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Polluters of streams, such as this, are liable to stiff fines and even jail sentences under the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law.

Deadline Announced for Farm and Home Scholarships

One of the objectives of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation is to encourage the higher education of the youth of Lancaster County. In this respect the Foundation is announcing the offering of scholarship awards in 1972 in the fields of Agriculture and Home Economics. Depending upon the financial need and ability of applicants, a maximum of ten scholarships may be awarded.

Each scholarship award will be in the amount of \$400 and may be used to help defray tuition, fees, or room and board expenses at any accredited college or university, which offers a course of study in Agriculture and/or Home Economics.

These Farm and Home Foundation scholarships are earnings from an irrevocable Trust Fund set up by the late Elmer L. Esbenschade, one of the founders of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation. The income from this trust fund will be offered annually in the form of

educational scholarships through the Farm and Home Foundation. In addition, funds from the Foundation treasury are being used to finance the scholarship program.

All Senior guidance counselors throughout the Lancaster County School District are being informed of these scholarships in order to inform prospective boys and girls.

The Scholarship committee is comprised of the following individuals: M. M. Smith, chair-

man; William Counts, Quarryville RD3; Dr. Robert Eshleman, Mount Joy RD2; Mrs. Thomas Erb, Lititz RD3, and Raymond Stoner, Lancaster.

Interested youth are urged to contact their Senior guidance counselor for details and an application blank. Additional information is also available from M. M. Smith, chairman, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, 17601. (394-6851) Application forms must be forwarded by May 2, 1972.

Grassland FFA, Solanco FFA Top in Public Speaking-Parliamentary Contests

For the second year in a row, Garden Spot High School, New Holland, took first place honors in the parliamentary procedure team contest at the annual Lancaster County FFA public speaking contest and parliamentary procedure team contest.

The contest this year was hosted by Solanco High School, Quarryville.

The members of the winning team from Grassland FFA and the positions they assumed are:

Ray Martin, president; Larry Ressler, vice president; Wayne Martin, secretary; Dale Sensenig, treasurer; Ken Groff, reporter; Melvin Horst, sentinel; Ken Mull, chaplain, and Daryl Sensenig, student advisor.

The second place team was from the Solanco FFA Chapter. Members and their positions are: Wayne Kreider, president; Randy Clark, vice president; Bill Krantz, secretary; Bill Hershey, treasurer; Gary Akers, chaplain; Dave Bitler, reporter; Charles Coates, sentinel, and Bob Fite, student advisor.

The team placing third was from Pequea Valley FFA Chapter. The team consisted of the following members: Jere Skiles, president; Tom Denlinger, vice president; Don Miller, secretary; Charles Neff, treasurer; Harry McConville, reporter; Mike Norris, sentinel; Carl Caskey, chaplain, and Craig Frey, student advisor.

Judges for the parliamentary procedure contest were: Mrs. Sherman Hill, wife of Representative Hill; John Myer, teacher of agriculture, Red Lion High School, and Ray Bickel, teacher of agriculture in Lebanon County.

Winners of the top two parliamentary procedure teams will compete in the area contest, competing with winners from Chester County, Thursday, April 20, at Brownstown Vo-Tech School. The top team chosen at the area contest will then go to the Regional contest.

In the public speaking contest, first place winner was Adolph Bensinger, Solanco FFA,

DA Explains Clean Streams Law

This is the time of the year that the farmer is preparing his field for spring planting. Much manure and fertilizers are being used in order to prepare the ground so that the highest possible yield per acre might be obtained.

But sometimes, especially after a soaking spring rain, some of the soil preparients might wash away, possibly into a nearby stream. If this scene is repeated, pollution could ensue. The whole thing could happen quite inadvertently but all farmers should be aware that there is a law which makes them liable for such pollution and it is being enforced.

The law is the much publicized Clean Streams Law. It's a tough law which, if enforced, can be quite costly to the person who violates it. But Lancaster County District Attorney Henry Rutherford looks at the law a bit differently. "The Clean Streams Law is designed to keep our streams clean. That doesn't mean this office is going to go out and fine everyone who violates it. But I want everyone to know this law does have teeth in it," Rutherford told Lancaster Farming.

The law provides a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 for each separate offense for first time violators. For a second offense, the violator is

liable for fines ranging from \$100 to \$5,000.

In addition the violation is now called a misdemeanor and the violator could go to jail. In addition he could be fined by the State Department of Environmental Resources.

"Please, though, tell your readers that this office is not about to embark on a pollution witchhunt. Let me explain how we operate," Rutherford continued.

"First, we must receive a complaint of a violation. We then investigate the complaint, taking water samples and other tests. Then, if we feel there is a violation, we write a letter to the alleged violator telling him what we have found and telling him to cease the polluting. If he does so, that is the end of the matter. If after a period of time he has not done so, then this office will contact him. We will explain the law to him and urge him to comply with it. Again a reasonable period of time will be allowed. If after this time has passed and our violator still has not complied with the law, then we'll prosecute."

There is one other procedure the district Attorney can use. That is the injunction.

"We can go to court and obtain an injunction forbidding any additional pollution. If that is disobeyed, the violator could be jailed and fined for every day he continues the violation," said Rutherford. "However, for the most part I believe that this law is violated out of ignorance or simply out of lack of awareness. Most farmers and others have no intention of polluting our streams. But the law is there for the protection of our streams and we will use it if we have to."

The Clean Streams Law is a tough one if enforced strictly. All farmers ought to be aware of its contents and implications.

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Conservation District Holds Annual Contest

The Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District held its annual FFA public speaking contest and 4-H Conservation exhibits Thursday night at the Farm and Home Center.

Al Lutz Jr, 1973 Millport Road, Lancaster, 4-H member, captured first place in the exhibits with his display of a conservation farm model.

Second place went to Wayne Foose, Quarryville RD1, whose entry was a splash board which portrayed erosion.

Michael L. Martin, Grassland FFA Chapter, New Holland, placed first in the FFA public speaking contest. His speech was entitled "The Polluting Man."

Second place winner was Carl Caskey, Pequea Valley FFA Chapter. "Our Diminishing

Forests" was the title he chose for his presentation.

Judges for the Conservation exhibits were: Amos H. Funk, director, Lancaster County Soil Conservation District; Robert K. Mowrer, director, Soil Conservation District, and Frank Lucas, soil conservationist, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Serving as judges for the public speaking contest were: Robin L. Moyer, soil conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture; Kenneth C. Depoe, director, Lancaster County Soil Conservation District, and Afton Schadel, program specialist, State Soil and Water Commission, a branch of the Environmental Resources.

Farm Calendar

Monday, April 17

10a.m. — Southeast County Agents' Association Spring meeting, Farm and Home Center.

6:30 p.m. — Annual Spring meeting, Fruit Growers and Honey Producers, Meadow Hills Dining House, New Danville Pike.

Tuesday, April 18

8 p.m. — Ephrata Young Farmers monthly meeting, "Farm Machinery - Rent vs. Buy", agriculture department, Ephrata Area High School.

Wednesday, April 19

7 p.m. — Ephrata Young Farmers Bowling night, Ephrata Recreation Lanes.