executive Committee 10-12; Junior Prom Committee 11; and Varsity Club 12.



John Weidman



Sheri Zerphey

She is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Mount Joy.

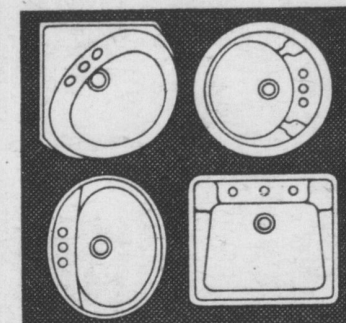
Sheri will attend Brandywine College to major in Medical secretaries studies following graduation from Donegal High School.

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