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Friendship Fire Co. has been busy

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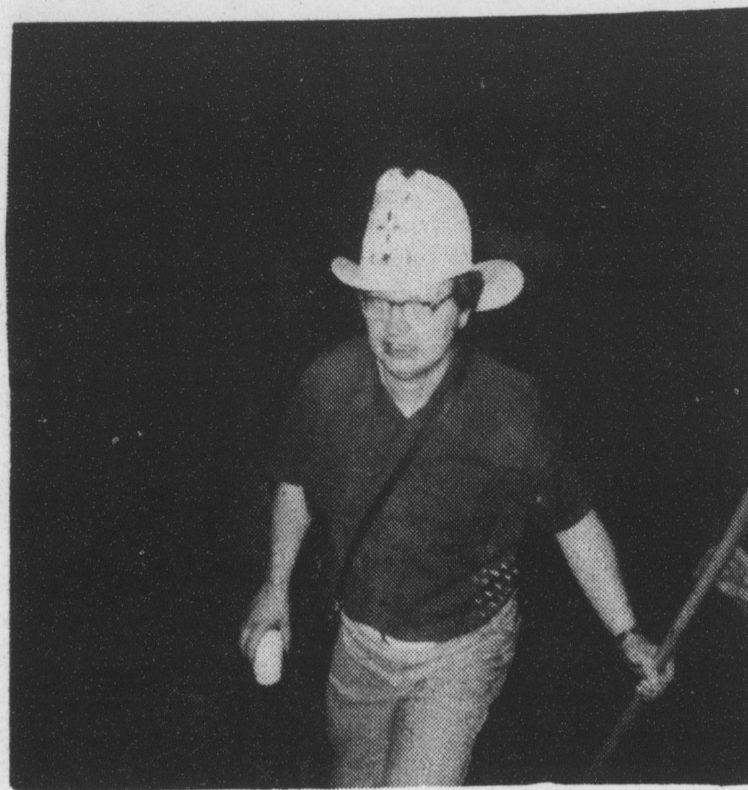
Friendship Fire Company No. 1 responded to five fire calls in the first two weeks of June. Among the 5 calls were two false and malicious alarms.

June 3 at 8:00 p.m., Friendship and Florin Fire Depts. responded to the Gerald Erb farm, R.D.1, Mount Joy. Erb called Chief Frank Good when he noticed vapor coming from his hay loft in the barn. The Chief took a temperature check of the hay loft with the hay testor and readings were between 144 deg. and 174 deg. The 174 deg. readings were high and the Chief requested Friendship and Florin Companies to respond to move the overheated hay. Nearby farmers responded with their tractors and wagons. The firemen and farmers unloaded 4,000 bales to rid the hay loft of the hotspot. Firemen were on the scene until 1:07 a.m. Approximately 30 men from each company responded.

The same evening Friendship and Florin responded to a false and malicious call at 11:00 p.m. Friendship and Florin were in the midst of removing over-heated hay from the Gerald Erb barn when the call came in. One truck responded from the Florin Station while Florin Rescue and one pumper from Mount Joy responded from the farm. The alarm was supposedly a car fire at Donegal and New Haven Streets. However, when the companies arrived on the scene, no car was on location. The call is under investigation. Two mobile homes were saved and one destroyed in a fire at Paul's Mobile Homes at the junction of Routes 230 and 283. The fire was reported by Dennis Gantz at 9:48 p.m. When the Department arrived 2 minutes later, firemen found the living room in flames. Within minutes firemen doused the flames and began to overhaul the rest of the home. There was considerable heat and

smoke damage throughout the rest of the 1959 Ventura Mobile Home. Damage to the contents and building was estimated at \$2,500.00. Chief Frank Good credited the quick response of the firemen for saving two adjacent mobile homes. The home on the east side was valued at \$5,500.00 and the west side at \$15,000.00. Damage to each mobile home was estimated at \$100.00. The cause of the blaze is pending investigation by the Chief and County Fire Marshal. The Department remained on the scene until 1:05 a.m.

At 5:45 p.m. June 10 the company responded to a tractor accident at the intersection of the Mount Joy Pike and Espenshade



Chief Frank Good



Battling mobil home fire

Road. The tractor was turning onto Espenshade Road when it began to slide. The driver jumped clear of the tractor and avoided injury. Damage was estimated at \$400.00. The Company stood by while the tractor was righted by farmers and washed the gasoline off the road. The Department was in service 50 minutes.

Thursday, June 12, at 11:40 p.m. Friendship siren blew again. Upon arriving at the fire station, firemen found the siren blowing but no call. The alarm was logged as false and malicious and is under investigation.

John Myers dies at 48

John Irvin Myers, 48, of 116 S. Market St., Mount Joy, died at St. Joseph Hospital, Friday after an illness of several months.

He was the husband of Betty Wilkinson Myers and was born in Rheems, a son of Mrs. Mildred Geistweit Myers, Manheim, and the late Paul G. Myers.

He worked as a printer and printing foreman for 28 years with the former Seiler Printing Co. and its successor, Autokraft Box Corp.

He was an active fireman for 30 years in the Friendship Fire Company, Mount Joy, serving 20 of those years as chief and assistant chief.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army in the European Theater of Operations. He umpired baseball for eight years in the midget league.

He was a member of Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Mount Joy; Mount Joy Post 185 American Legion; Post 5752 veterans of Foreign Wars, Mount Joy; Mount Joy Athletic Association; Lancaster County Fire Chief's Association; and Keystone State Fire Chief's Association.

Besides his widow and mother, he is survived by a son and daughter, Craig L. Myers and Cynthia L. Myers, both at home; a brother, Bruce C. Myers, Manheim; and a sister, Nancy A., wife of Lloyd Shenenberger, Manheim R6.

DID YOU HEAR...

Jack Lippett, manager of the Mount Joy Legion, was presented with a plaque by the Mount Joy Welcome Wagon ladies as an expression of their appreciation for his cooperation in making their meetings a success.

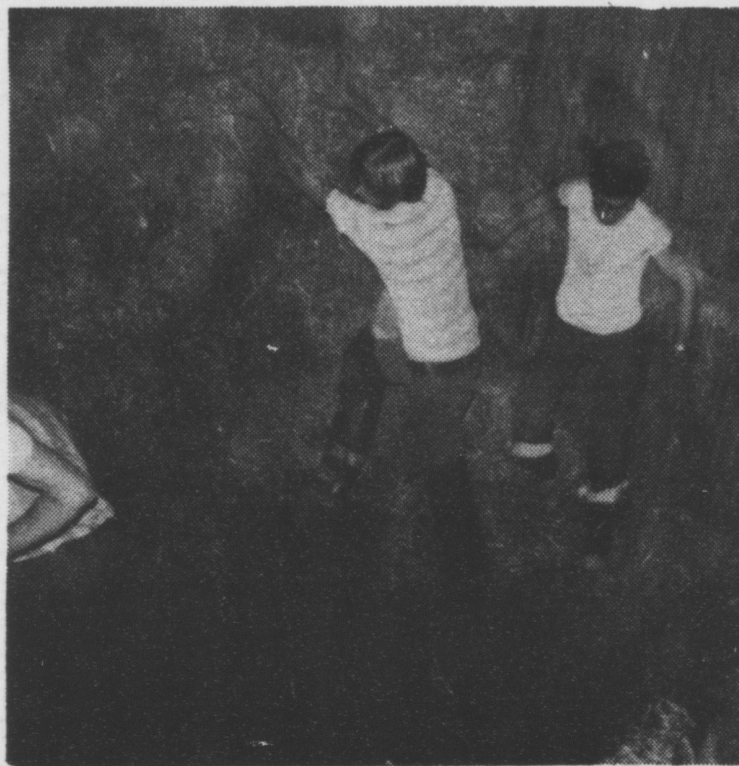
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