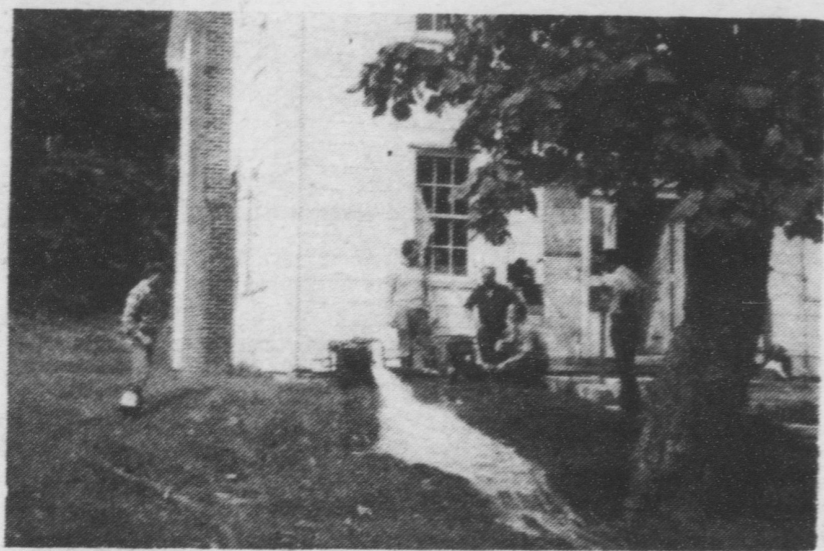


Mount Joy fire companies had a very busy schedule last week



Firemen pump out basement in Mount Joy

It rained and rained, the waters rose, the phones rang, the sirens blew. That is how it started Sunday, September 21 and ended Friday, September 26.

By 6 a.m. Friday, September 26, a three man crew was answering phones as fast as they could pick them up at the Mount Joy Fire and Ambulance Base. Phones were also ringing at the local fire stations. By 9 a.m. every fire company in the northwestern part of Lancaster County was busy.

Friendship and Florin Companies in Mount Joy began working as early as 7 a.m. pumping cellars. Friendship Fire Co. No. 1 was the first to answer a rescue call.

Seven children and two adults were rescued from rising waters in a mobile home on Sportsmens Road in Mount Joy at 9:20 a.m. The Mount Joy ambulance transported the family to St. Mark's U.M. Church for

temporary shelter. Florin Fire Company's Rescue truck was called to assist, but was not needed.

Area fire departments answered numerous fire calls related to the weather such as oil burner fires. At 11:30 a.m. Rheems, Elizabethtown, and Florin fire departments answered a fire call at Wengers Feed Mill in Rheems. A minute later Friendship, Mount Joy, responded to an alarm on Donegal Springs Road. Upon arrival, firemen found no fire, just a basement full of water. The last rescue call for the local area came at 2:05 p.m. at the Jay Gingrich residence on Longenecker Road. It was reported that two people were in a two-story garage. However, firemen weren't needed. Apparently the caller mistook them for being stranded. Firemen continued to pump cellars until midnight when they retired until 8:00 a.m., Saturday morning, September 27.

Bateman thanks organizations citizens for help during flood

After the waters of the Little Chiques had receded into their normal channel, Mount Joy Borough Manager Joseph Bateman expressed his appreciation to all the people and organizations who had assisted during the flood on Friday.

He thanked the fire, police and civil defense departments for help in

directing traffic, the fire department for pumping out basements and rescuing one family, stranded in their trailer near the Cove.

Bateman said that citizens responded helpfully to the borough's appeal to conserve water while the water treatment plant was temporarily disabled Friday.



Photo by James Beck II

Graybill house, center of recent controversy in Mount Joy, appears to be an island



Photo by James E. Beck, II

Building at east end of Mount Joy flooded by overflowing Little Chiques

By late Saturday afternoon most pump details were completed. The Mount Joy Fire and Ambulance Base reported taking over 150 pump calls for the Mount Joy, Elizabethtown, and Bainbridge areas. Calls also came into the local fire stations themselves.

A special note of thanks should go to the firemen, ambulance personnel, fire police, and ladies' auxiliaries who came out in the downpour to help their fellow men.



Maytown '15 class reunites

The 1915 class of the Maytown High School held their 60 year reunion at the home of J. Clarence Garber at New Danville on Thursday, September 25.

Members of the class attending were: Emily Kraybill, Esther Nissley Kraybill, Grace Henderson, Elmer B. Grove and J. Clarence Garber.

The guests were: Mrs. Elmer B. Grove, John Kraybill, John Dillinger and Mrs. Garber.

Six members were not present. This was the largest class to graduate from Maytown High School. There were 23 in the class.

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