

Aaron Stauffer Named Conservation Dist. Head

After 17 years as chairman of the Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District, Amos Funk, Millersville, turned the gavel over to Aaron Stauffer of Ephrata R1, who was elected his replacement at a regular meeting of the board of directors Thursday night in the Farm and Home Center. Funk was then elected vice chairman and Richard Hackenberger, Millersville, was elected secretary-treasurer. Funk in asking to be relieved of the position said he was not leaving his interest in conserva-



AARON STAUFFER (left) receives the gavel from Amos Funk as he took over the chairmanship of the Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation Dis-

trict. Funk served in the office for 17 years. Richard Hackenberger (right) was renamed secretary-treasurer of the district. L. F. Photo

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tion but that other areas of the work would be taking more of his time. He plans to work on the recent proposal of Gov. Shafer's Ag Preservation Committee to create farm areas that would be "untouchable" for industrial housing and roadway development. Funk serving on that committee, has been credited with originating the idea. The greatest disappointment

to Funk in his years of conservation but that other areas of the did not enroll in the conservation program as cooperators. Under Funk's leadership, the district won three first and two second in the national Goodyear awards to districts for outstanding service. The new chairman also brings a long record of experience to his position. Stauffer has served

on the local board for five years and is second vice-president of the Pennsylvania Soil and Water Conservation District. He lists as his goals getting more farmers to accept conservation on their farms, help with the proposal to conserve the best farm land; working for an outdoor conservation laboratory program for school children, stream improvements and stream cleaning and closer attention to areas where conservation practices are not followed, such as new construction sites.

In other business, the directors formed a resolution to be sent to Dr. Goddard, Chairman of the Sanitary Water Board and the Department of Health to take a public stand on their position concerning the pollution of Mill Creek by the New Holland Sewage Treatment Plant and Zausnof Food Corporation. Robert Mower, Urban Director, said that most of the local towns do not have adequate sewage disposal facilities and suggested it would be best to limit Lancaster County industrial expansion at its present level until increased pollution to care for wastes could be prepared.

Mower also reported on work done toward establishing a conservation workshop for teachers. "This workshop," he said, "is for the purpose of relating 'human needs' to our natural resources of soil, water, air, minerals, wildlife, forest, plants and crops. Our great natural wealth, relative abundance and the hasty willingness to 'develop' and harness resources for commercial ends within our country has created many serious problems," he said. "Weather man will survive and the quality of that survival will depend on our attitude toward the proper use of our surroundings."

Phrase's Origin

The phrase, "Man is innocent until proved guilty," probably originated with the Magna Carta, granted by King John to the barons of England in the year 1215.

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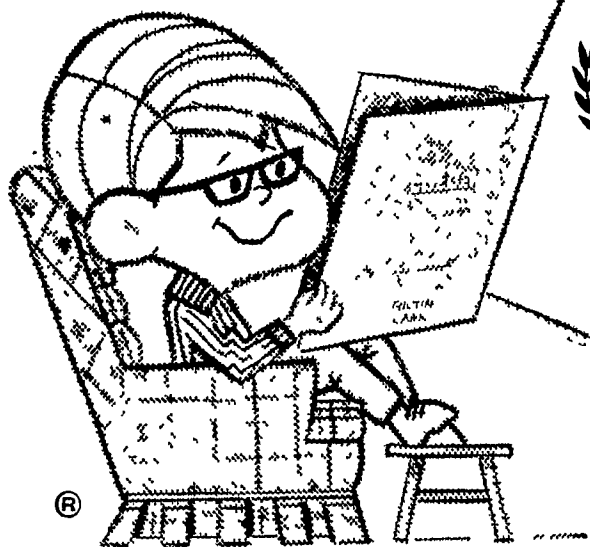
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