

## WASHINGTON REPORT

Congressman Edwin D. Eshleman

16th District—Pennsylvania



Most people hear a good deal about the leadership of each of the political parties in the House of Representatives, since the leaders are those men who ordinarily speak for their Party membership on matters of national significance. What many citizens may not realize is that the Party leaders are elected by their fellow Representatives of the same political faith. Also, the leadership of each Party is made up of more than just one or two men. We Republicans have had some contests for the top jobs in recent weeks, and I was rather involved in those "family" battles. My participation, and the subsequent results of these contests, should be of interest in the 16th District.

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to give you a rundown of the posts which make up the Republican leadership and the names of the men who now occupy these positions. The number one man is the Minority Leader, Gerald R. Ford, of Michigan. Leslie C. Arends, of Illinois, is the Assistant Minority Leader, or in more common terms, the Minority Whip. The Chairman of the Republican Conference, the man who directs the meetings when House Republicans get together, is John B. Anderson, of Illinois. William C. Cramer, of Florida, is Vice-Chairman of the Conference, and its Secretary is Richard H. Poff, of Virginia. The leadership team also includes the Chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee who is Bob Wilson, of California. The Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee is John J. Rhodes, of Arizona and Robert Taft, Jr., of Ohio, is Chairman of the Research and Planning in the Republican leadership belongs to the Republican member of the House Rules Committee with the most seniority, H. Allen Smith, of California.

While all of these jobs were filled by elections at the opening of the 91st Congress, only two positions involved contests. Both were posts vacated by men who had left or were leaving the House for other Government service. The Chairman of the Republican Conference had been Melvin Laird who, of course, is our new Secretary of Defense. Charles Goodell, of New York, had been Chairman of Research and Planning, but he was appointed to the Senate last year. Therefore, several men lined up as challengers for the vacated slots, all of whom were capable and deserving of the job they were seeking. However, a choice had to be made, and I chose to support and work for two men who are familiar

to many people in the 16th District.

The man I backed for Chairman of the Republican Conference was John Anderson. As you can see from the previous listing, he was the eventual victor. Congressman Anderson visited the 16th District twice during the last two years when he spoke in Lebanon and New Holland. He is generally acknowledged as one of the hardest-working men in the House, and I think his rather lopsided victory against Jackson Betts, of Ohio, and Albert Quie, of Minnesota, is a tribute to his fine reputation. The final tally showed Anderson with 116 votes, Betts with 43 and Quie with 18.

The results of the Research and Planning Chairmanship contest were a good deal closer, with Robert Taft, Jr., getting 76 votes to win and Donald Rumsfeld, of Illinois, receiving 74 votes. I supported the successful candidate and, in fact, worked quite actively for his

election. Congressman Taft asked me to contact the rest of the Republicans from Pennsylvania on his behalf and, also, to talk to some of the men who entered the Congress at the same time I did. I would like to think that I was influential in swinging some of the needed votes to Bob Taft, although I have a feeling that the caliber of the candidate was the chief factor that brought a victory. Since the Ohio Congressman had, also, visited the 16th District twice during the 90th Congress, once in Lancaster, and once in Elizabethtown, his advancement to the leadership means that some of the people in our area are acquainted with another of the chief Republican spokesmen.

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### NORTHERN 4-H CONSERVATION CLUB

By Curtis Horst, News Reporter

The first meeting of the Northern Lancaster County 4-H Soil & Water Conservation Club was held at the Hinkletown Church, on Friday evening, January 24, 1969.

Officers were elected as follows: Clark Stauffer, President; Calvin Zimmerman, Vice-President; Lucy Weaver, Secretary; Karen Horst, Treasurer; Curtis Horst, News Reporter; and Karen Martin and Lois Martin, game leaders.

Club leaders are Leroy Pfautz, Paul Martin and Aaron Stauffer.

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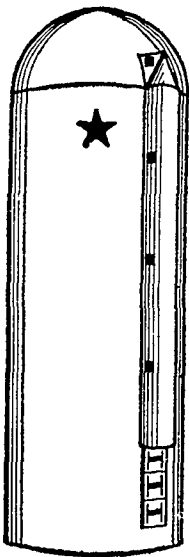
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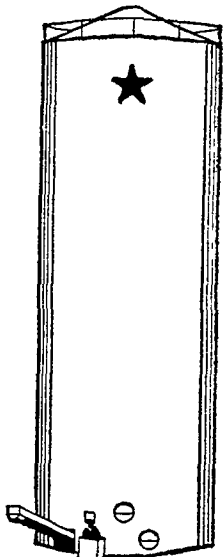
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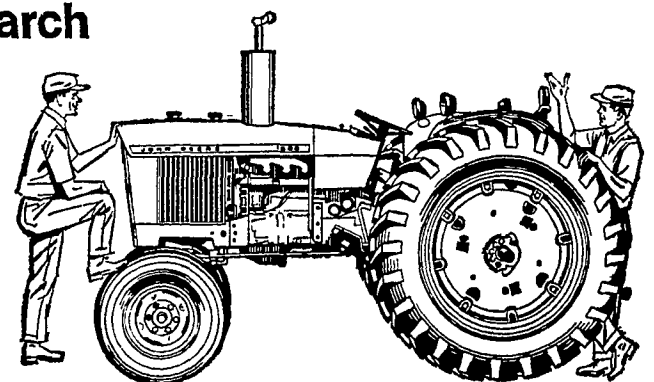
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