

Letters

Dear Editor:

At a recent meeting of the Marietta Zoning Hearing Board an issue came up which caught my attention and I think would be of interest to the public. Many citizens are misinformed about the zoning laws concerning trailers in Marietta. I have talked to at least 20 people this week, all of whom thought that no more trailers would be allowed in town. I assume there are other such uninformed people around. Won't they be surprised when 6 trailer appear on the vacant corner lot at Front and Decatur Street and 2 more shortly after at Jones and Hazel Avenues? I'm sure the people who live in that area of West Market Street are going to be delighted to look out their windows at 6 more trailers adorning their view.

A certain gentleman in Marietta wants to purchase the vacant lot at Front and Decatur Streets and place 6 trailers on the lot without the proper amount of yard space around each trailer as is required by the zoning laws. His request was

turned down by the zoning officer but the gentleman appealed for a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board which consists of 3 members, 2 of which are willing to grant the variance. The matter is now being taken to the Planning Commission for a recommendation, and a final decision will follow, probably before this letter is even printed. Many citizens' property values will be affected but not many people were informed of the matter in time to have a voice in the decision.

Why can't the public be informed about meetings and especially topics to be discussed in advance so they can participate in decisions concerning them, instead of reading the final results one week later in the *Susquehanna Times*. I understand notices of meetings are posted in the *Columbia News* but this is not what I call informing the public in Marietta. How many citizens in the borough read the *Columbia News*? Why can't the *Susquehanna Times* also be informed in advance of

pending meetings. We must find a better way to inform the public of issues before they are finalized.

I realize that informing the public is a full time job, but it is so essential to our democratic way of life. It would take a full time paid official to do this and properly handle other issues which greatly affect us. Our council members and mayor have families, positions, houses, and yards to tend to just like any other citizen. Marietta is their volunteer job and out of necessity, volunteer jobs are usually low on people's priority lists.

If we want the best for Marietta we are going to have to pay for it like we pay for everything else. At the present time, I don't feel this town is getting the attention or respect it deserves and this trailer issue is the perfect example of what happens when people aren't informed or don't care enough to participate in decision-making that greatly affects them and their investments.

Respectfully
Claire Lavin

Dear Editor

We wish to thank all the merchants and individuals who supplied prizes, etc.—also everyone who had a

part in making our 3rd Annual Donegal Basketball Banquet the complete success that it was. Many thanks to "Lefty" Dreisell

and his family for coming to celebrate the occasion with us.

Donegal Parents Basketball Boosters



Bob Ransay has a good view from the attic of his new home.

The ideal bachelor pad

If you were a young, handsome, eligible, articulate drag race promoter looking for an ideal bachelor pad, what would you do? Well, you could buy the historic Mifflin House in Columbia.

That's what Bob Ramsay did.

Bob, who comes from a long line of educators and

literary people, followed in his family footsteps long enough to graduate from F&M with a degree in anthropology and sociology.

His love affair with drag racing began when he was in high school and started going to local races. A chance meeting with the owner of the York U.S. 30 Dragway led to the job of

announcer at the track.

Bob has also been announcer at the U.S. National Championship Drag Races at Indianapolis (presented by the National Hot Rod Association) as well as at many East Coast tracks, and written weekly columns on behind-the-scenes activities of U.S. racers for publications such as *Drag*

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McCue, Bradley, Gainer honored at basketball banquet

The Donegal Basketball Booster Club held its Third Annual Banquet in the school cafeteria Wednesday, April 20th. A social hour preceeded the dinner which was catered by the Lancaster County Farm Diner. Bob Roaten, President of the Boosters Club,

was Master of Ceremonies.

Charles "Lefty" Dreisell, Coach of the University of Maryland "Terrapins" was the guest speaker and gave a most inspirational talk concerning the qualities of a good athlete and a good student and how they can

be blended into one. He cited many players he has coached and their dedication to their academic program as well as their athletic endeavors—particularly Tom McMillen who became a Rhodes Scholar as well as an All-American

Basketball Player. His wife and daughter accompanied him to the banquet from their home in Silver Springs, MD.

Jim Sarbaugh, Coach of the Junior High Team and personal friend of the Dreisells, introduced "Lefty"

and gave a resume of his wins and losses since he started coaching basketball in 1957.

Coach Emil Swift presented trophies to the Most Valuable Player—Chris McCue; Player with the Most Rebounds—Kevin Bradley; and Most Improved Player—Bill Gainer. He stressed the fact that these awards, except for the statistical rebounds, were voted on by the 1976-77 Donegal Indians. Plaques were presented to all the Varsity members by Henry Becker, Vice-President of the Club.

The Varsity and JV Cheerleaders were given special recognition as being an important part of the basketball program at Donegal and were presented gold necklaces by Mrs. George McCue, Secretary. She also presented an "Honorary Cheerleader" Certificate to Pam Dreisell who is a frequent visitor to this area and to Donegal basketball games.

Bob Freund, Coach of the JV team, recognized his players and thanked them for their efforts during the year. They each received a memento to remind them of their 1976-77 season.

The Varsity and JV Co-Captains presented Mr. Swift and Mr. Freund with Donegal Indian Commemorative Plates on behalf of their teams.

One of the most surprised persons at the banquet was Mort, the bus-driver. He was an especially invited guest and received a commemorative plate in acknowledgment of his faithful service to the team and cheerleaders on their trips to and from the games.

Prizes, donated by various merchants and individuals throughout the Donegal School District and others were collected by Bill Barto and Bob Roaten and awarded to the Varsity and JV players and cheerleaders. Grab bags were also given to these individuals. Junior High players and cheerleaders were also guests.

The invocation was given by Harry Hershey and the benediction pronounced by Marlin Miller. The Banquet Committee consisted of Bob Roaten, Henry Becker, Georgianne McCue, Liz Sarbaugh, Barbie Roaten, Joan Hershey, Erma Gainer, Darlene Houseal, Karleen Ney, and Bill Barto.



From left to right; coach Emil Swift, Bill Gainer, Kevin Bradley, Kris McCue and guest speaker "Lefty" Dreisell.

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