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**A View From The Governor's Office** 

By Gov. Raymond P. Shafer

its enactment, some \$78 million wealth at a cost estimated at coal mining operations at a cost of Pennsylvania's new conserva- \$19.3 million, all of which are of \$33.2 millions. tion bond issue already has been expected to be functional withallocated to 212 land and water in from three to seven years. fowl management areas and imallocated to 212 land and water in from three to seven years. fowl management areas and im-reclamation projects throughout -A State-wide system of 69 provement to small game habi-the Commonwealth. new community parks and rec- tat and access roads on 29 State the Commonwealth.

Pennsylvania, appropriations al- the State. ready made under the \$500 milin

pollution from acid mine drain-In the first ten months since built throughout the Common- age and cure other ills of past

-Sixty-three new sewage treat- lakes, a new trout hatchery and Northumberland. munities throughout the Com- hatchery for warm water species

\$2.1 million.

tory.

The \$78 million needed to complete all of these projects already has had my approval for

-Creation of three new water-

expenditure out of the \$100 millions of bond issue funds appropriated by the General Assembly earlier this year. Future funds will be sought from the Legislature biennially over the next eight years.

The speed with which all State agencies involved in the expenditure of this new bond issue money which was approved by the people of Pennsylvania only last year is, indeed, highly commendable and I am certain that the day is not far off when all of us will begin to see the physical results of the most farreaching conservation and reclemation program ever begun by any State in the Nation.

For example, only last week I approved and signed a contract in the amount of \$891,290 for construction of the dam which will create a 205-acre lake at the new Tunkhannock State Park on the South Branch of Tunkhannock Creek in Lackawanna County.

Work on this project is scheduled to begin this week, with construction expected to be completed by October, 1970. When finally filled, the lake, along with shoreline developments to be built, will serve thousands of recreation-seekers in the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre area. Bids for construction of the

(\$11.9 million) of the total con- Little Buffalo Creek State Park streams of acid mine waters and struction costs coming from the dam in Perry County will be cure the ills of past coal mining State for the first time in his opened on December 5, and operations. those to rehabilitate the dam on

-A total of 49 projects under Upper Locust Creek in Schuyla new action program-"Opera- kill County will be advertised tion Scarlift" - to curb stream in February.

will either be in design or con- curb air pollution by extinguishstruction before July include ing burning culm banks, four to Codorus Creek, York County; fight underground mine fires Laurel Ridge, Fayette and Som- and seven to prevent future surerset; Ridley Creek, Delaware In addition, the Department County; Sandy Creek, Mercer already has taken delivery on County; Tyler, Bucks County, three of four mobile acid mine -Four new Fish Commission and the Shikellamy Marina,

> Even more dramatic is the program designed to clean our nia's Dead Sea.

Already approved for early ac-tion are 33 stream pollution abatement projects designed to remove acid wastes from aban-Other new State Parks which doned mines, five which will

> In addition, the Department treatment plants, and one of these is currently testing the

waters flowing into East Branch Dam on the Clarion River in orment of Mines and Mineral In-permanent facility needed to dustries has begun an action clean the waters of Pennsylva-



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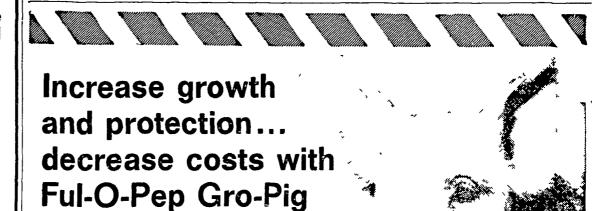
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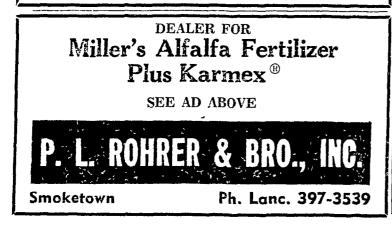
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