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Straining against their teachers

May Day celebrated at Riverview



Digging in



Vincent Mauss and Jacob Marsh after pie eating contest

Last Thursday was May Day at Riverview Elementary School. The rites of May were observed with tugs of war, wheelbarrow races, running in burlap bags, and pie-eating contests. In a tug of war between the pupils and teachers, the pupils won. A nice sunny day, perfect, for the pupils.

Mount Joy Borough sends out newsletter

Mount Joy Borough has sent out a newsletter to all residents of the borough, the first time this was ever done.

The newsletter includes a survey of opinions on every conceivable aspect of life in Mount Joy. Residents are encouraged to fill out the questionnaire and return it to the Borough Office, so that governing officials can be aware of the public's attitudes in making their decisions.

The questionnaire covers both things liked and things not liked about life in the borough. It asks residents opinions on how tax moneys should be spent.

In addition to the survey the newsletter contains a message from Council President W.H. Foley and from Mayor James Gingrich. It also contains complete re-

Composer lives in Mount Joy

by Hazel Baker

Chester Wittell, who resides in Mount Joy, is an accomplished pianist, composer, poet and author. He is a self-taught scholar and considers oriental languages and interpreting the Koran as hobbies.

This dignified gentleman, born in Ironville, and a resident of the Columbia area for the first 20 years of his life, moved to Reading where he was to spend the next 50 years at the Wyomissing Institute of Fine Arts, which he founded. Here he taught piano, theory, counterpoint and orchestration. He once presented eight recitals in less than seven months. His programs included works of Bach, Handel, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Schuman, Chopin, and Liszt.

Among graduates of Wyomissing Institute are a number of college professors and Irvin Redcay, who appeared on the Arthur Godfrey show.

Wittell recalls sitting on his father's knee and having his hand guided to write the notes of the scale before he knew the alphabet. Musical talent came from the paternal side, poetic ability from his mother.

Although cases of his compositions are in storage, Mr. Wittell is currently working on new ones. He estimates an original composition takes three months; copying symphonic arrangements however, takes a year. Wittell has sold 500 copies of a first edition of one of his compositions and is contemplating a second edition. Publication is expensive and is sometimes underwritten by a patron.

Poems, according to Dr. Wittell, are a part of music since they employ meter and rhythm. His work entitled, "Garnered From the Garden Spot," covers a wide range of local subjects such as historical incidents, folk



Chester Wittell

tales, legends, character sketches, philosophic observations, lyrical and pastoral pieces, nostalgic dreams, whimsies, country capers, (Continued on page 3)

Lions' Horse Show



Miriam Jensen warming up



Waiting to go in the ring

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