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Some Progress Seen In Landowner Association Pipeline Battle

Landowners in Lancaster and Chester Counties have been given hope in their protest against the laying of a new gas pipeline in this area by the Manufacturers Light and Heat Co. of Pittsburgh, a landowner's spokesman said this week. The objections to the gas line are based upon the fact that this company already owns a right-of-way paralleling the proposed route only two miles away and that a 75-foot right-of-way (50 ft permanent plus a 25 ft temporary) is reportedly far in excess of the necessary footage to lay a 20-inch diameter pipe.

Members of the Lancaster Landowners Association announced Tuesday that a letter was received October 11th from Joseph Gutride, Washington D. C. Gutride, who is Secretary of the Federal Power Commission, states that "the petition to intervene by the association, and its request to suspend the temporary certificate in this matter, is now under consideration."

In other avenues of protest, Fred Cadmus, solicitor for the association, announced that a "petition for Supersedeas" has been filed with the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. This petition requests that the Supreme Court provide a hearing for landowners who, up to this

time, claim they have not been allowed their constitutional right to be heard before their land was taken from them.

Added strength to the position of the landowners was given on October 6th by Sena-

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County SWCD Plans For '67 State Meeting

Directors of the Lancaster County Soil & Water Conservation District met Wednesday night at the Farm Credit Building with associate directors and County Commissioner Arthur R. Campbell, Jr. to further plans for the State SWCD convention to be held here in mid-November 1967.

Directors voted to hold the meeting at the Host Farm Motel, and the following committee heads were appointed by district chairman Amos Funk: Tours, Aaron Z. Stauffer, program, Henry Hackman; registration, Forney Longenecker; speaker, Arthur R. Campbell, Jr.; ladies, Mrs. Henry Hackman; general chairman, Amos Funk.

It was decided that this year's state convention, to be

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Six Area Holstein Breeders Post Records

Six, Lancaster County breeders of registered Holsteins recently had cows completing lactations for official records, according to the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

In the Manheim area, an 11-year-old cow owned by Elam Bollinger produced 17,340 pounds of milk and 592 pounds of butterfat in 304 days. She was Jane Segis Rag Apple Pabst.

Another Manheim dairyman, Donald L. Hershey, had three individuals completing records. Connie Hershvale Sovereign, a six-year-old, had 23,394 milk, 724 fat, in 365 days. Hershvale

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Turkey Shoot Date Set By Manheim YFA

The Manheim Young Farmer Chapter announced this week that its annual Turkey Shoot will be held next Saturday, October 22, at 2 p.m.

This popular event will be held this year on the Jay Foreman farm, Snavey Mill Road, Litzitz R1.

The shoot will be open to all interested persons, the association spokesman said, adding that shells and targets will be available at the site.

Annual Livestock Tour Oct. 25th To Hit Non-Farm Points In Md.

This year's livestock tour will be a one-day trip into Baltimore, Maryland area, and will include several non-agricultural points of interest, the county extension office announced this week.

Because of the "non-farm" nature of some stops, the tour will have to be limited to 200 people, four bus loads, county agent M. M. Smith stated. Reservations will be on a first-come basis with the bus fare set at \$3 per person.

The tour will leave at 6:45 a.m., Tuesday, October 25, from the Lancaster Shopping Center, located between the Litzitz and Oregon Pikes, Smith

After lunch, the plant of the world's largest maker of drills and small tools Black and Decker, will be visited at Winchester, Md.

The final tour stop will be back in Pennsylvania, in York County, at the Famous Hanover Shoe Farm. This farm is one of the country's largest breeders of race horses. Smith

The tour will return to Lancaster at about 5 p.m.

Anyone interested in going along on this popular annual jaunt is urged to get their reservations in early so they may be among the first 200 to apply.

The group will see automobiles made at the Chevrolet Assembly Plant of the General Motors Corp. at Baltimore. The next stop will be at cattle feeder Roland Mullnix' farm where 2000 head are fed automatically. This Woodbine, Md., farm contains 1600 acres.

The group will picnic at the West Friendship Sales Barn for lunch. Each tourist is reminded to bring his own lunch, although ice cream, coffee and doughnuts will also be available.

Lancaster Not Among Drought Relief Counties

Ten Pennsylvania counties were approved for drought-relief assistance through the federal livestock feed program Tuesday, but Lancaster was not among them.

The county Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation office reported that to its knowl-

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Farmers Association Sets Annual Meeting & Banquet For October 18

The Lancaster County Farmers Association will hold its annual banquet and business meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, October 18, at the Blue Ball Fire Hall, according to Noah Wenger, association president.

Featured speaker for the evening will be Gerald Biggs, president of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association — parent organization of the county farmer association, and state arm of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Biggs is a grain and livestock farmer from Fulton County and a breeder of Angus cattle.

Terms of six of the county association's 13 directors are expiring, and these will be filled by membership vote at the meeting.

Members will also vote on policy recommendations submitted by the policy development committee.

At the November meeting of the board of directors, officers will be elected for the coming year. Officers of the county farmers association during 1966 were Noah Wenger, president; Clyde Wivell, vice president; and Donald Ney, secretary-treasurer.



Warmer than the normal 67-44 degree temperature range we could expect for this time of the year is the outlook for the next five days. It will be mild Saturday, turning cooler Sunday and Monday, then warming up about mid-week, says the weatherman.

Precipitation in the form of thunder showers Saturday, and rain about mid-week, may total 1/4-1/2 inch.

Farm Calendar

October 16 — 3 p.m., annual Harvest Home Program and Open House at Shock Presbyterian Home, 37 E. Main St., Mount Joy.

October 18 — 7 p.m., Lancaster County Farmers Assn. annual banquet meeting at Blue Ball Fire Hall.

—7:30 p.m., Lancaster Landowners Assn., at Paul Z. Martin Sales Stables, Blue Ball.

—8 p.m., Watershed Meeting, at home of Vincent Hoover, New Providence.

October 19 — 8 p.m., Watershed Meeting, at home of Elvin Hess, Jr., Strasburg R1.

October 20 — 6:30 p.m., 4-H Leader Recognition Program.

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An Editorial

Farm & Home Campaign Needs You Now

So near, yet so far! That about sums up the goal of the Lancaster County Farm & Home Center building fund at the moment.

We refuse to believe that Lancaster Countians, who have already contributed more than \$300,000 to this worthy cause, will now be satisfied to settle for "half a building".

But half a building is as far as the fund will reach at present, and the Farm & Home board of directors decided several weeks ago that unless subscribers would match the latest \$25,000 challenge gift by the October 15th deadline, it would not be financially feasible to complete the whole building project at this time.

It has not been matched, as of now. But the directors apparently feel as we do; now that the chips are really down, and now that the long-time dream of a farm community center for Lancaster County is within a whisper of reality, the farmers and farm associations will carry the ball across the goal line.

Therefore, it has been arranged to postpone the day of decision two weeks. But if the additional money can not be raised by that time, it will have to be the office section of the Center now — because of its income-producing nature — and the large multi-purpose room later, as funds become available.

Although it is hard to believe, there may be some farm folks in the county who are not convinced that a Center for agricultural activities is needed.

Fortunately, there are many more individuals — farmers and businessmen — who do believe in it. They have supported the fund drive with their sweat and with their money so that all the agricultural interests in the county can share in the ultimate benefits.

This plea for further help is directed to the many who take pride in being a part of the farming heritage of Lancaster County, and yet may not have supported this project as well as they might.

Perhaps the greatest benefits of building the entire Farm & Home Center at this time will accrue to our more than 1600 4-H'ers and countless other active young farm people. Just as Lancaster Countians are proud of their fine farms, we have noticed repeatedly that they are extremely proud of the fine youths the county continually seems to produce.

These young people and their associations need a central place to gather, and they need it now; the multi-purpose room at the Farm & Home Center will supply this need. And the Farm & Home Center, when completed, will in itself be a source of pride to the agricultural community. We predict that once farmers get used to using it, they'll wonder how they ever did without it.

The Center's board of directors have bought us a little bit of time by delaying the fatal decision. We hope their effort will not have been in vain. It will not be if YOU will make YOUR investment in the future of Lancaster County farming now.