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Photo shows author Mrs. Jessie Nissley (center) and her sisters. Mrs. Harry Riley of Marietta is at the right. Mrs. Harry Daugherty, at left, wears a groundhog pin. All three sisters were on hand when Mrs. Nissley entertained Riverview students with a lecture and slide-show on groundhogs last week.

## Students hear about groundhog

Mrs. Jessie Nissley, author of "Groundy the Gourmet Groundhog" entertained Riverview Elementary students with a lecture and slide show last week.

Mrs. Nissley, who feeds several families of groundhogs in her yard, put on a show that kept both students and teachers enthralled. The photographs she showed were taken by her neighbor, Tom Garner, who was only 14 when he shot the pictures. The photos also illustrate

Mrs. Nissley had been planning to write a book about her groundhogs for years, but didn't get around to it because she needed illustrations. When she spotted young Tom sneaking around her yard with a camera, she promptly hired him, and wrote her book.

Mrs. Nissley also promotes groundhog pins, charms, and tie-tacs.

## Louise Brown sends flag to Gerry



photo by Corky Flick Mrs. Louise Brown

by Hazel Baker

A Marietta woman, who loves to crochet, sent a special gift to President Gerald Ford, just to observe the Bicentennial year in her own way. She is currently working on a duplicate for Govenor Shapp.

Mrs. Louise Brown, 48 West Front Street, Marietta received a letter from President Ford thanking her for her handmade Betsy Ross Flag. The red, white, and blue symbol of America's birthday, took two weeks of Mrs. Brown's free time to make. As this is her hobby, Mrs. Brown does similar afghans for friends,

relatives and offers them for America." sale at her home.

A thank-you letter signed by Milton E. Mitler, deputy special assistant to the President, stated that planning is underway to insure appropiate display of Bicentennial gifts which the President considers as birthday gifts to the nation rather than to him personally.

The message from the White House signed by Gerald R. Ford read:

"I warmly commend all who participate in plans for the celebration of our National Bicentennial. Your efforts are symbolic of your deep sense of patriotism and civic pride. They also reflect the vitality and spirit of

"I wholeheartedly welcome your commitment to help make our Nation's two hundredth birthday a fulfilling and memorable occasion for all of us."

## **HENRY V**

Penn State-Capitol Campus will present the film version of William Shakespeare's play, "Henry V," starring Lawrence Olivier on Wednesday, February 18, at 1:30 p.m., in the auditorium.

The public is cordially invited to attend this academy award winning film. Admission is free.

## Mount Joy Zoning Board opens hearings on Bob Kline's pigeons

On Wednesday, January 25, the Mount Joy Zoning Hearing Board began consideration of the controversy caused by Robert Kline's pigeon coops near Water

Kline's building permit for pigeon coops was revoked by the Boro Council in December after Mr. and Mrs. James Heisey and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Heisey complained about the coops.

Kline appealed the revocation of the permit and on Wednesday, January 21, the Mount Joy Zoning Hearing Board began their hearing on the subject. Kline stated the coops had been at a prior location, approximately 200 feet north of the present site, for almost 12 years.

He said he never received any complaints before this

He presented a drawing showing what the coops would look like after they were covered with siding and the area around them

made attractive to its surroundings.

The Water Street residents said they objected to the coops being 50 or 60 vards from their homes, no matter what was done to the coops.

Citing pigeon excrement on his house, car and backyard fish pond, Willis Heisey testified he finds the coops obnoxious. James Heisey, who is Vice President of Mount Joy Borough Council cited his fear for children coming in contact with rat poison being kept at the

He told the board his pet cat kills rats in that area, "all the time," so he knows control is necessary. He stated, "My cat probably does a better job of rat control than the borough."

Several residents testified that the pigeons never disturbed them in anyway whatsoever. They testified they are not disturbed by noise, excrement, or roosting by the homing pigeons on their properties.

Kenneth Ober, 621 Water Street, testifying for the Heiseys, said his wife hangs out laundry about three times a week and must at least once a week, relaunder an article of clothing because of bird excrement.

Ouestioned as to whether or not the excrement was from Kline's pigeons or from pigeons from a nearby barn, Ober said he wasnt

He said pigeons roost on his house, but he could not identify these pigeons as belonging to Kline.

Later, Kline testified that homing pigeons do not stop and roost until they return to a roosting station.

The pigeons coops' fate now lies in the hands of the Zoning Hearing Board members: Albert Kleiner, Joseph Dolan, and Kenneth Gainer. They now have 45 days to reach a decision.

