

# MOUNT CARMEL NEWS



THE SHADOW ACROSS THE HEARTS OF AMERICANS.



A CHILD'S THOUGHTS

This little youngster was one of many who attended the Solemn Requiem Mass at Our Lady's Church for the late President Kennedy, Monday at noon. Her sober face reflects the grief that touched young and old when the United States lost its president from an assassin's bullet.



THEY PAID TRIBUTE

The family at 138 West Second Street paid their tribute to the late President by displaying the American flag with a black drape.

## WE CAN'T CRITICIZE GOD'S WAY

# Borough Residents Mourn Death of Great Leader

The red, green and silver foil of the Christmas decorations looked out of place this past weekend on Oak Street.

Their bright, shiny finish seemed dull and unreal. The gaiety and laughter, the smiles and good fellowship that pre-dominates the season had disappeared in the deep gloom that descended on every person when the news flashed that the President was dead.

From Friday afternoon, when the still unbelievable words came from the television sets and radios, to the time that the flag draped coffin was placed in the Mount Carmel became part of the millions of mourners for the head of the United States.

They turned aside any thoughts of attending colorful football games or happy social parties. Every man, woman and child

could find no smiles for the daily pleasures of life. They all wanted to share every moment of the life so quickly snuffed out. Ears were kept close to radios at placards where television sets were unavailable as information of the great tragedy was pieced together by the men and women of the press.

To them, the week-end of November 22, 23, 24 and 25, 1963 will never be forgotten.

You could see the emotion and feeling in the faces of the people. You could watch the outright grief of those not strong enough to withhold their tears.

To each one, the passing of John Fitzgerald Kennedy was a personal tragedy.

In every conversation the most common phrase used was "it's unbelievable." The policeman on the corner, the housewife at her sink, the businessman in his store—all declared in their own words that the tragedy was a black mark on America. They all asked the question that may never be answered, "Why?"

As the week-end passed and the day of burial arrived, the town of Mount Carmel seemed to stop every activity. A walk down the streets from the time that the cortege moved from the Capitol to the Church revealed only one or two people, most of them grim of face and weary with the grief that hit America. Few cars traveled the roads. Business doors were closed and only those individuals who could not leave their posts remained at work. Without a doubt 98 percent of Mount Carmel's residents had their eyes glued to the television sets or attended the church of their choice while the President's final journey down the streets of Washington was made.

### PERSONAL FEELING

Standing near the corner of Fourth and Market Chief of Police Tony Trefsgar was visibly moved by the empty scene. He couldn't watch it on television, he said. Better to be away from it. "I'm sick," was his graphic way of describing how he felt about the assassination of President Kennedy. "It tore the guts out of everybody. There'll never be another one to match him. I'd never believe that this could happen in America."

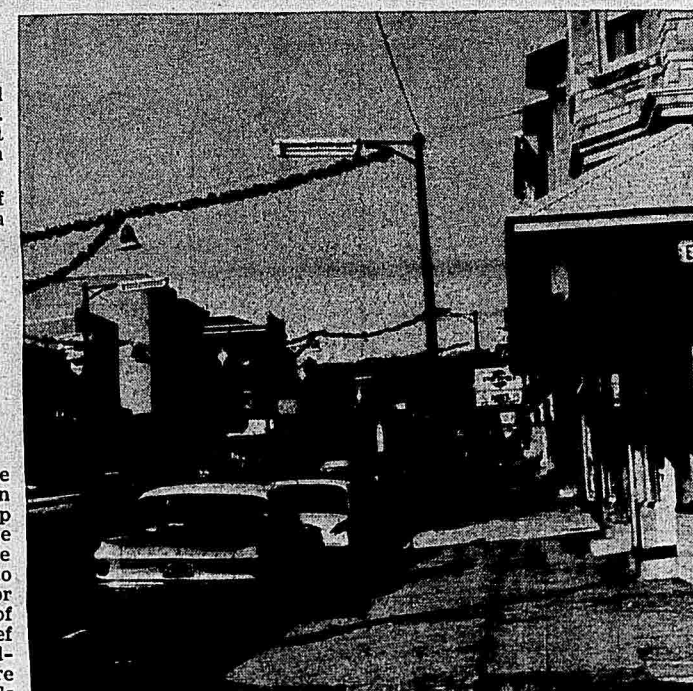
Further down the street, Councilman James Nolan walked out of the Solemn Requiem Mass at Our Lady's. His face tense, he used the familiar words of many many others. "It's unbelievable. If a world leader died just naturally, you'd accept it, but assassination—never!"

And to the Rev. Joseph Bradley, pastor of Our Lady's, the death of America's first Catholic president brought these profound words. "All America has been shocked. And as we certainly interpret the mind of our deceased president, we know he would want us to unite behind President Johnson. While we pray sincerely and earnestly that God is already rewarding the dedicated life of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, we are also mindful in our prayers of Divine

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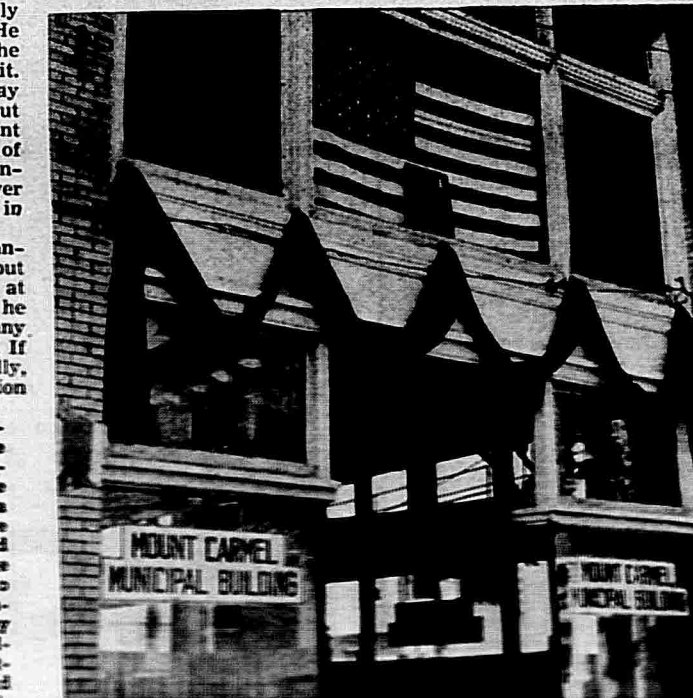


MOUNT CARMEL JOINED MOURNERS THE WORLD OVER



THE QUIET STREET

Only one small boy was visible on the streets of Mount Carmel during the time that services were held for the late president.



SOLEMN TRIBUTE FROM THE BOROUGH'S GOVERNMENT



TIME TO RELAX

The '64 Club was created by the football players to have a place to relax and make sure every one obeyed the rules. Going over plans for this week's traditional tilt with Shamokin are Chapell, Ron Wasilewski, Dalpiaz and Hamernick.



APPROPRIATE TRIM

Charles Dalpiaz gets some help from Dennis Hamernick to attach the drawing Charles made for the boys' '64 Club'. The room serves as a special meeting place for the Mount Carmel High Tornadoes.

## 'Key Club' for Red Tornadoes

### Public High Senior Gridders Find Place to Relax, Study

There's a Key Club in Mount Carmel, but it's not the kind where you will find any "bunnies" or brightly decorated tables filled with gourmet food and refreshments.

In fact "The '64" as the small room at 201 West Fifth Street is dubbed, is a special club, where no smoking or drinking is permitted and no woman crosses over the threshold.

The unique club is designed exclusively for the use of the senior Tornadoes, but when the football season ends, the husky players will open their doors to other members of the school's athletic programs.

In the tiny room, which is owned by the father of one of the boys, makeshift furniture has been added to provide a comfortable retreat. There is a slightly worn couch, a rocking chair, a television set, radio and even a fan.

OWN TRIM  
Gay decoration, drawn by Charles Dalpiaz, decorate the plain blue walls. A home made shade over a ceiling light adds a final touch to the decor.

This little "Key Club" was created for a completely different reason than any of the professional bistros that dot the United States today.

The football players decided that they wanted a place "to loaf", but also some center where they could spend their time and yet get home by curfew — 10:00 p.m.

Within this room, the boys found out that the rules of self discipline were rigidly enforced, that by being together to chat, study and just relax they were

kept from disobeying any of the rules set up for athletes.

The football team uses the room, not only for relaxation, but also to review films of their games. Following all the games, the boys get together to go over the plays they made in the four quarters. They also plan the strategy for their next contest.

### KEEP IT CLEAN

As part of their cooperative program, the boys join hands in keeping their quarters spic'n span. Almost every Saturday you'll see them there dusting, cleaning and washing. They also paint the outside of the building before they set up headquarters.

Cost of upkeep is shared equally by each member, with a collection of \$1.75 made every three months to pay for the light bill. What money is left from this is used to have a party with the refreshments in the form of sizzling pizza or hot dogs or other traditional foods of the great American way.

Before school started, the team all slept in their "key club", using sleeping bags, and others on the couch and makeshift bed. When the Tornadoes finish their traditional contest with Shamokin on Thanksgiving Day, they also plan to use their club for the second party. However, because they lack a stove, they might not sleep



SPECIAL SIGN

Michael Chapell leans on the special sandwich board sign the boys made for the outside entrance of the club. Charles Dalpiaz also painted a swirling tornado on the door to let people know whose corner this is.

here this week if the weather is too cold.

### THE MEMBERS

Those who belong to the exclusive club include the 14 members of the team as well as three senior student managers. They include Robert Menapace, Albert Santos, Michael Chapel, Charles Dalpiaz, Dennis Hamernick, James Waschoski, Oscar Kwiterovich, Richard Wangle, Al Zelinski, Joseph Greco, Victor Bridi, Elmer Rathosky and Ronald Washlow-ski, whose father permitted the boys to use the spare room next

to his home. The student managers are Richard Lerch, John Michalega and Chester Mackavage.

The era of Mount Carmel's key club will be a short one, for when the boys graduate next June, they plan to lock the doors and turn the keys back to Mr. Wasilewski. From now until that date however, Mount Carmel High's athletes hold the key to a club which helps them to discipline themselves and to assume the responsibilities of ownership of their private quarters.

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

# Approve Bills for Payment

Mount Carmel Borough Council approved for payment this month the following bills: Union National Bank, safe deposit box rent, \$3.30; councilmen salaries \$250; Carpenter Atlantic, oil, \$83.89; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, second payment, \$650; Joseph Zecoski, tax collector, commission, \$725.48, \$366.33; sweeper insurance, \$95.64; borough's share of office expense and bond premium, \$203.28; Bell Telephone Company, services, \$56.40; Anthracite Fire Company, part payment appropriation, \$500; Clover Hose, \$500; American Hose, \$500; West End Fire Company, \$500. Borough payroll, \$2,241.65 and \$2,596.79; Liquid Fuels payroll, \$967.27 and \$1,200.96; State Workmen's Insurance Fund, October premium, \$118; First National Bank, city hall payment, \$142.23; Mount Carmel Window Cleaning Company, services, \$12; fire watchers and testing, \$40.00; Atlas Barware, \$8.00; Bradley Frank Miller Plumbing, labor

and material, \$36.66; Miller's Auto Supplies, fire, supplies, \$7.38; Penman's Plumbing, labor and materials, \$14.65; Pen Construction Company, sewer inlets, \$144; Reiner Brothers Lumber Company, material, \$2.80; Shamokin Cycle Shop, re-inflating tank, \$4.50; Stecker and Company, office supplies, \$36.51; Union National Bank, payroll checks, \$56.75; Tom Wolfgang Electric, traffic light repairs, \$7.70. From the Liquid Fuels Regular Account, Herb's garage, \$137.37; Gabe's Garage, \$109.04; Joe's Garage, \$44.42; Thruway Equipment Company, \$385.74; John Wardrop and Son, \$327. Liquid Fuels Payroll Account: George Herman, \$101.52 and \$124.34; Peter Jesick, \$106.05 and \$119.79; Ben Trefsgar, \$132.50 and \$123.83; Stanley Domulevich, \$117.02; Anthony Chesney, \$97.56 and \$117.21; Stanley Orzel, \$72.80; James Burns, \$45.50 and \$126; Joseph Deklinski, \$27.20 and \$63.70; Joseph Burzynski, \$9.10 and \$81.90; Joseph Kosciak, \$9.10 and \$91; Sam Andreuski, \$45.50; Thomas Howard, \$45.50; George Henry, \$45.50 and \$45.50; Charles Gadowski, \$26.60; Steve Peszchick,

\$54.60; Joseph Chapman, \$54.60 and Stanley Pascavage, \$36.40. Water and Light Account, Joseph Zecoski, commission on taxes, \$105.59; \$295.06; \$148.52; office and bond expense, \$203.28; Mount Carmel Water Company, \$1,105.28. Special Bond Account, Joseph Zecoski, tax commission, \$98.35 and \$49.53 and office and bond expense, \$203.28. Special Equipment Fund, Joseph Zecoski, tax commission, \$147.81 and \$74.49.

## CITIZEN IN THE SERVICE

Staff Sergeant Jack W. Grendrum of Mount Carmel, has been named Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer of the month in the 97th Combat Defense Squadron at Blytheville Air Force Base, Arkansas.

Sergeant Grendrum, a United States Air Force administrative supervisor, was selected for the honor in recognition of his exemplary conduct and performance of duty.

The sergeant, a graduate of Mount Carmel Senior High School, is the son of Mrs. Harriet E. Schuman of 78-34 68th Ave., Middle Village, N. Y.

## BOROUGH

Continued from page six needs in these critical days and for which he asked in his first statement as President. May God bless and prosper all those who are working in our country today for the realization of ideals of freedom and brotherhood, to which our late president was so sincerely dedicated. May he rest in peace."

### QUIET TRIBUTE

In his barber shop, Andy Lesanski had two television sets on watching the deeply moving scene as the casket carried the president from the cathedral to Arlington. When customers came in, he told them to wait as he viewed a picture that he says will long live in his memory. "You can't put it in words," he said quietly. "When it comes, you couldn't believe it the way it happened, why it happened."

From him, who politically sat on the opposite side of the fence in campaigns, came this tribute: "I believe that if he had been our president in the next four years, he would have gone down in history as a great, and possibly the greatest man in the presidency."

### 'SO YOUNG'

The man on the street was simple and direct in his homage. As Henry Walters said, "he was so young and such a good president. To Joseph Antico, the words were a little harder to say. "It seems like a dream. Something that you didn't think could happen in this country." Watching the sprightly black horse with the commander's boots reversed in the saddle, Antico said it reminded him of the president — so full of life, vibrant and vigorous.

### OUR GREATNESS

One business man declared, with pride, that the tremendous feeling shown by the Americans in their hour of tragedy "will show the world the greatness of our country. This funeral, the way it is done. The response of people the world over will never be forgotten."

In every section of Mount Carmel, the people watched their television. As they witnessed the touching moments of a gentle kiss on a coffin, the salute of a little boy, the tender look of a child at a griefed face, their eyes blurred. During the long journey, the viewers would pause and recite something they had heard about the assassin, a news item that added another piece to the unreal picture. "Did you see the Cardinal kiss Caroline?" "Did you see her touch the coffin?" "Just look at that church. All religions, all races, creeds — all here to pay their respects to him."

These people knew every word, every scene that had made headlines for three endless days. But their love for their president was in sharp contrast to the general feeling expressed about the assassin. One man declared that he was angry at Ruby, the man who killed Oswald, because "we'll never know now why it happened. And somehow we must know."

### KEPT HOPE

Three young college students, Charles Feifer, David Wetzel and William Toy, described the scenes at their schools of Susquehanna University and Elizabethtown College last Friday, as similar to those around the world. David Wetzel said that when the first shot was reported and that the president was still alive, none believed that he was going to die, that it was impossible for the president to go this way. And finally the borough's leader, Mayor Larry Joyce called upon his people to join him in tribute to the president of the United States.

"We believe in the end that we can't predict or condemn the wishes of God in this calling. The reason he was taken away from us, we may never know. We can't criticize God's way. He is at peace. In everything he did, he was trying to see that our children, our children's children would have a better world. We as the people will carry on."

And as the flag that covered the President in his last moments on earth was folded and handed to his widow, the people of Mount Carmel came back to reality.

Traffic on the streets increased. People were now walking along the sidewalks, some were talking to friends, others were shopping. But the tinsel of the holiday decorations was still dull and lifeless as the flags at half mast and the black draped buildings remained as Mount Carmel and in the world and will never be forgotten.