

Citizens Oppose Open Pit Mining Project

One hundred and twenty five landowners and township officials met to discuss the air pollution and water conservation effects of open pit limestone mining in northern Lancaster County at a meeting sponsored by the Lititz Sportsman's Association last Monday night.

Circulated during the meeting was a petition seeking the halt of the mining project and when sufficient names are secured on it, it will be submitted to the Callahan Mining Company.

The land to be mined is north of Lititz in Elizabeth and West Cocalico Twps, where nearly 2,500 acres of farmland is already under option to the Callahan Mining Co. Test drilling has

been completed on some farms and mining operations could start in the near future.

"We feel this mining operation is not in the best interest of Lancaster County," said Philip L. McCloud, president of the Lititz Sportsmen's Assn. "Some of the finest farm land in the world is at stake and once the mining is completed, this land can never be reclaimed."

Fred Brock from the Community Planning Section of the Lancaster County Planning Commission said the area in question is part of the "Annville limestone formation," a large band of pure limestone beneath the ground in that part of the county.

Lime For Industry

He said the lime that would be processed is much in demand in the steel industry as well as for use as road stone and fertilizer. He also noted that the flat land in that part of the county contains some of the best soil in the county.

Brock described the operation as forming a pit 1000 feet long by 500 feet wide by 300 feet deep. The total operation would involve about 250 acres. He mentioned the possibility that the company might hold the land for 30 or 40 years before a need developed to start mining.

Citizens present voiced their concern over blasting and dust in the crushing operation. Others were concerned that the water table in the area would be drained into the mines. Still other were of the opinion that the land, once mined, could never be of use.

Agriculture Area

"Lancaster County has a rich agriculture heritage," said Mc

Farm Calendar

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10 a.m. -- Laverock Day, Penn State University

1 p.m. -- Vintage Sales Stables Dedication Program Vintage

7 p.m. -- Lancaster County FFA Parliamentary Procedure and Public Speaking Contest, Manheim Central High School

7 p.m. -- Penn Manor 4-H Community Club meet, Ann Letort School

Open House at J Harold Musser Farm and John Nissley Farm at Mt Joy

Wednesday, March 26

26-28 Eastern Potato Industry Exposition, Fair Show Bldg Harrisburg

7:30 p.m. -- 1985 Lancaster County Outlook Meeting, Farm and Home Center

Thursday, March 27

7:30 p.m. -- Sewage Disposal Meeting, Farm and Home Center

7:30 p.m. -- Lancaster County 4-H Holstein Club meet, Farm and Home Center

Friday, March 28

6:30 p.m. -- Elizabethtown FFA Banquet, Elizabethtown High School

6:45 p.m. -- Manheim Young

Roadside Market Meet

A meeting has been scheduled to assist roadside market operators with their retail business. The date is Thursday, April 3 starting at 10 a.m. in the Farm and Home Center.

The subjects are:

10:00 a.m. -- Effective Advertising and Promotion -- Larry Yager, Area Marketing Agent, Penn State

11:00 a.m. -- Displaying and Packaging Your Products -- James Toothman, Extension Economist, Penn State

Noon -- Lunch

1:15 p.m. -- Pricing and Price Policy -- Charles Porter, Extension Economist, Penn State.

2:00 p.m. -- Alternatives to Expansion -- James Toothman, Jay Irwin, Associate Ag Agent, is in charge of the meeting.

Presifted Flour

If you've switched to using presifted flour, do not pack it down or tap it into the cup when measuring. cautions Mrs. Ruth J. Buck, Penn State extension foods and nutrition specialist. Instead, spoon flour lightly into cup and level off with a straight edged knife or spatula. Never shake the cup to level the flour because this repacks the sifted flour.

Pequea Valley FFA Banquet, Pequea Valley High School

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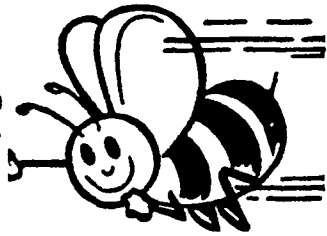
7:30 p.m. -- Silver Spurs 4-H Horse and Pony Club meet, Farm and Home Center

Cloud later in the discussion and I think we have more to offer the state and the nation than limestone. Diminishing land and water are beginning to put a bind on people."

Township supervisors in attendance discussed the extent of local control over the planned operation. Sportsmen wanted to know who would take care of the area when it was vacated by the mining company.



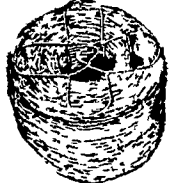
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