

Mount Joy Borough Council explains action on offering Graybill house to Historical Soc.

Dear Residents:

Due to the fact that there has been much publicity concerning Borough Council's decision regarding the future of the Borough house, located on the corner of Manheim and North Barbara Streets, Borough Council has deemed it necessary to make this public statement.

This property was purchased by the Borough in 1930. The house has no hot water, no central heating system nor any indoor plumbing facilities except for one kitchen sink. Following many hours of deliberations, Council decided it was time to correct the deficiencies in this property.

The alternatives discussed ranged from renovating the building to tearing it

down. After thoroughly discussing the alternatives, Council decided that it could not permit the house to be occupied in its present condition, nor could it permit the use of public funds to upgrade the property.

While Council was having this discussion, it was discovered that the Mount Joy Area Historical Society was actively looking for a property in which to establish a public museum and community center. Upon receipt of this information, Borough Council approached the Historical Society to see if they would be interested in renting the house for this use, contingent upon making certain improvements to the house. Negotiations with the Historical Society for the rental of this property have now

ceased, but regardless of what has transpired with the Historical Society, Council has decided to ask the tenant to vacate the property. During Council's deliberations, it was fully aware that almost any decision it would make changing the status of the building would necessitate having the property vacated.

The Graybill family have been excellent tenants throughout the term of their stay. They are the type of people that any community would be proud to have as citizens.

This letter should clear up any misunderstandings prompted by previous pub-

licity on this matter.

Very truly yours,
BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF MOUNT JOY

Letters to editor

Dear Editor:

While Chicago continues to search for an agreeable teachers contract, New York City seems to have reached an accord and Donegal relaxes with its week old contract.

Salaries, benefits, wages, vacations, workloads, and conditions seem to be the major considerations in most school negotiations, and that is exactly the concern of most people today, including the public, whose tax money is being utilized to solve the school contract conflicts. Negotiations too often are kept secret, discussed in closed session, and released to the public only after the public's money has been spent. It is only natural that concerned

citizens become distressed during the super-secret negotiations, and after the negotiations, they become irate due to the Not-so-secret Tax Increase.

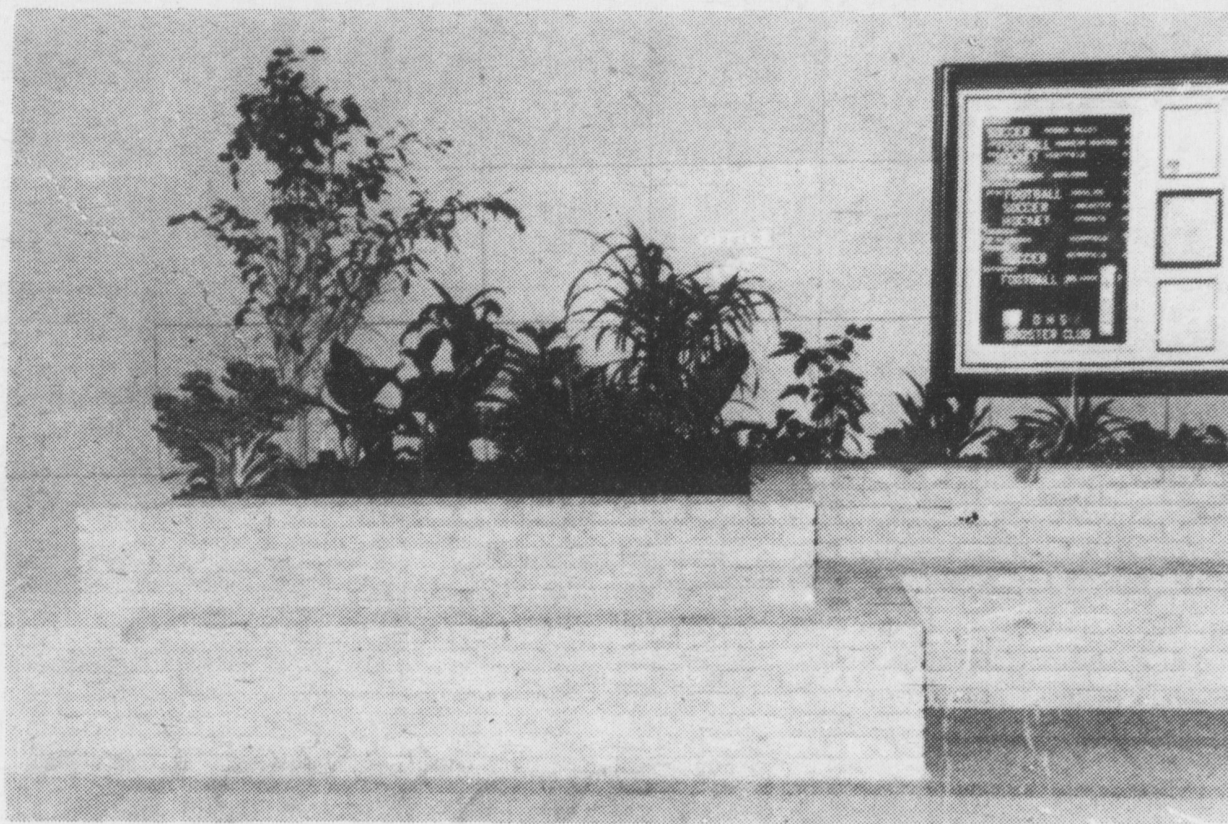
The Marietta Jaycees are one such group of concerned taxpayers who would very much like to see the Donegal School Board and Teacher's Association's contract negotiations opened to public scrutiny. After all, these are elected officials and public servants quibbling over the use of taxpayers' money, and it is only proper that the negotiations be public information.

It should be obvious to our local school board officials that the pendulum is swinging toward more open

government operations. Let them note the intent of the 1974 passage of New York's open-records law, Massachusetts' open-budget process law, and Pennsylvania's "Sunshine Law". Let them especially note the result of the unfolding of the Watergate operation.

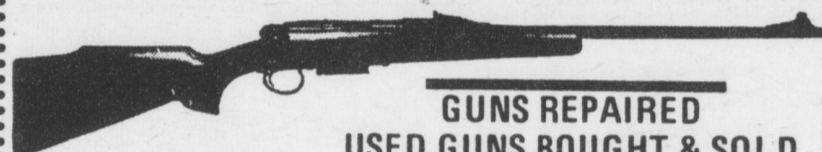
If our local school board Candidates wish to continue to agree with the teacher's organization to hold closed pre-contract sessions, then let them run on a political platform of secrecy, otherwise let them promise to serve the public by requiring that the contract negotiations be open to the public.

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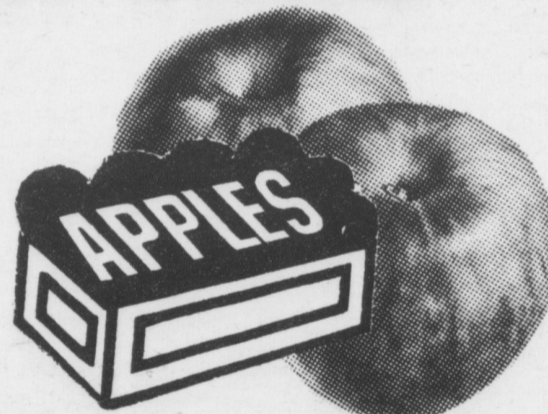


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