

Letters To The Editor

Dear editor:

I have just read your editorial on the Pequea Township Zoning Ordinance and I believe that several of the statements contained

therein are totally unfair, misleading and create an impression that the Board of Supervisors is deliberately attempting to circumvent input from the farming

community. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The September 24, 1980 date set for adoption of the Ordinance was set by my office with one purpose in mind — to have the effective date prior to September 30, 1980 to comply with the Federal Government's timetable that the floodplain provisions of the Ordinance had to go into effect by that date. Nobody in my office knew that there was a Lampeter fair in the first place, and in the second place had not the slightest idea when it even took place.

I indicated this fact to Pat Kauffman approximately a week ago, but in spite of this fact, apparently your office decided to print this insinuation without checking it out.

As above indicated, I think that this is totally misleading and unfair to the governmental officials of Pequea Township. In this regard, I know without question that the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission welcome the input of the farming community with regard to the Ordinance. This has

always been the case and many of the agriculturally oriented problems that have arisen in the past have been reviewed with certain members of the farming community before action was taken.

I think your comment with regard to the rush is also totally improper and unfair. No municipality can adopt the floodplain regulations to meet the federal guidelines until all the mapping is done. After this mapping is done, the time period for implementation is quite short and I felt very strongly that the floodplain regulations should be made a part of the total package which constitutes the revisions to the Zoning Ordinance. Pequea Township would unquestionably incur additional advertising and hearing costs if total adoption does not take place at one time. It was for this reason that the timetable was set up as it was.

I should further add that the critical date is not September 24, 1980 because we certainly anticipate having all of the "bugs" worked out by that date. On the contrary, the critical date is September 4, 1980 when the Planning Commission will hold its public hearing. After this public hearing the Supervisors and the Planning Commission will be able to review and digest the comments from all facets of the community and then make those changes that are necessary to adopt a fair Ordinance for the benefit of all residents of Pequea Township.

Consequently, I again point out to you that the September 4 date is the critical one.

My comments above are also geared to your language such as "railroad through a whole zoning package". This kind of editorial commentary in Lancaster County has not, in my opinion, ever sat very well with the reading public. If you are attempting to sensationalize the matter, I think that you should have all your facts straight before writing and making comments in this form.

It is my personal belief, without having the facts substantiated by either the Planning Commission or the Supervisors of Pequea Township, that several of the items contained in the Ordinance as originally drafted may be too restrictive (in particular, paragraph 3 of Section 1912) and need review and possible elimination.

The thrust of this letter is not to ward off legitimate comments with regard to the nature of the Ordinance. Certainly those comments in your article that are designed to constitute fair comment should be printed. My objections center around the form that the article took and the making of several remarks concerning the scheduling which are totally unfair and incorrect.

Charles B. Grove, Jr.
Pequea Township Solicitor

Dear Editor,

Too often we in the community at large hear only of the negative things young people do, either overlooking or never learning of all the fine constructive positive things a greater majority of our young people do in their spare time.

We also overlook the handful of adults who

support our young people in the accomplishment of these endeavors, and in essence are co-operating with all of us who are parents of today's children, tomorrow's world-shapers. We need to say thank you to them all many times over, we who are or are not presently parents.

Each of us can surely think of parallels in relation to the specific activities our own youngsters are involved in; for me of great impression is what I have observed these past months while my own youngsters have participated in 4-H. I've sat in attendance with my youngsters (rather than travelling out again in round-trip). There has been a bit of tom-foolery as is normal for healthy youngsters, but over-all there has been mutual interest and support among the children each for the other child's needs in his project, and the older youth as I observed very effectively drawing out discussion from the shy or younger members - one young boy in a recent experience being seen to suddenly beam with joy as he realized others were actively interested in what he had to say.

Others have helped the young club-reporter clip news releases from the papers which he had no access to, enabling him to do well on his Reporter's notebook, have helped gather needed parts for a difficult project, etc.

Throughout the year I have seen Mrs. Betty Rick, our Springtown Club's adult leader giving willing ear to youngsters at monthly meetings and over the phone, taking time along with her busy life of responsibilities as mother and as wife of a dairy farmer. In addition to all this, as a 4-H leader her time is tied up also with a mound of paper work that she must complete, and with accuracy of detail, if confusion and disappointment among her 4-H'ers is to be avoided, and they reap the rewards of growth from the assortment of project in which they work. Betty has encouraged parents and teens and other folk from the community to co-operate in her efforts with our young people, some lending their know-how to guiding youngsters in their projects; some who, like the postmistress in our town, afford avenue for display of the youngsters projects.

Others like the judges have spent numerous long hours evaluating the growth and quality of workmanship all wrapped up in the projects of each and every child.

At Fair the caring of each of these adults was especially apparent. My own youngsters waited at their places up to 90 minutes until the judge had the opportunity to confer with him. It would have seemed a long wait were it not that the judge spent adequate time with each youngster drawing out from the child as well as imparting to him information relative to the endeavor; he gave each youngster reasonable time tho' all the while he stood mid the press of a myriad others equally hot and sweaty who were interested in hearing what was to be heard about something interesting (not to mention

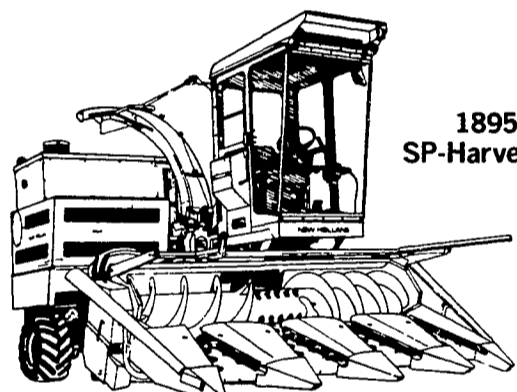
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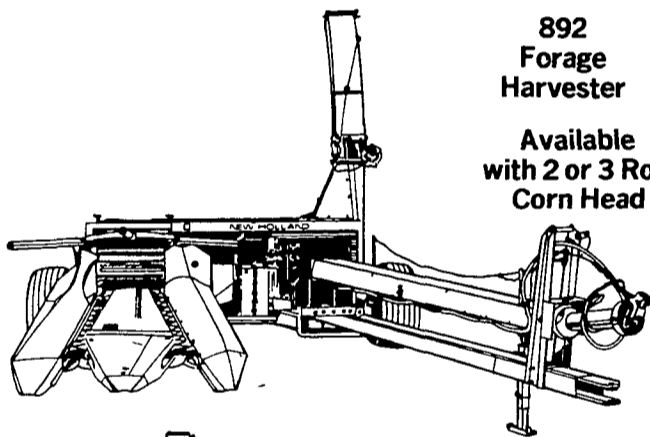
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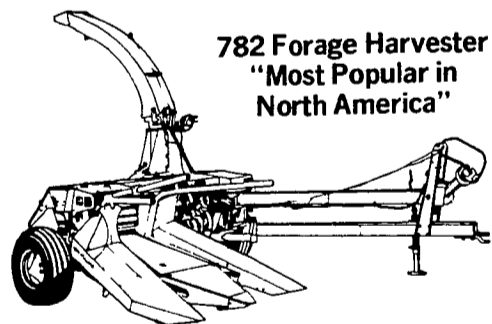


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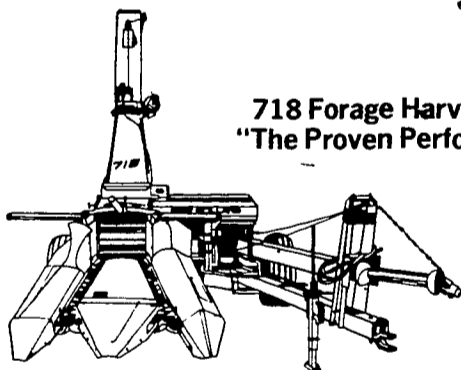
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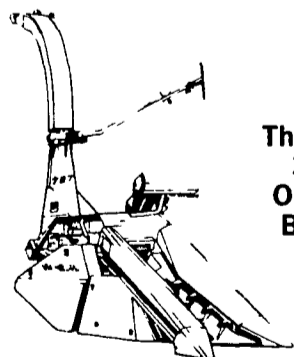
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