

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

It is with interest that I have been following the letters that have been published here and there in opposition to a pigeon housing problem with Robert E. Kline.

As a reader of your paper, and a taxpayer, I should like to make a few public comments on the positive side of this problem. The complaints all seem to be on the negative side—and all seem to stem from one source.

I feel certain many other taxpayers in the area would concur with my way of thinking.

The land in question for the home of these pigeons was purchased in good faith by Mr. Kline. The plot was for the sole purpose of a new and more beautiful home for the birds. This plot is about 150 feet directly across from the present home for the birds.

In accordance with legal procedure, a permit was secured and the purpose was properly stated. Also an architectural design of the complete project was made—showing a design to conform and definitely improve the surrounding environment. Mr. Kline kept in mind that it is a bit unusual for "birds" to be inhabitants in the neighborhood, but did his best to make a pleasing design out of his drawings.

It is indeed sad that the people who are complaining could not wait until the "bird village" was completed, so that they could see the real beauty of the completed plans. These drawings are available for anyone to inspect.

Also, it is strange that it took these people twelve years to come to the fact that these birds—and their droppings—are a detriment to their properties. These are not ordinary birds—but homing pigeons, beautiful and pleasing to the eye. How could these droppings truly be a menace, when the birds only roam about one hour per day—and then only during the spring training season.

Homing pigeons have been Mr. Kline's hobby for more than sixteen years.

Since legal procedure as required was followed—a permit was purchased—and at that time he intended to build in his own back yard. It was then suggested to him to place them on the special plot, so that neighbors and passersby might enjoy hearing this flock of trained birds. It is a special delight for bird watchers and most people to see these birds in a natural habitat.

If a taxpayer purchases a permit, builds a building, and his neighbors do not like

his design, they have only one alternative—to secure a petition and have his permit

suspended and force him to remove the building.

I agree with Mr. Kline that these complaints should have been made 12 years ago, when the birds first came to the area and before he invested his time and money to make the hobby much more desirable in his neighborhood.

I feel certain if a vote were taken in the area, there would be many more positive than negative votes for the project.

May I say to those people complaining against the project—"What is more beautiful than a flock of well-trained homing pigeons?"

Thanking you for your cooperation in this worthy cause, I am

Sincerely,
H. W. Keller

Dear Sir:

Recently the article printed in your paper entitled, "Recent grads of DHS busy," caught my attention. Because I am a recent graduate of Donegal High School, this article became especially interesting to me. I was inspired as I read about my classmates, but was also disappointed. Our class has always been divided into groups. One group of students were usually involved in chorus, band, and were academically gifted. On the other hand, another group of students emphasized themselves and expressed themselves in other areas. These were more outgoing, sports-minded, and motivated in creating a unity and spirit that was greatly needed among the student body. And of course, there is

always your group of trouble makers.

While reading your article, I noticed that only one group was emphasized. I agree that many students were home from college and you could not have possibly fit a brief summary of each into your newspaper. But on the other hand, I think you should have searched for more opinions from all types of recent graduates.

In the article, a party was mentioned. This was a party

held in the home of Brian Leshner, in which approximately twenty students attended. That very same evening a party was held in my home. Exactly twenty recent graduates attended. Even though we did not have the honor of Miss Lancaster County's presence, we had a wonderful time of fun and fellowship.

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Please try to be more fair about matters like this in the future.

Sincerely,
Judy A. Miller
Representative of Neglected Class Members

Editor's note—We are sorry your party was not reported. We would really appreciate any local news anyone wishes to phone or write in to us.

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