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## Donegal teachers are at work in schools after they reject contract; Greider: 'One more item needed;' Landis: 'Rejection was a mistake.'



Ted Greiner

Teachers were at their posts yesterday in the Donegal schools — although they still have not accepted the contract offered them by the school board.

### Up until 4:30 a.m.

Negotiating representatives of the teachers and the board had met last week from 7:30 p.m., Monday, until 4:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 26, trying to reach a final agreement. At that time the representatives of the teachers felt that two important items in the contract had been deleted by the board at the last minute.

When the teachers met together Thursday night, August 28, they voted against accepting the contract offered by the board. Ted Greider, President of the Donegal Education As-

sociation, said, "We all stuck together and voted down the package. It was just not satisfactory."

### Want one change

Despite the fact that the teachers had wanted two more items, they decided to settle for one. Greider said the one remaining important item will cost less than \$5000 — "not very much in a total budget of \$3 million."

Exactly what the \$5000 item is, Greider was not free to say, because of an agreement with the board to keep details of the negotiations secret. He did say that the remaining item wanted by the teachers was not a further increase in salaries. The teachers are satisfied with the salary increases offered by the board last Tuesday.

### Dr. Landis comments

Newspaper articles based on statements made by Ted Greider appeared last Friday evening and Saturday morning in the Lancaster newspapers.

Dr. William B. Landis, President of the Donegal School Board, told the Susquehanna Bulletin that he does not personally approve of secrecy when public officials and public employees are discussing how to spend the public's money, but he has abided so far by the agreement between the board and the teachers, to maintain silence about details of the negotiations.

Greider's statement to the Lancaster newspapers, however, freed him, Landis said, to make some comments.

### "Teachers made mistake."

He said that he thinks the teachers made a mistake in not accepting the contract offered them last Tuesday night. It was more generous, Landis said, than some board members may now be willing to support.

He pointed out that, although the board is spending less total money than last year, it has already had to increase school taxes seventeen mills, partly because local municipalities, following the lead of Mount Joy Borough, took a share of the earned income tax that used to go to the schools.

### Public should approve any further tax increases.

Dr. Landis does not want to increase taxes further, unless the public approves of the increase.



William B. Landis

## Subscription renewals due

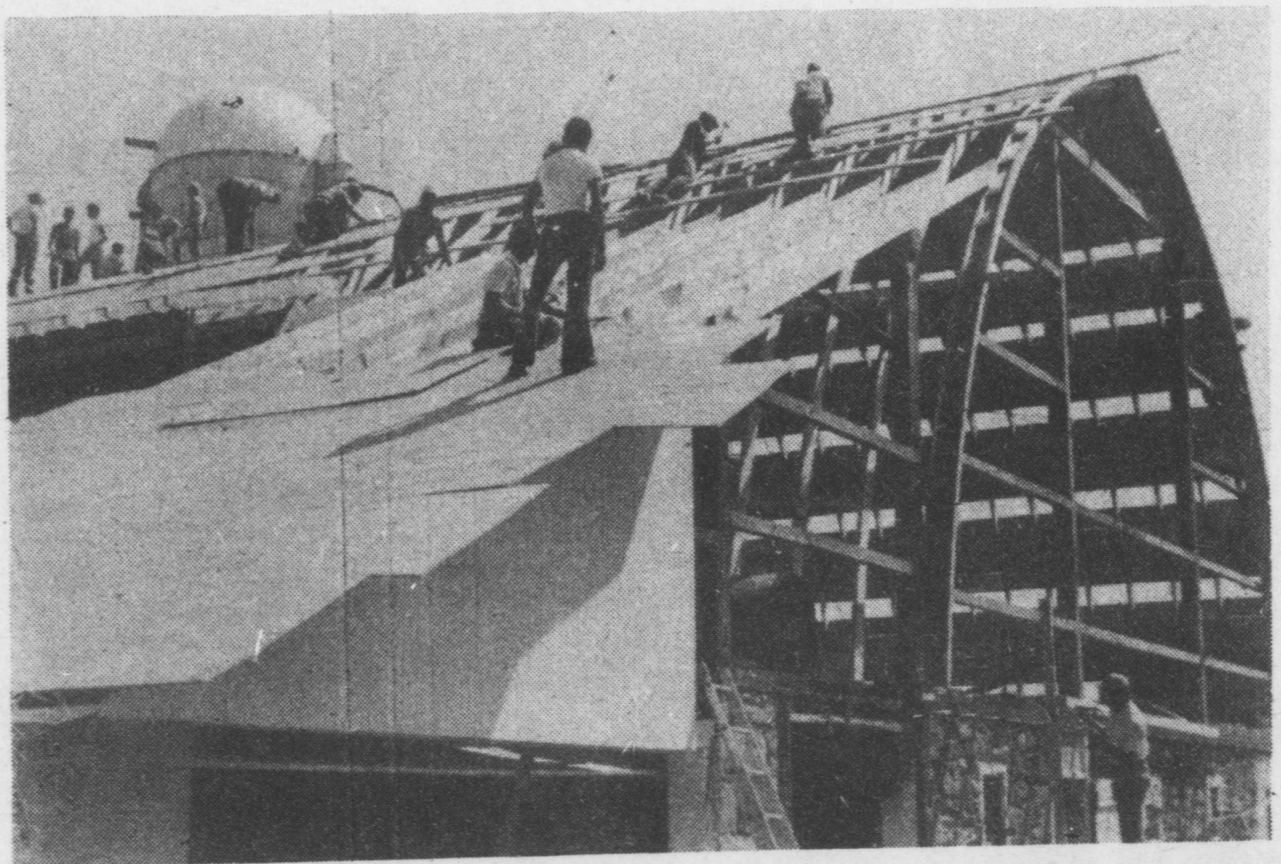
For the past month the Susquehanna Bulletin has bringing up to date the subscription lists of both the old Susquehanna Times and the Mount Joy Bulletin, which were combined in the new newspaper.

Subscription renewal notices have been sent out to people whose subscriptions expired before August 1975.

These subscriptions should be renewed by mail within the next week, in order to receive the Bulletin after September 15.

**School really is beginning now for some**

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## Rissers & Chiques churches rally to raise new Eli Breneman barn

On July 28 the barn of Eli Grove, burned to its foundations.

Last week, a month later, a new barn was going up on

the same foundations.

Members of Rissers Mennonite and Chiques Brethren Churches and relatives of the Brenemans

were climbing all over the new structure, putting it together piece by piece.

In two days the barn was almost completed.