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Mount Joy Boro Manager Joseph Bateman attends briefing on refugees at Indiantown



Joseph Bateman at Olmstead Airport as the refugees prepare to leave their plane.

Last Tuesday evening, Mount Joy Borough Manager Joseph Bateman went to Indiantown Gap at the invitation of Governor Shapp to get a briefing on the arrival of 15,000 refugees from Vietnam at the military installation. The following morning he went to Olmstead Airport to witness the arrival of the first refugees, who had been flown in with only one stop for fuel, direct from Guam.

Bateman said he was

asked to convey the following information to the officials and people of Mount Joy.

The refugees will not be settled permanently in Pennsylvania. The schedule of their stay at Indiantown Gap is indefinite.

They will be screened there for health reasons and be inoculated.

The refugees will be given intensive courses in English and in American culture.

Unofficial visitors to the Gap are discouraged, due to

the fact that the Vietnamese are undergoing severe cultural shock. Sightseers will interfere with planned operations. Security at the Gap will be tight. No visitors will be allowed.

People wishing to volunteer their services in helping the refugees should contact Mr. William Proctor, in charge of Procurement of Goods and Services, Indiantown Gap Military P.O., Indiantown Gap, Pa.

Anyone wanting to spon-

sor a Vietnamese family should contact the American Red Cross. Sponsors will be carefully screened. Bateman stated that it will not be easy to get a Vietnamese family to sponsor. Sponsors will be morally responsible for the Vietnamese family until they become economically self-sustaining.

Bateman said that only 5000 of the 15,000 Vietnamese arriving at the Gap will be heads of families and eventually looking for employment.

Pioneer Fire Company in Marietta dedicates new fire hall Saturday, with ceremonies, parade, carnival; Hiestand urges support of firemen

In ceremonies and celebrations more splendid than Marietta has seen in many a year, the Pioneer Firemen of Marietta dedicated their new fire hall last Saturday.

As the Rev. John S. Hiestand said at the dedication: "This is a day for which the volunteer firemen of Marietta planned and worked diligently. We heartily congratulate you on this, the realization of a 'Dream Come True.'"

Hiestand, as executor of the Resch Fund, established in memory of the late Kate Heilman Resch, had made construction of the new hall possible last August when he approved a grant of

\$35,000 from the Resch Fund for the new building.

Rev. Hiestand pointed out that "there is still a sizeable debt to liquidate," and appealed to the business community and the citizens of Marietta to help in paying off the debt.

Hiestand also called on the Maytown and Boro Council to "make available necessary funds, to the extent allowed by law, for the operating and maintenance of an efficient fire company in Marietta. We are paying taxes in our community today for things of much lesser importance."

Also speaking at the dedication ceremonies were

Pioneer Fire Company President Kenneth Geesey, Sr., who was master of ceremonies; Fire Chief Barry Eppley; the Rev. Dr. Aristede Red, who gave the invocation and benediction; Marietta Mayor Bernard R. McDevitt; Paul Z. Knier, Lancaster County Fire Marshal; and Robert Haycock, Pennsylvania State Police Fire Marshal.

The dedication was followed by the longest parade Marietta has seen since its Sesqui-Centennial and then a carnival in War Memorial Park.

Fire companies from neighboring communities were in attendance with their rolling stock. After the dedication ceremonies, they rolled their trucks up to the new building and turned on their sirens in a salute of unison that was ear-shattering to bystanders.

(See page 2 for more on dedication ceremonies and festivities.)



If at first you don't succeed - try, Try again

When the new fire hall of Marietta's Pioneer Fire Company was finally dedicated last Saturday afternoon, and the engines had been cozily installed in their new home, Carol Nickey, President of the Auxiliary to the fire company appeared with a bottle of champagne and announced that she wanted to do some dedicating of her own.

She took up a position near the north corner of the new fire hall, grasped the neck of the champagne bottle tightly, raised it, and aimed.

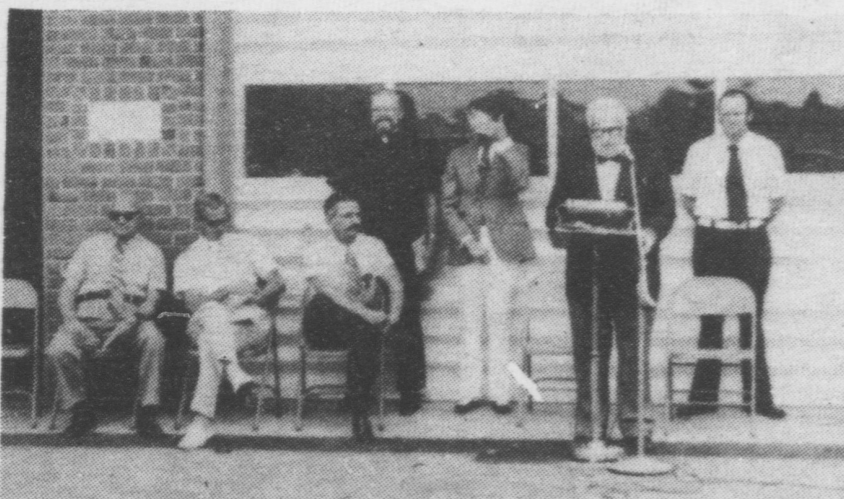
An interested group of onlookers had gathered around to witness the christening.

Carol swung. The bottle hit against the flat brick wall with a dull thud and without shattering.

The onlookers called out all sorts of expert advice. She aimed for the corner, swung, and again the bottle remained indestructible.

At this point some of the onlookers suggested more enjoyable uses for the champagne. But Carol was determined. On her fifth swing the bottle broke beautifully, spraying the new building with fragments of glass and bubbling fluid.

The new fire hall had been christened.



Paul Z. Knier, Robert Haycock, Kenneth Geesey, Sr., Rev. Dr. Aristede Red, Mayor B. R. McDevitt, Rev. John S. Hiestand, and William Bailey.