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Letter to editor

Last Wednesday I attended, along with several hundred other people, a banquet honoring not only a great teacher and coach, but truly a fine gentleman--- Walt Price.

This man has spent his entire career trying to instill in his students the qualities of respect and discipline, which are seldom seen in most schools today. All teachers spend at least seven hours a day with their

students and sometimes four or five more if they assist with any extra-curricular activities. This is probably more time than most parents spend with their children each day. Yet, these same teachers and coaches not only have to put up with the smallest complaints from parents when something goes wrong, but it seems now they have to buck the administration and

the school board.

I feel the people of this district who elect the board members, (who are supposed to represent the people), deserve to hear an explanation from the president of the board as to why this man should feel he has to resign after he has done so much for the school and the students. You would think a teacher and coach of this caliber would be urged to stay at his job and encouraged to continue his good work. But, in Donegal School District it seems you are criticized and blasphemed for work well done.

Certainly, the fact that several hundred people gathered to honor Mr. Price, to show their appreciation for what he had done for so many years, should make some explanation necessary.

sary.

One of my reasons for running for the office of school director this past November was to find out what went on behind the closed doors. Some people will say this letter is just sour grapes on my part since I lost the election, but if more people would be willing to get involved, maybe constructive action would be taking place at Donegal, instead of destructive action. Instead of complaining among ourselves about some of the school directors, why not confront these members with our complaints about injustices, such as the one committed against Mr. Price. The longer we sit back and let things like this happen, the longer the glory seekers of the board will rule.

I hope all of those who were not fortunate enough to attend the banquet, will express to Mr. Price their sincere support in any future endeavor he chooses to pursue.

Mary E. Hoffmaster

MRS. JOHN C. WAGNER TO DISPLAY ART WORK

by Emily Foley

Mrs. John C. Wagner from Manheim is displaying art work at the Mount Joy Library during the month of December. She was painting with oil for twenty years using brushes and palette knife. Her paintings were displayed in Manheim and at the Lancaster Historical Society.

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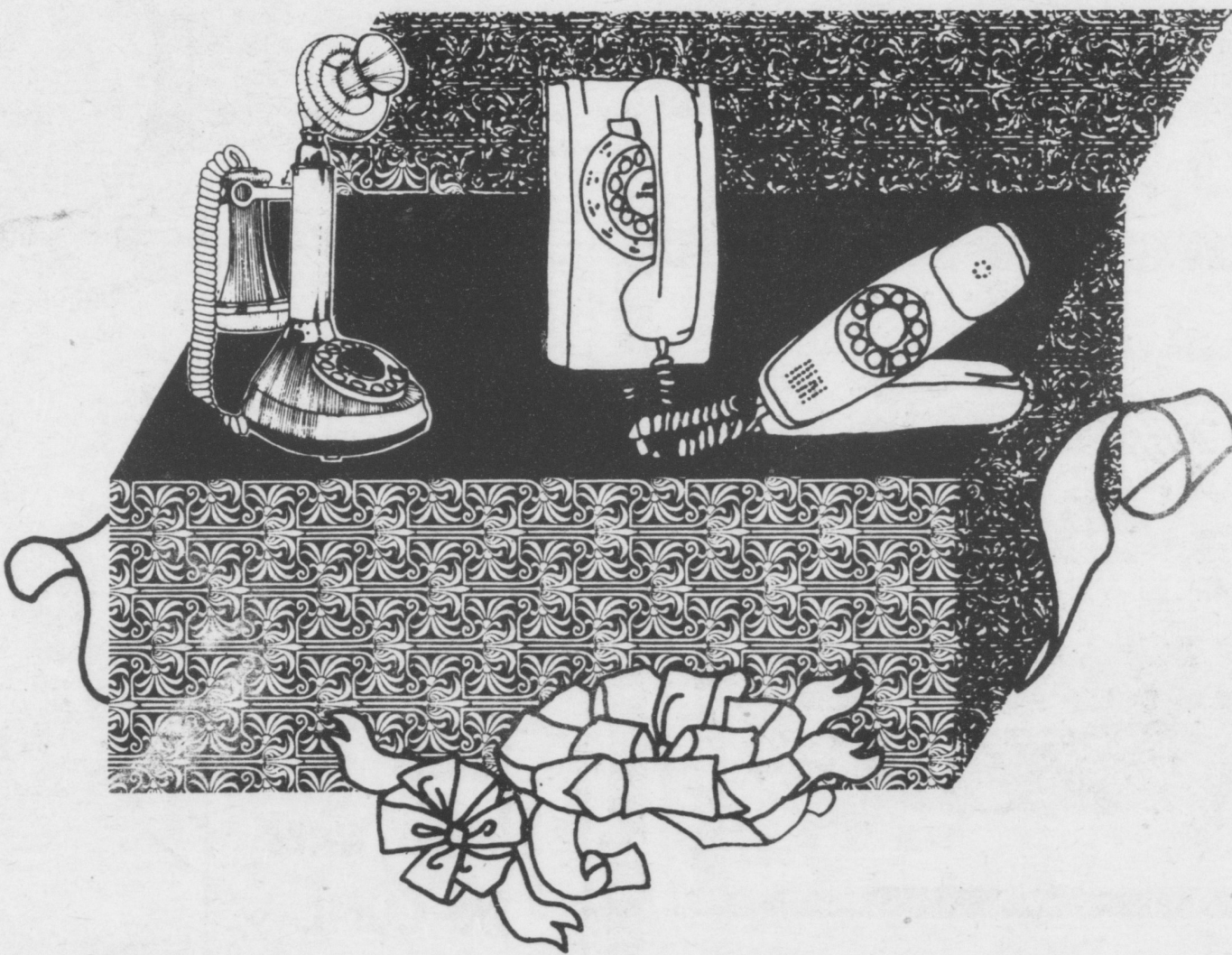
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