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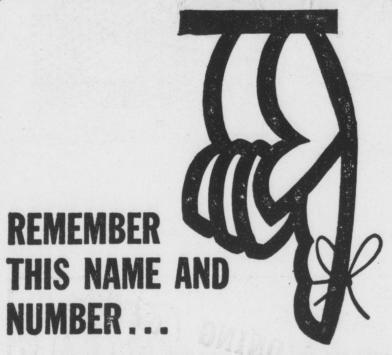
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Letters to Editor

Dear Gentlepersons:

I was interested in the April 9, 1975, issue of the Susquehanna Bulletin which my friend, Miss Elsie Mc-Closkey, sent to me. The article on Patrick Kenney, Jr., was most interesting to me because my family and I have known him for years and couldn't agree with you more fully that "his life is based on dependability, honesty, willingness to work, and on being more interested in other people than in

himself."

However, there was one mistake in the article. I was not his first teacher in the Marietta Schools. My sister, Mona Schlotzhauer, the former Mona Harries, was. I remember the day she came home from school and told us of the "new boy" she had as a pupil. "His name is Pat and he's such a dear," she said.

Yours sincerely, Joan Harries Katsarakis

Dear Editor:

You've published such a thorough article on the meeting between the Mount Joy Borough Council and the citizens interested in zoning and the follow through on the interest of the borough residents who did not attend the said meet-

After the recess period, new business was taken up, my request came at that time. I was there asking for a foot and bike bridge across Little Chiques Creek. Wish you could have stayed and reported on it just as thoroughly as you have on the zoning.

Would it be possible to conduct a survey on the dangers to body and limb of citizens living in the Mount Joy borough area when they are trying to cross Little

Chiques Creek on the now existing bridge. Hoping you may arouse support of our Lions, Jaycees and parents who have children who cause them concern every time they ride through this bridge, playing Russian roulette with cars and trucks. If or when we get the requested foot bridge I'm sure some parent will have spared the heartache of an unfortunate accident that is bound to happen, as we have an apartment complex at the east end of town, with 900 units which is to be finished over a three year period. I see many new faces on bikes riding to the park and back. Even a ride such as this means crossing our dangerous BRIDGE.

Lucy Haines 830 E. Main St. Mount Joy, Pa.

CAKE DECORATING CONTEST



David Deitrich, Pat Flanagan, Robbie Flanagan, Steve Shireman, Dean Portner, Eddie Albert

Members of Marietta Cub Scouts mothers were solicited to compete in a cake decorating contest Saturday morning after which the products were sold at a bake sale.

These scouts won the various ribbons:

Funniest, Raggedy Andy

- Pat Flanagan..

Goofiest - 1st, Robert Flanagan; 2nd Robert Belvins; 3rd, David Nien.

Prettiest - David Deitrick, 1st place; Steve Shireman, 2nd and James Floyd, 3rd.

Most Original - 1st, Dean Portner; 2nd, Eddy Albert; 3rd, Thomas Flowers.

Editorial

The fact that eleven candidates are running for four positions on the Donegal School Board in the primary election on May 20 is a sign of democratic vigor in Donegal country.

Apparently lots of people are interested in what happens in our schools.

But the fact that hardly anyone is running for municipal offices in East Donegal Township or in Mount Joy, and that there is no competition for party nominations in Marietta - is a sign of political

Unless the impossible happens, neither the primary nor even the general elections will decide anything in East Donegal or Mount Joy, and only the general election in November will have any effect in Marietta.

Isn't our democracy built on the process of elections?

Can we call the physical exercise of pulling a lever in a voting booth an election if there is only one candidate - or no one - to vote for?

Is democracy dead or dying here on the eve of the Bicentennial?

It is late, but not too late to breathe a little life into local democracy.

Here's what you can do.

If you would like to be nominated for a public office, or if you know someone you'd like to see nominated, it can still be done.

Since there are no Democrats running for a lot of offices, someone can win a Democratic nomination by having only ten registered Democrats write in his or her name in the primary on May 20. With only ten write-in votes a person could win the Democratic nomination for supervisor of East Donegal Township or for council member of Mount Joy. The nominee's name would then be printed on the November ballot for the general election.

It would not matter that the nominee would actually be a member of the Republican party. In fact, being a Republican would be an asset to his or her election on the "Democratic" ticket in November.

Everyone knows that party membership doesn't mean anything in local government. The local candidates for school board have shown the unimportance of party membership by cross-filing on both the Democratic and Republican tickets, although most of them are Republicans.

The Susquehanna Bulletin has nothing against any of the candidates whose names are printed on the primary ballot. We are not campaigning at present for or against anyone.

We are campaigning for the democratic process. An election should be a contest. It should offer the voter a choice. If it doesn't, is it worthy of the

name of "election?" There are only a few weeks left, but it is possible

to make the May and November polls real elections. Get to work now. You or your favorite candidate can win the Democratic nomination for supervisor or member of the borough council, and then make an honest fight of it in November.

Primary

(Continued from page 1) crat trying for a nomination to Council, Gutshall. Unless there are write-ins, the primary will decide nothing. Unless there are write-ins, three Republicans are guaranteed office in November.

In Marietta, with four candidates from each party

trying for their parties' nominations to the four offices, the primaries will decide nothing. Marietta alone, however, among the three municipalities will have a meaningful general election in November between Democrats and Republicans.

"Walk to Rock" Sun.

A "Walk to the Rock" will take place this Sunday, May 3, starting at 9 a.m. at the Chickies Rock parking lot along Route 441.

The purpose of the walkathon, sponsored by the

Lancaster County Conservancy, is to raise money for the purchase of Chickies Rock from the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company.

Walkers should get pled-

ges for at least 50 cents for every mile that they walk. Pledge forms and more information can be obtained from Linda Radinowsky, 45 Leaf Park, Lancaster, Pa.,

DID YOU HEAR

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Stauffer of Mount Joy R.D. 2, celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary April 26.