

## Homes, Vo-Tech, Donegal Church, Cameron mansion on BPW tour



Heidi Murphy, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Robert C. Murphy, standing by restored fireplace in study house of Donegal Presbyterian Church

leaf tables, etc. A fireplace paneled with old church pews and a wagon seat coffee table are unique living room furnishings. Several Mount Joy banks, cherry seeders, and door stops are on display in the "sun porch"—the most recent remodeled room in the house.

**2. Glossbrenner United Methodist Church Parsonage—The Reverend and Mrs. Clair L. Wagner, Jr., and sons, 713 Church Street, Mount Joy.**

Like other United Methodist parsonages, the home, the drapes, floor coverings, and some appliances are provided by the church. Family "treasurers" are put to use throughout the house.

**3. Mount Joy Vo-tech School, R.D.#2, Mount Joy**

A visit to the Floriculture Area of the school will be available for tourists where terrariums, fall arrangements, and holiday flowers can be viewed. Also a visit to the Cosmetology Department where hairstyles will be visible (old fashioned and new) for the holiday season. Visitors can see furniture being restored and hand decorated. In the food trades department, one may see, smell, and taste foods being prepared. Showcases have been specially designed for the tour.

**4. Apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bleau, Springfield Gardens, Donegal Springs Road.**

The wide-ranging tastes of the Bleaus are evident in their living room, in which a Bertoria stainless chair blends with an antique mailbox from a college dormitory, used to house shoes, a mobile of thorns, with a lush corduroy sofa.

The kitchen is definitely for cooking with spices and condiments everywhere and handpainted Mexican dishes on open shelving of redwood and concrete blocks.

Sculptures, portraits and enamels, the works of friends, are featured throughout the apartment. Plants abound, even on the adjoining patio, providing both privacy and a beautiful view.

**5. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mowrer, R.D.#1, Mount Joy.**

This brick ranch home, built in 1965 and purchased in 1966 by the Mowrers is furnished with a flair for both modern and the antique. The dining room has a collection of ironstone, "tea leaf" pattern, that belonged to Mrs. Mowrer's mother. A pine dry sink has been recently antiques with German stencils on the doors. A small doughnut box, similar to the dough tray, are among many objects of interest.

**6. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood R. Buckwalter, Donegal Springs Road.**

This house, designed and built by the owner, is bi-level in a Southern Plantation style. A spacious foyer with open stairs catches the eye upon entering the dwelling. Furnished in the colonial period, the furniture is of solid cherry and was made by the late Ira Leshner, uncle of the owners. A number of antique pieces collected by the family and a large cherry grandfather clock were also constructed by Mr. Leshner.

**7. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Banks, Donegal Springs Road**

This home is an excellent reproduction of a house in Colonial Williamsburg. The Colonial motif is carried throughout with the use of dark stained woodwork including "crown molding and wainscoting". The furnishings are reproductions of early Chippendale and Queen Anne Periods. Clock fanciers will appreciate a seven and one-half grandfather built by a craftsman from Smoketown, in the main hallway.

**8. Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Smith, Janet Avenue, Oak Lane Development, Donegal Springs Road.**

This new bi-level home was planned by Paul and Barbara Smith and built by Carl Zeiset in 1973. The structure has a red brick and white siding exterior with black accents; the interior



The study house of Donegal Presbyterian Church, recently restored under the direction of Jerry Martin of Marietta. The study house was originally built in 1810.

reflects Barbara's eclectic tastes, with a few antiques and strong emphasis on early American styling. A chest inherited from Barbara's great-great grandmother. A kerosene lamp, various clocks, and a small china tea set are among other interesting items to be found in the Smith home. Mrs. Smith enjoys antiques furniture, creating floral arrangements, sewing and home canning. Evidence of all these handicrafts can be seen throughout the home.

**9. Mrs. Herbert Sarver, Walnut Tree Farm, Off Route #230 West, under R.R. underpass, 1st right, farmhouse on right side of the road.**

A typical Pennsylvania farmhouse with the center part dating back to pre-revolutionary war time, this three-generation home was built in three stages. Family antiques including a Meissen dinner set are shown in the built-in corner cupboard and Dutch sideboard. The original pine wood floor boards, woodwork and four poster bed in the attic have completely escaped modernization. The arch cellar has meat hooks and butcher equipment used in early days. There will be a demonstration of Tole Ware Painting and crafts during the tour.

**10. Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott Heisey, Rheems.**

Built in 1742 on property deeded by the Penns, this sandstone, limestone, and clapboard house was formerly a one and one-half story structure; however, after a hurricane wind blew the roof off the house, it was made into a two-story house. The stone wall is enclosed completely on the second floor by clapboard.

Many family pieces have been treasured, including a 1750 walnut cupboard in the dining room, in which a set of Late Adams Rose tableware is displayed.

In the living room are a grandfather clock (circa 1850) and two 250 year old combback Mission chairs. The water color painting of Donegal Church which hangs over the mantle of the fireplace is one of several works by local artists found throughout the house, including a number of interesting landscapes.

**11. Donegal Presbyterian Witness Tree Church, Study and Pastors Home, Donegal Springs.**

This church is more than 250 years old. Worship services are held every Sunday morning. Historically, it is known as the "Witness Tree" church. When a messenger brought the news to the Donegal

people that Lord Howe was invading Pennsylvania in September, 1777, the worshippers immediately gathered around the large oak tree in front of the church and vowed their allegiance to the patriot's cause. This tree, still standing, is between 300 and 400 years old. Once a year special services are held to commemorate this historical occasion.

**12. Cameron Estate Conference Center, adjacent to Donegal Presbyterian Church.**

Once the country home of Simon Cameron, U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania, and the first Secretary of War in President Lincoln's Cabinet, this stately mansion is now owned by Elizabethtown College and is used as a conference center. There are twenty-five rooms in the house and fifteen acres of wooded grounds around it. The college opened the estate in 1971 following renovation of all three floors within the house but made no changes on the exterior of the house nor in rustic grounds around it.

Light refreshments will be served here during the tour.

### Cubs Halloween party

by Robert W. Mark

Den 5 and den 6, Mount Joy Cub Scouts, pack 136, held a Halloween Party under the leadership of Carolyn Waltz and Edna Wolf. Attending were: Thomas Waltz, Eric Brenner, Wayne Buchter, Dean Lane, David Zuschlag, Todd Newcomer, Kelly Geib, Eddie Geib, Barry Helsher, Randy Fletcher, Shawn

Kayor, Thomas Stoe, Raymond Becker, and Kevin Herr. Prizes were won by Barry Helsher, Thomas Stoe, Eric Brenner, and Eddie Geib.

Attending Cub Scout Roundtable at Zion Lutheran Church in Landisville were Robert W. Mark, cubmaster, John Auker, Kenneth Good, Ann Mark, Shirley Good, Evelyn Duke, and John Auker.

### 4-H capon show Nov. 18

The annual 4-H Dressed Capon Show for the Elizabethtown - Donegal area will be held on Tuesday, November 18, at Hostetter's Banquet Hall in Mount Joy, at 9:30 a.m. After judging, birds will be sold to Rotary members.

Mr. Kermit Birth, Professor of Poultry Marketing at Penn State, will judge the show.

All 4-H club members are invited to be guests of the Mount Joy Rotary Club at luncheon after the judging.

