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Ten Cents

11 run for school board

Candidates presented on pages 8 and 9

With this issue the Susquehanna Bulletin begins to introduce candidates who will be running for their parties' nominations in the primary election on May 20.

Three incumbents are running for reelection: Jere R. Duke, Donald Kugle, and John N. Weidman.

Mr. Duke, who was appointed to the board last year to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Jay Musser, will be opposed by Mary E. Hoffmaster, to complete a two-year term on the board. Both have cross-filed and will be running on both the Democratic and Republican tickets.

All other candidates have also cross-filed, so as to run on both tickets, except Barry W. Etsell, who is running only as a Republican.

Etsell, Kugle, and Weidman, plus Zelda Heisey, Thomas E. Meckley, Morris M. Mengel, Josef H. Portner, Richard A. Umbenhauer,

and C. Donald Waser - will all be running for three six-year terms on the board. In addition to the positions held presently by Kugle and Weidman, a third position on the board, currently occupied by J. Edw. Charles, is open. Mr. Charles, former board president, will not be running again for office.

It is possible that four cross-filed candidates could win both the Democratic and Republican nominations, making the November election a formality.

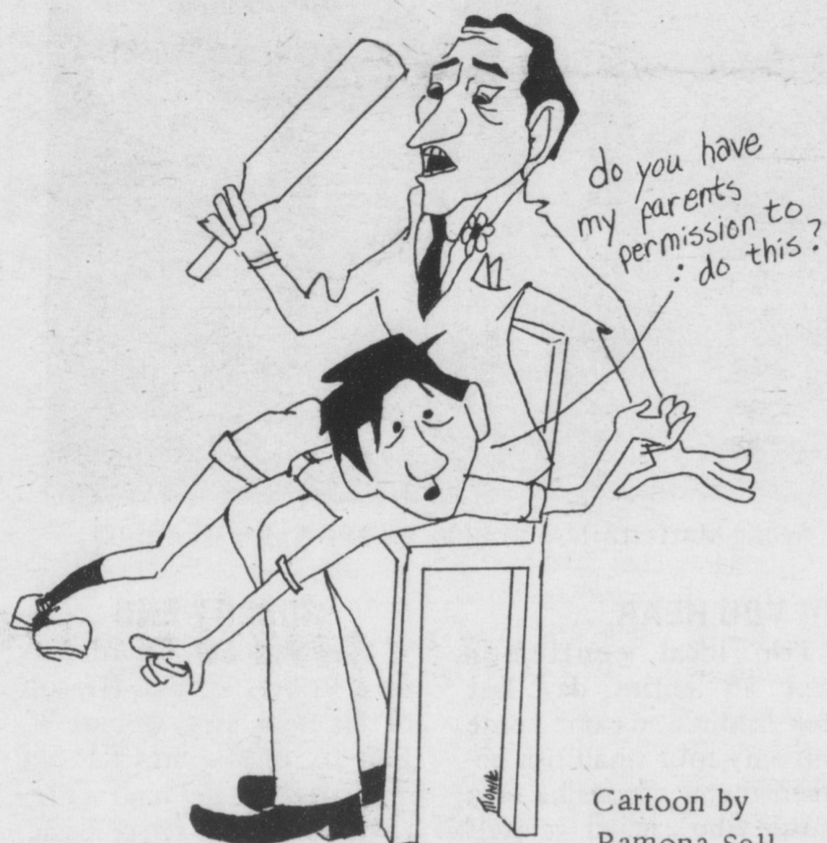
The primary election could be decisive.

Undoubtedly the main problem that the school board will have to solve is the budget. With Mount Joy taking the lead last winter, the municipalities in

the school district have taken another quarter of the one per cent wage tax from the revenue of the schools, creating a loss in income. Not only is the board facing a cut in revenue, but also increased costs, including a demand for raises in teachers' salaries.

Most candidates have expressed their views on how to meet the budgetary crisis.

Other issues on which the candidates have taken stands are the relative emphasis on extra-curricular activities in the schools, a return to the basic "3 R's" in education, doing away with executive board meetings that are closed to the public, student discipline, need for a more youthful board.



Cartoon by
Ramona Sell

Donegal schools state policies on spanking

The Donegal School District has issued a statement of its policy on the use of corporal punishment in the schools.

Corporal punishment will be permitted, to be used "with discretion." It will be "administered with a flat surface directed toward the buttocks of a student."

Written reports from the professional staff member administering punishment must be submitted.

A child, however, cannot be corporally punished in school, if his or her parents notify the school in writing that such punishment is prohibited - except to quell a disturbance, in self-defense, to preserve order, or to protect other people or property.

Shumaker Pres. Bicen.

The Susquehanna Bicentennial Council met on April 14 and elected the following officers: Dennis Shumaker, president; Dr. John Brown, vice-president; Hazel Crankshaw, second vice-president; Mrs. Robert Lombard, secretary, and John S. Hiestand, treasurer.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 21 at the Marietta Community House. The Council plans then to form committees and set dates for a number of Bicentennial events.

Full statement of the new policy follows.

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Bicentennial starts



THE WITNESS TREE

Events in Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts, in April, 1775, foreshadowed a solemn oath that would be taken in June, 1777, around a tree outside Donegal Presbyterian Church.

Many of the candidates running for the school board stated that they would like to see the quality of education raised in the Donegal Schools.

Results just released by the school board of the Educational Quality Assessment Survey conducted by the State show how Donegal Schools performed in various categories of educational quality.

Plus signs (+) in the chart below show superior qualities for schools in the system, minus signs (-) show sub-standard levels, and zero signs (0) indicate levels "within the predicted range."

RESULTS OF EQAS SURVEY IN DONEGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

(Key: +, above; -, below; 0, within predicted range)

Goals of Quality Education	SCHOOLS					
	High School (Grade 11)	Jr. High (Grade 8)	Grand-View	Maytown	River-View	Seiler
Basic Verbal Skills	0	0	0	0	0	0
Basic Math Skills	-	0	0	0	-	0
Interest In School	0	0	-	0	0	0
Self-Esteem	0	0	0	-	0	0
Understanding Others	+	0	-	+	0	0
Citizenship	+	0	-	0	0	0
Health	0	0	0	0	0	0
Creativity	+	0	0	-	0	0
Vocational Attitude	0					
Vocational Knowledge	-	0	0	0	-	0
Appreciating Human Accomplishments	0	0	0	0	+	+
Preparing for A Changing World	0	0	0	+	-	0