

Committee To Preserve Ag Land Gives Reports To Governor Shafer

The preservation of a portion of Pennsylvania's better soils for future agricultural and open space use was suggested in an interim report presented to Governor Raymond P. Shafer by his Committee for the Preservation of Agricultural Land.

The report of the 18-member Committee was presented to the Governor by Curtis Wachsmuth, committee chairman, and State Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull. Local men on the committee are Amos H. Funk, Millers-

ville R1, a master farmer and L. H. Skromme, Vice President, New Holland Div. of Sperry Rand Corp.

Citing the importance of agricultural land to Pennsylvania's total economy, the report disclosed that farming has a total annual income of almost a billion dollars, while its related agribusiness complex has grown into a \$14 billion industry. Good land also is important to assure Pennsylvanians ample food and fiber, it added.

"Once land is used for most non-agricultural purposes," the report points out, "it is virtually lost to future food and fiber production. We need to have enough acres to insure an adequate supply of food and fiber for the expanded population of the future."

This acreage, the report indicated, could be used for a variety of open space purposes until it is needed for food production.

The committee has set a tar-

get date of June 30, 1969, for completion of the final report with recommendations for dealing with these problems.

In receiving the interim report, Governor Shafer expressed his appreciation for the committee's work and said he is confident the committee will formulate an effective program for the wise use of our land.

"Every citizen, as a consumer, has a vital stake in agriculture and its importance as a source of food and fiber now and in the future," the Governor said.

In addition to the importance of agricultural land for future food and fiber production, the report outlines a rapidly grow-

ing need for recreation areas and an orderly expansion of our population and economy to prevent ghettos.

"The need for and methods of preserving agricultural land for agricultural use is in reality a complex problem involving all of Pennsylvania's residents," Bull told the Governor.

The committee has scheduled 11 statewide public hearings to discuss its report and learn the viewpoints and recommendations of individual citizens, groups and organizations. The first of these hearings is scheduled at Collegeville on January 6. Testimony may be presented from 9:30 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Other locations and dates include Gettysburg, January 8; Harrisburg, January 10 and 14; State College, January 21; Meadville, January 22; Butler, January 23; Sunbury, January 28; Williamsport, January 29; Scranton, January 30; Greensburg, February 12, and Hollidaysburg, February 13.

Following a study of plans advanced by other states, information gathered through the public hearings and a thorough examination of the situation in Pennsylvania, the committee will offer conclusions and recommendations in a final report scheduled for completion by June.

Gulls swear undying devotion to each other, but how many will tell a man how attractive another gull is?

It's a sign of advancing age when you enjoy a fixed routine.

HORNCO FEEDS --- The Growing Choice of Business Farmers

More Steer Men Are Feeding Hornco Than Ever Before ---

Hornco Beef Supplements Are Fortified With All The Essential Ingredients

To Produce A Pound Of Beef At The Least Possible Cost.



From The Company With STEER FEEDING Know How

Use Stilbestrol For Efficient Gains

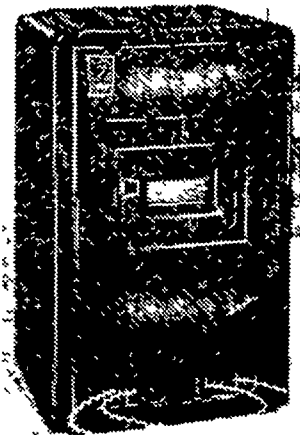


Ask your neighbor who feeds HORNCO — Then call us for details on our booking plan.

WE ARE NOW BOOKING

D. E. Horn & Co., Inc. York, Pa. Ph. 854-7867

CUT FUEL BILLS up to 50%!



with the all new FUEL SAVING

See the revolutionary **Sieglers** PATENTED

OIL HOME HEATER

that now gives you SUPER FLOOR HEAT see it now!

L. H. Brubaker

350 Strasburg Pike, Lancaster R.D. 3, Lititz, Pa.

Phone Lancaster 397-5179 Strasburg 687-6002 Lititz 626-7766