

● Rural Zoning

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 in history that the rate of population in Lancaster Co. was higher than the growth of the United States as a whole. Last year 38.5 per cent of the population in the county lived in the country but were not farmers. More urban people than rural live in the county, he said. From 1950 to 1960, the city of Lancaster lost population, but the number of people in rural areas went up from 16 per cent to 39 per cent of the total population.

"Would you like to have a new house built right next to a filling station a used car lot or an all-night restaurant?" He asked the supervisors.

"Agricultural zoning is the best way to control the growth," he said. "The farmer gives up his right to sell land indiscriminately but he gains immeasurably if he wants to continue to farm."

County Agent M. M. Smith said farmers are seriously hampered when completely surrounded by urban development.

He said he does not anticipate any food shortage. "There are many unclaimed acres that could be used but there needs to be some direction of the use of land."

Smith said farmers should not be held responsible for all the silt which runs down the rivers during heavy rainfall. Much of the soil comes, he said, from school grounds, industrial sites and new housing developments.

Martin Muth, Work Unit Conservationist in the Lancaster office, told supervisors that up to 90 per cent of the cost of removing soil from roadways could be saved by proper conservation methods. In York County it cost an average of \$512 per mile to clear and repair roads and banks through rural land, but the cost through farms in the York County Soil Conservation District was only \$25 per mile.

In Southern Lancaster County, one supervisor reported that the cost of soil removal from the roadway dropped from \$285 before the farm installed conservation practices to \$25 after the soil was protected.

Jacob Stehman, supervisor in Conestoga Township said most farmers will not turn on highways with plows and other machinery if they realize that the practice is against the law. "Sometimes we have to send the police officer to explain to the farmer that the practice is illegal, but they usually cooperate," he said.

In other business at the meeting in the Production Credit Office district directors approved the following four applications for conservation plans: Ivan M. Zimmerman, Denver R2 Clay Twp., 109 acres; Leroy Plautz, Stevens R1, East Cocalico Twp., 60 acres; Luke M. Eberly, Stevens R1, West Cocalico Twp., and Clayton E. Kreider, Quarryville R1, Fulton Twp., 70 acres.

● Holstein Tour

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 cora's Dairy. The herd is all home bred to bulls they have either bought or raised.

At the Louis Zimmerman farm Lehighton the group will see one of the few herds still on AR testing. After a supper in the Zion Church, Lehighton the tour will return to Lancaster.

Pennsylvania's present beaver population stems from a pair of animals imported from Wisconsin in the summer of 1917 and released by the Game Commission on East Cowley Run near Sizerville, Cameron County.

Manor FFA Holds Election

Elmer Stoltzfus, Holtwood R2, was elected president of the Manor Future Farmers of America at a recent reorganization meeting.

Stoltzfus, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel U. Stoltzfus, is in the 11th grade at Penn Manor High School. He attended Lampeter Strashburg High School until April of 1962 when he transferred to Penn Manor. He held the office of chaplain in the chapter last year.

Vice president is Jay Mylin, Weaver, Millersville, Kenneth Enck, Willow Street R1, elected chaplain. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Enck. Daniel Erb, Columbia R2, was elected delegate to the county FFA. Garland Gingerich is advisor of the chapter.

Lehman Metzler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian L. Metzler, Holtwood R1, moved from the office of reporter last year to secretary this year. Treasurer is Robert Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Martin, Piquette R1. Last year's treasurer, Carson Kauffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kauffman, Willow Street R1, was elected to the office of reporter.

Re-elected sentinel for the second year was Roger Weaver, son of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur P.

The paddle-shaped tail of a beaver is used in swimming both as a rudder and a paddle. It is also used as a warning device, a resounding slap of the tail on the water serving to warn other members of the beaver colony that danger is near. Contrary to popular opinion, the tail is not used as a trowel or to carry building materials for the beaver's home or dam.

Studies by The Travelers Insurance Companies show that error and lack of judgment were responsible for 32% of deaths and more than 2,900,000 injuries on U.S. highways in 1962.

Care in loading to avoid building up excess body heat in hogs will do much to reduce excessive transit death loss, warns Livestock Conservation, Inc. Hogs must reduce body temperature by cooling off like a stove, since they have no sweat glands. Such a practice also avoids costly bruise damage, LCI adds.

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