

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Your editorial, "Beware The Ordinance", struck a sensitive nerve with me. The statement about people, especially farmers, attending Township meetings is mostly a fallacy.

In the last 20 years, but especially in the last ten years, I have attended the majority of township meetings. This has not helped me or the proper direction for government zoning and ordinances.

It seems that the human nature in people with power takes an opposition point of view to other people's plans. This is especially true at the local government level vs. the local residents. The way I tried to explain my situation at these meetings seems to have been translated in reverse.

I feel that ordinances should only control soil erosion problems, roads and new road right of way, pure water conditions and sewage disposal conditions. The nuisance ordinances and anti property rights or-

dinances should be completely eliminated.

It has always been that if a neighbor feels offended by a situation that person can civil sue the person responsible for that situation, for damages and an order to correct the problem.

It is not fair that because one person has a grudge against another person, to have the township intervene with Township funds to settle that neighbor dispute. What would be agreeable, in my opinion, is to use the services of the township solicitor, at a reduced rate, to help a person file this type claim and to explain both the pro's and con's to all parties affected.

If a person or a group of people don't approve of a situation, they can always buy out that situation and change it. Every day we see ads expressing how valuable a property is because it is zoned commercial. Zoning is an inequitable way of distributing the land, resources, and wealth.

With all the professional help and planning available through government agencies, there is no reason to have local authorities dictate specific details for every person to live by. Authority at the local level should be made clear by state and national legislation. It should be made clear that we either do have property rights or that we don't have property rights.

One of the downfalls of people in government is that they want to eat the cake and have it too. They play both sides of an issue and therefore lose the proper perspective.

A simple solution is to direct laws toward individual decisions and allow time to solve the problem. There isn't any political problem that has claimed to have solved that was not really solved by time and changing elements.

Daniel M. Groff
Lititz

Dear Editor:

Good editorial on "Farm Ordinances" even if it only scratches the surface.

The very fact that politicians are considering a "Right To Farm" bill makes by blood boil. It is indicative of just how far down the 'socialist' road we Americans have strayed.

As a member of PFA and Dauphin County Chairman of the Political Action Committee I wonder how thoroughly we have examined SB 10. As an ex-

highway Engineer I must raise the question of the very survival of our Pennsylvania Highway System with the new heavy truck limits. The Interstates, maybe take a ride across I-80. But the secondary routes, that serve all the Rural area, never, never.

There is no way to keep those trucks off the secondary streets and highways. And the bridges who will ultimately pick up the tab for all that maintenance, Pennsylvanians, and that includes 'farmers' in a very big way.

The trucker who is not willing to limit his loads to our fair limits is a bandit who threatens dairymen to submit to HIS limits or else.

Back to the editorial. It is good to attend meetings but we need to encourage "Farmers" to become candidates. That's where he has the opportunity and platform to 'cry out' against the evils of bureaucracy and politicians who would deny his right to farm.

Keep on — persevere.

Andrew J. Watson,
Harrisburg

Dear Editor:

May I congratulate you on the series of articles you are currently publishing on items related to estates and estate settlement. Sheila Miller is to be commended for her successful venture into the art of reducing legalize into the common language of the "man on the street", or more pointedly "the man behind the plow"

In conjunction to my adult law programs at Goldey Beacom College, I have distributed photocopies of several of the discussions presented by Ms. Miller, as an aid to my students now engrossed in covering the area of real property and wills.

My own teachings always conform to the practice of presenting little understood legal theory in a manner that will be useful and applicable to the students' lives and occupations. Thus, you will understand my grateful appreciation to your publication in removing doubt and difficulties that lay in the path of the farmer who toils so many years, often generations, to provide an estate for his wife and children.

We are long-time subscribers to LANCASTER FARMING. It provides a "textbook" course in the farmer's dilemma. As "city cousin" consumers we never trace the problem of increasing prices and inflation to the farmer's door. Again, thank you for an interesting and intelligently written farm journal.

May I add that the contribution of the "farmer's will", in your editorial of May 24, although humorous, does give a tongue-in-cheek indication of what could possibly remain to be passed along to one's heirs and family in 1980.

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Dear Editor:

In regards to your article on sludge in Londonderry. Mr. Lutz is a builder not a fulltime farmer. The land that the sludge is being dumped on and left for months, at a time in piles is on rented land bought for speculation and not owned by Lutz. There is no house, no barn, just piles of sludge.

No one was at the township meeting because the township does not notify the people only Mr. Lutz and the DAR. If you would have called the DAR, you would have been informed that there were violations.

The only reason this sewerage is being used is because it is free and on rented land.

I raise hogs on a small farm on Newberry Road. All winter we take the blame for the stink. It takes a lot of time to show the neighbors where the real stink is coming from.

I realize the good in sludge used right but this is not a case of being used right, this is a case of greed.

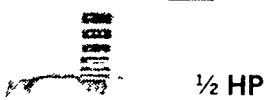
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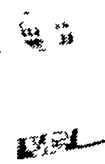


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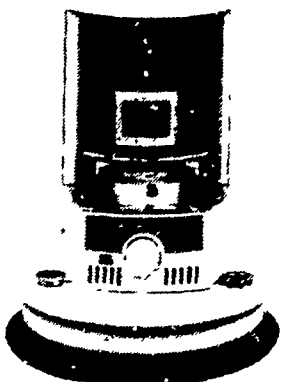
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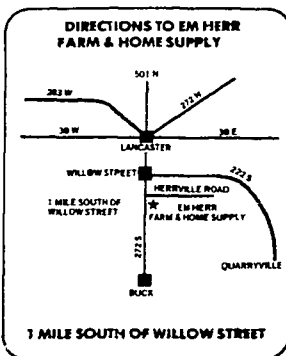
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