

OUR LANGUAGE

by Jeffrey McQuain

Someone giddy feels dizzy or lightheaded, often from unusual activity. Keep stretching your vocabulary until the exercise makes you giddy.

In spelling **satellite**, remember to double the I. If you need help with the middle of **satellite**, there's a telling clue in **tell**.

OUR LANGUAGE AD-VICE: A travel book about the East Coast carries away today's Ad-Vice Award. On some beaches, says the book, "parking or camping are not permitted." Change are to is in that statement.

Singular subjects joined by or require a singular verb — are is not permitted.

Q. I hear people pronouncing **accept** like **except**. It makes me wonder: Is **except** becoming a verb?

A. For centuries, **except** has been a verb meaning "to leave out or omit." It is not, however, to be confused with **accept**, which means "to agree to or receive." Now feel free to **except** yourself from the list of people not knowing the difference.

Swerve turns aside quickly or suddenly. It rhymes with **curve**, and a dangerous curve can make even careful drivers **swerve**.

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Many thanks to Mark Rowe who wrote this article. The next meeting of the Esquering Historical Society is Wednesday, March 8th at 7:30 at St. John's Anglican Church, Stewarttown. Don Lawson will speak on "Historic Stewarttown".

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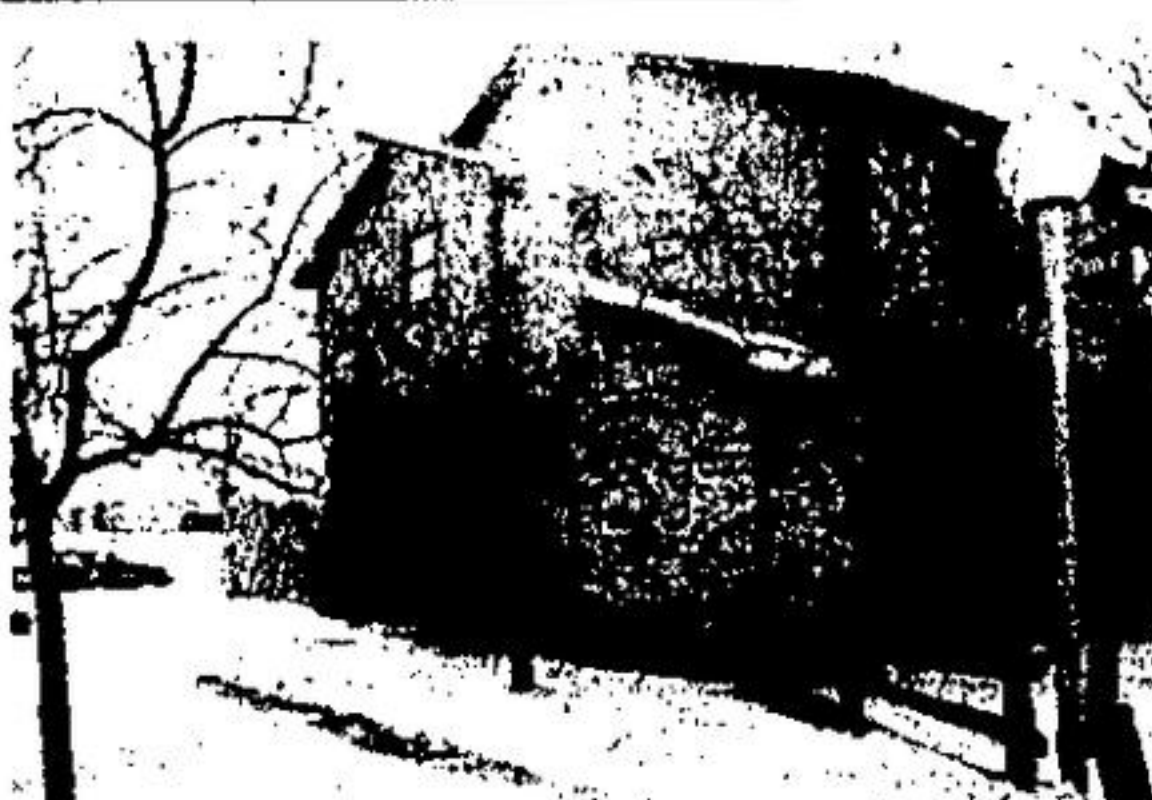


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