

National Rural Water Commission Formed

The national Commission on Rural Water, organized to work toward improved water and sewage facilities for America's rural families, was established recently.

The announcement was made by Stanley Zimmerman of Demonstration Water Project, Inc (DWP), a Roanoke, Va.-based organization which has initiated new methods for setting up rural water districts in southwestern Virginia. Zimmerman will coordinate Commission activities.

The Commission will serve as national spokesman for DWP concepts and practices, seeking to make them effective throughout the country. Membership will initially be composed of representatives of the organizations involved in the DWP effort, together with related government agencies. These include the National Water Well Association (technical support on water systems), Mitre Corporation (waste disposal

studies), Ground Water Council (national information clearinghouse), Office of Economic Opportunity, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Directors of local projects established by DWP will automatically become members. Additional members will be sought from interested national groups including farm, public health, rural consumer, and government.

The major breakthrough in the DWP program is agreement in principle from the Farmers Home Administration — primary funding source for rural water systems — to fund water companies that include so-called "cluster" and single family wells in their systems, instead of only central well-pipe line systems as formerly.

The Commission will seek to have this flexible approach implemented on a national basis to insure that rural people, regardless of income or location, will be provided with adequate

Keep Name Current on Records

If you're planning to change your name from Miss to Mrs., remember to change your records, too.

Penn State Extension Home management specialists, point out that some of the records a bride needs to change include Social Security, bank accounts, driver's license, car title, and stocks and bonds. And you should make the necessary changes as soon as possible after the wedding.

The local Social Security office can provide you with a simple change-of-name form for you to file. The main office will send you a new card bearing your new name, but without changing your Social Security number.

If you plan to continue working after you're married, you should up-date all the records at your place of employment. Failure to do so can cause confusion later regarding state and federal income taxes.

In addition, check all your insurance policies and the

beneficiaries. If you carry insurance through a group plan at work, your employer or the personnel office where you work can help you make any necessary or desired changes.

And don't overlook changing your name on all your credit cards and membership cards—even on the simple identification card in your billfold. Notify the

companies that you've changed your name. Other companies, will in turn, either send you additional forms to fill out, or they will automatically change your name and send you a new card.

Remember—if wedding bells are ringing for you—your name change also involves changing your name on your records.

water and sewage disposal facilities.

Further information on Commission activities and membership is available from the national clearinghouse: Ground Water Council, 211 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Illinois 60601.

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