

County Planner

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 fine the duties and responsibilities of planning commissions.

Health departments, both local and state, need to have greater control over water supplies and sewerage disposal systems, he said.

One third of all the springs and wells tested in Lancaster

County are contaminated, he said. In every boro where public water is available but public sewerage is not, there is an increasing problem of contamination in the farming area near the boro.

It boils down to the question of, how much of your individually do you want to give up to get greater protection?, Foster said in urging farmers to consider rural

zoning. He said there are only 14 of the 61 municipalities in the county with zoning ordinances at present.

He said over 100 subdivision plans have been submitted to the County Planning Commission for approval during the last year.

In the period when the population in the county has increased about 19 per cent (about the same as the national increase) the school age population has increased 17 per cent and the tax base per student has dropped 10 per cent.

Foster encouraged farmers to think about setting aside some open land in the county for use as parks. He said the state's "Project 70", designed to develop a park system over the state was proposed 30 years ago. It will be up for a

referendum in 1963. The project will cost about \$70 million now compared to \$23 million when it was first proposed.

"We talk about home rule, and I'm in favor of this — provided we rule at home," he said.

Robert Wiser, City Planner with the Lancaster Redevelopment Authority outlined the downtown redevelopment project.

He said the city is planning more severe zoning ordinances with the goal of concentrating the industrial zone of the city along the railroad and bypass north of the city.

The first project for redevelopment contains the commercial area downtown. Lancaster City must use federal money in the project, he said.

because it will cost \$10 million just to acquire the land. "Farmers should be interested in the project," he said, "What happens downtown may keep a major shopping complex out of a farming area."

In other business, the Agriculture Council voted to donate \$100 to the Agriculture Center Committee.

The following officers were elected to one-year terms: president, to succeed Charles Cowan, Paul Wipple of Production Credit vice president, H. B. Endsley farmer and president of the tobacco growers association, secretary-treasurer Roger Gundlach, SPARC breeders cooperative executive board Harold Rohrer farmer and president of the county Farmers Association, Martin Muth Soil Conservation Service and Willis Esbenshade farmer and president of the Agriculture Center committee. Re-elected reporters were Jack Keiser of the Intelligence Journal and Jack Owen of Lancaster Farming.

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