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Plan to enforce preservation of Marietta to be proposed by Restoration Association

Legislation forcing property owners to get permission from a historical committee before building or altering structures is being drafted by the Marietta Restoration Associates.

The Restoration Associates hope to submit their proposal to Borough Council as early as June.

Backing is being sought from state and county

agencies. The recommendations of those agencies will help determine whether all of Marietta, or just a section of the town, will be included in the proposal.

The proposal would establish an "Historic District" in Marietta. Similar districts have been established in Lancaster, Lititz, and many other local communities.

Under the system, an

Historic District Commission is appointed to preserve the character of an area.

If a property owner in the historic district wants to alter his house, he must get permission from the commission. For example, the commission might refuse to allow a property owner to cover his clapboard house with aluminum siding.

The owner could then ask Borough Council to override

the historical committee. If Council refused, the property owner would not be allowed to put up the aluminum siding.

A decision by the Supreme Court of the United States may have an important effect on the Restoration Associates proposal. The Supreme Court will rule on whether towns have the right to limit their own growth.

DER threatens to close Donegal High School

The drainage system at Donegal High School is not working properly, and the PA Dept. of Environmental Resources has threatened to close the high school if the problem is not solved soon.

Schools Superintendent Ragnar Hallgren told school board members at last week's meeting that the DER has agreed to give the school time to work on the problem.

Polluted water has been rising to the surface of the school's tile field, which is located at a considerable distance from the high school.

Daniel Gohn, sanitation officer for East Donegal Township, led an investigation into the problem. A backhoe was hired to locate the 3 junction boxes in the field. The location of the boxes was unknown until

the backhoe located them this week.

Mr. Gohn told Mr. Hallgren that a possible solution to the problem is the installation of 2 new outlet boxes in the field. The cost of installation might be as low as \$2000.

Mr. Gohn is keeping school officials and the DER informed on the problem.

A temporary solution to the problem, Mr. Gohn told Mr. Hallgren, could be the installation of 2 new tile fields in the drainage area. The cost of installation could be as low as \$2000.

A longer-term solution is the possibility of building E. Donegal Township sewer lines to serve the high school and Donegal Heights areas.

The lines could receive treatment at the Mount Joy sewage plant on a rental

basis.

Township Authority members hope to get federal funds to support the proposed sewer line. Unfortunately, federal funds are unlikely to be available for 5 years, under the present funding schedule.

Without federal help, the cost of the sewer to local taxpayers might be 800 thousand dollars.

The Donegal School Board will contact local legislators in Harrisburg and the PA Department of Education, in an attempt to get the funds earlier.

The board voted "yes" to the proposed 1976-77 budgets for the I.U. - 13 and Lancaster County Wage Tax Bureau.

The first administration budget meeting of the Donegal District was held March 9, with the next

meeting scheduled for April 8.

Information that the Federal programs are being funded on a government fiscal year of October 1 to September 1, presents a budget problem for schools. This according to Hallgren, will make September either a local expense or dropped for September and picked up again in October. The board will study the problem and make their decision later.

The Donegal Coaches Association is planning a scholarship fund for two varsity letter winners each year--\$200 for one year only--presented to the winners who must be accepted by an institution of higher learning.

The board heard a report on the suggested flouride treatment program at River-view School. The students will be given the treatment [continued on page 13]



Susquehanna Times publisher Nancy Bromer (in car) got a traffic ticket from Mount Joy Patrolman Bill Reuter (standing) recently. So much for the power of the press. Private citizens like Nancy can take comfort in the fact that town officials are not immune to the vigilant Mount Joy police force.

Anyone can get tickets

The Mount Joy policeman enjoy a reputation for being very impartial in their enforcement of the law.

A couple weeks ago Mayor James Gingrich was ticketed for not plugging a parking meter.

Most surprising, Chief of Police, Bruce Kline, received a ticket several years ago.

The officer who gave his chief a ticket is no longer on the force, but Kline is quick to say: "That's not why he is no longer on the force."

Zoning Board rejects pigeon coops and development in Mount Joy

Pigeon breeder Robert E. Kline of Mount Joy was turned down Wednesday night in a bid to keep his pigeons on a property behind Grandview School. The zoning hearing board refused his request for a variance to keep the birds on the land, which is zoned residential R-2.

Kline, of 567 N. Angle Street, Mount Joy, bought the Cherry Alley property in July 1975 after he received a permit to keep the pigeon coops on the property. The

permit, issued by the borough was a mistake according to the zoning hearing board.

The borough mistakenly thought the land qualified when it issued the permit. Rejection of Kline's bid to keep the birds came after two hearings. The board said Wednesday the birds could remain in coops on the property only if principle buildings, either for residential or business use, were on the property.

The board also turned

down a bid filed on behalf of Frank Zink, 301 E. Main St. to build semi-detached dwellings in the borough.

Zink planned to build the units on the property north of Apple Tree Alley and east of N. Jacob St., Daniel Gohn, who is the borough engineer, filed the request on behalf of Zink.

Ironically, Gohn helped write the borough zoning rules that disallowed the permit to build. The board said only four of the twelve lots in the plan would have met the zoning rules.

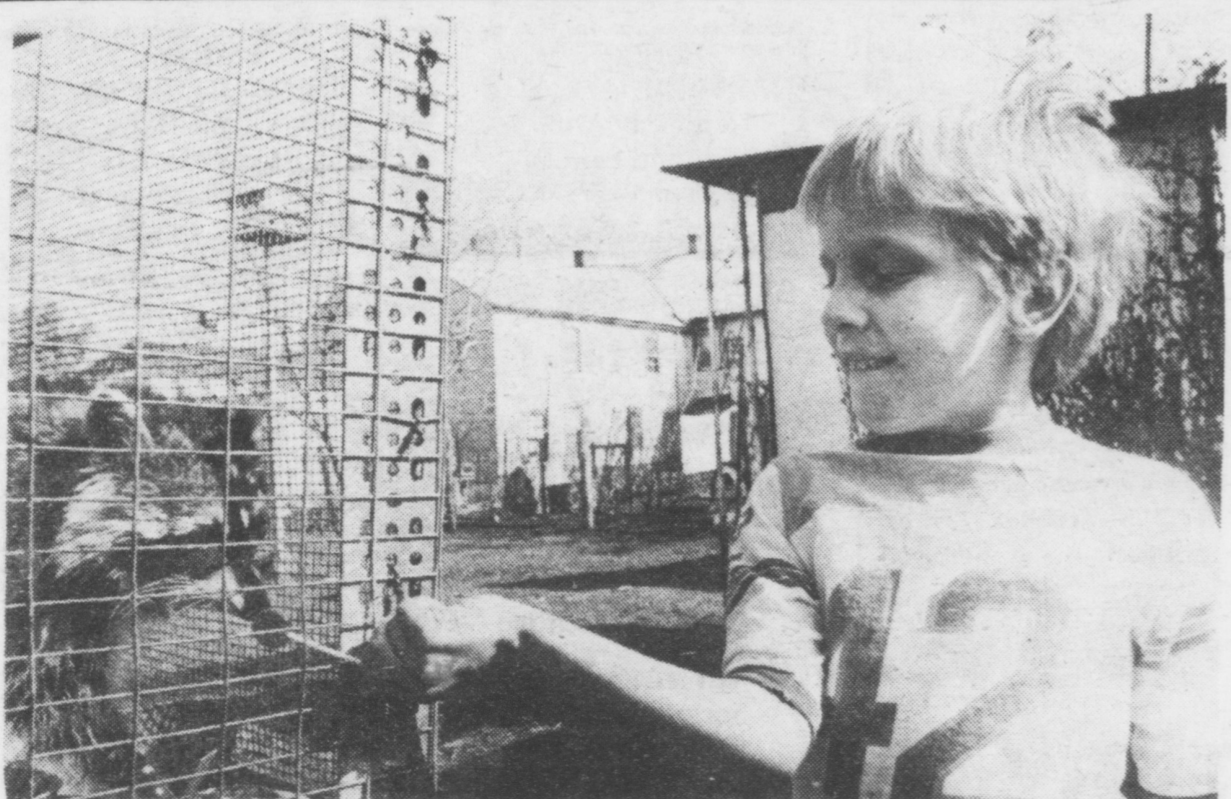


Photo shows Michel Lowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowman of Hazel St., Marietta, feeding a lollipop to the family's pet raccoon. The 'coon, whose name is Nickie, is usually quite friendly. During mating season, however, she gets a bit cranky. Nickie needs a lot of water because raccoons don't have saliva glands, Mrs. Lowman told our reporter. That is why she washes her lollipops before she eats them. The Lowmans have three children; Michel, Sylvia, and Regina.