

## Zoners reject pigeon coops

The Mount Joy Zoning Hearing Board rejected Robert Kline's request for a variance allowing him to keep pigeons in the borough. Mr. Kline has been fighting a legal battle

to keep the birds for about a year.

In other business, the board granted a special exception and variance to Mrs. Mabel Eisenhower of

South Market Avenue to locate a mobile home at the rear of her property. A mobil home had been located on the site previously, but it was destroyed by fire.

## No tax hike in Mount Joy Twnshp

Mount Joy Township has introduced a budget for 1977 that includes higher costs but no tax increases.

The supervisors propose to spend \$45,000 more than they will receive in the general fund next year, but the township tax base will remain at six mills.

However, the township proposes increases in street light assessments. The supervisors want to increase the front foot rate from 28 to 35 cents on improved lots and 7 to 9 cents on unimproved lots.

Proposed budget figures for 1977 show general fund

expenditures listed at \$168,210 compared to general fund anticipated receipts at \$123,210.

Proposed major general fund expenditures are as follows:

Administration, \$25,000 up from \$19,094 in 1976; tax collection, \$2,300 up from \$2,200; building operation and maintenance, \$7,000 up from \$6,500; police protection, \$27,100 up from \$19,000; fire protection, \$7,000 up from \$6,100; sewer, planning and zoning, \$17,210 up from \$3,500; highway maintenance, \$49,600 up from \$40,000.

Anticipated receipts for 1977 are: General fund, \$123,210; highway aid fund \$50,291; revenue sharing funds, \$15,000 and street light account, \$1,100.

The township spokesman said the 413,700 increase in sewer, planning, and zoning is due to an "under-estimate" in the past year. He said the township is called on to perform more engineering services than previously thought.

The increase in the police budget is traced to the hiring of one additional part-time man and adding another police are in 1977.

## 'Gems' for Christian Women

by Hazel Crankshaw

Myers Dining Hall, Elizabethtown College, will set the scene for "A Gem of a Meeting" for Elizabethtown Christian Women's Club, January 5, at 12 noon.

The Legend and Charm of Your Birthstone will be discussed by Louise Klahr, Middletown. Mike Kohler, well known Mount Joy vocalist, now a student at Lebanon Valley College, will provide musical gems.

Lance Mills will speak on Polished Stones. Mills, born and educated in the Pottsville area, now lives in Lancaster.

Tickets need not be purchased in advance, but reservations are necessary. Ladies on the telephone list will be contacted. If no contact is made, reservations should be called in to Carol Bowman, 653-5728 before December 31.

Nursery will be provided at the Elizabethtown Church of God.

The December meeting held at Landis Valley Motor Inn, was well attended. Mrs. Ainsley Barnwell of Manchester, MD was the featured speaker. Joanne Zink, Donegal Mills Plantation, gave an interesting history of the project which she heads, and told of plans for the future. The Sojourners from Lancaster Bible College, and Jim Kreider, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Noah Kreider, provided the music. The group participated in singing carols.

## Parents Without Partners to meet

Parents Without Partners will meet at 7:45 p.m. Friday, December 17 at the social hall of the Grace Lutheran Church, James and N. Queen Sts., Lancaster.

Rev. Elwood Mehler, pastor of Salem Heller's Church, will do chalk drawings around the Holiday Season.

All single parents, because of death, divorce, separation or unmarried status who have at least one living unmarried child under 21 years of age are invited to attend. Custody of your children is not a factor. More information on the purposes and activities of the organization may be obtained by calling Jane Sumpman, 684-7617.

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