



Melody Mumma

## Local girls see Germany

Last Thursday Melody Mumma and her friend, Claudia Brandt, both juniors at Donegal High School, boarded a plane in Philadelphia that took them to Frankfort, Germany. They will stay in Germany visiting Claudia's great uncle and aunt until April 19.

While there they will improve their conversational German and learn more about German culture. Claudia's great uncle and aunt have made plans for the Donegal girls to get acquainted with neighboring German girls and to visit the University of Frankfort with a cousin of Claudia's.

This spring Melody wrote an essay in Mr. Joseph Siferski's English class that attracted the attention of the Donegal High School administration. The essay was a review of some recent articles in educational journals on the subject of the open classroom.

The open classroom, in which there is very little outside discipline and very

much freedom for students to learn in whatever ways they like, has been very popular in the last decade among educational theorists.

But in the last few years, it seems, the open classroom has been given some second looks that reveal weaknesses in it as an educational method.

Melody's essay points out that in learning in school many different methods can be successful in teaching a subject. A method which removes teacher control from students may not really "free" the student, but just allow the student to be controlled by his or her peers, "who have no more experience or wisdom than he."

Melody's essay ends with a plea for "system which recognizes and stresses individual discipline, respect for others' rights, but nevertheless freedom to act at will within one's own rights."

## Program at Kraybill

A spring program will be presented by students of the Kraybill Mennonite School on April 4, at 7:30 p.m. The program will be rendered in the Cross Roads Brethren in Christ Church at the corner of Donegal Springs Road and S. Angle Street, Mount Joy.

Students from Grades 6 through 9 will participate.

The acappella chorus directed by Chester Kurtz, will sing such old time favorites as "A Mighty Fortress" and "Great is thy Faithfulness." They will also sing several

folk songs, melodies and spirituals and will close with a choral tune from Schleswig-Holstein region entitled "God is my Song."

A dramatic presentation written and directed by Leon Good will depict the upheaval of Reformation times as seen and experienced by teenagers in the Swiss-Dutch Anabaptist movement.

Psalm 96 will be presented in choric form by a junior high boys' group under the direction of Russell Baer.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

## School tax census

The Donegal School District conducts a census survey each year of all residents living within the school district. Each home will be visited starting March 24, 1975.

The census has no direct influence on property assessments or rate of personal taxes, but is needed to secure an accurate count of residents within the school district. The information will be data processed and files maintained which will be utilized by the schools to best serve the total population.

It is requested that all individuals cooperate with

the census takers so the project may be completed with minimum cost prior to May 1, 1975. The census takers for the school district are: Marietta Borough - Marilyn Baker; East Donegal Township - Benjamin Gainer; Mount Joy Borough - Virginia McKenna and Ruth Newcomer; Mount Joy Township - Denise Quickel.

It would be of considerable assistance to the census taker if you would have available the following information for each person living in your home: Name, age, birthdate, as well as grade and school if attending school.

## DONEGAL SOPHOMORES SCORE ON NATIONAL TEST

Sixteen members of the tenth grade at Donegal High School will receive National Certificates of Educational Development awarded for performance at the 90th percentile or better as measured by national norms on The National Educational Development Tests administered by the Guidance Department at Donegal High School according to Donald W. Drenner, Principal.

They are: Cynthia Charles, Joan DeVitry, Cynthia Emenheiser, Gregory Gallagher, Philip Good, Linda Hostetter, Mary Kanoff, Barbara Landis, Bruce Martin, Jonathan May, Michael McMullen, Philip Mitzkavich, Jennifer Neiss, James Prowell, Robert Roaten and Jacob Sherk.

The National Educational Development Test Battery is used to measure broad as-

pects of the general educational development of students and to compare each student's development with his current potential for achievement.

The NEDT program has four objectives: 1. To help students better understand their academic strengths and weaknesses. 2. To help teachers and counselors better understand the instructional and guidance needs of individual students. 3. To help school administrators better understand the strengths and weaknesses of their school curriculum. 4. To help school personnel identify academically talented students who should be encouraged to extend their education beyond high school.

## Loose elected

John W. W. Loose, chairman of the social studies department at Donegal High School, and president of the Lancaster County Historical Society, has been elected Secretary of the Heritage Center of Lancaster County at a meeting of the organization held this week.

The Heritage Center, which is affiliated with the Lancaster County Bicentennial Committee, is an organization of local men and wo-

men who are undertaking the restoration of Lancaster's State House (Old City Hall) and adjacent historic buildings and the development at this site of a museum and cultural center reflecting the historical heritage of the people of Lancaster County. The State House, which faces Lancaster's Center Square, served for 13 years at the beginning of the 19th Century as the capitol of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

## PACK 136 MOUNT JOY CUB SCOUTS

Webelos Den under leadership of Dana Mark and John Auker, will go on a hike to Mt. Gretna to get moss and plants to qualify for their Naturalist Badge, April 19.

On April 3 they will go to St. John's Episcopal Church in Lancaster, to hear

a talk on citizenship.

Den 4 under the leadership of Ann and Robert W. Mark, took a hike to Mt. Gretna on March 29.

Den 5 under leadership of Carolyn Waltz and Edna Wolf, will be visiting a radio station on April 30.

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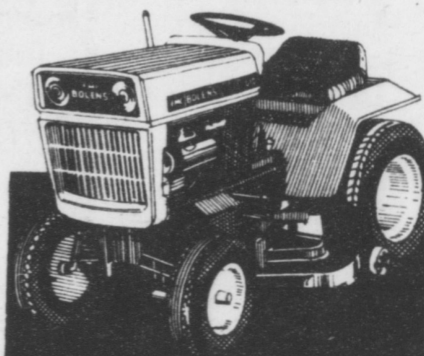
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