

Thought In Passing

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seepage from septic system to well and a few dry wells due to a lowered water table. Unfortunately, while one resident has his well in front and drain field at the rear of his house, his neighbor has his exactly the opposite and dangerously close. The residents are angry. Since they still owe \$25,000 on their \$28,000 homes and the developer has retired to Florida, the people demand to have water and sewer hooked up with the local town two miles away. It is done within a few years, and the farmers between the town and the development are required to pay \$2 per foot of road frontage along which these pipes run. Impossible? Don't bet on it!!

As long as I'm speaking of injustices, I can understand why in the world these various companies insist on spider-webbing our countryside with pipelines, underground telephone lines and above-ground high tension electric lines. I'm sure that we would all like to see them get together, decide where they want to go and go together and maybe even take a superhighway along with them. This eminent domain business has gotten out of hand. Oh, by the way, going back to scenic Bucks County, the land that I farmed should be com-

pletely covered by water in about a month. You see, it was taken by eminent domain for a large reservoir and a 1200 acre recreational area.

In Lancaster County, I feel it is urgent to preserve this quality agricultural land for agricultural uses. Be active in your local government and farm organizations, especially those which encourage farmland assessment. Be active on issues regarding zoning since it can be the best and worst tool regarding your farm business. Be sure sportsmen and non-farm people understand the value of farms in making any community a nice place to live and that they, too, have to give support to farm problems.

Try to imagine Lancaster County without any farms or open space. How many tourists will come here then??

The Old Timer



"The difference between an optimist and a pessimist is that the latter is better informed."

Committee Named for Grange Observance

A 15-member committee headed by Miss Mildred M. Shultz, of Somerset, was named by State Master A. Wayne Readinger to develop a statewide observance of its founding a century ago in Reading.

With Miss Shultz on the centennial panel will be Charles Wismer, Jr., Collegeville, 1972 "Granger of the Year" who was given a special citation at the recent 100th state grange session at Williamsport; Mrs. Merle Fox, Falls Creek, a runner-up to Wismer for top recognition; Frank J. Yablonski, Dalton, state deputy master for Lackawanna county and master of Green Grove grange; Mrs. Emmett W. Jones, Mansfield, junior state deputy for Tioga county; George Rayback, Coudersport, lecturer of Potter county Pomona grange and master of Central grange at Sweden Valley.

Others include Mrs. Luther Bitler, Millville, secretary of Valley Grange; Mrs. Nels Nelson, Warren, lecturer of Warren county Pomona; Mrs. John Cressman, Bethlehem, state artist and secretary of Hanover grange.

Mrs. Gilpin Cooke, Dillsburg, director of women's activities for York-Adams Pomona; Gary Gregg, Coal Center, lecturer for

Long Branch Community grange; Jeffrey Holmes, Clarks Mills, youth leader in Mercer county; Mrs. Harry Keith, En-triken, Huntingdon Pomona lecturer; Harry N. Althouse, retired national director of membership.

Prof. Lee Day, University Park, extension rural sociologist at Pennsylvania State University, will assist in an advisory capacity.

Miss Shultz, just recently

named to a third two-year term as state lecturer, has been chairman of the annual grange leadership schools at Gettysburg College and in 1971 headed the National Grange Middle Atlantic lecturers conference. The grange centennial celebration, she said, will close with an array of pageantry at the 101st state grange meeting next October in Reading where the organization was founded September 18, 1873.

Quarryville Jaycees Sponsoring

Outstanding Young Farmer Award

The second annual Outstanding Young Farmer (OYF) banquet will be held at Rhoads Spanish Tavern on December 2 at 7 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Quarryville Jaycees with awards given by H.H. Wiggins Chevrolet and Ray's Appliances.

The OYF contest is designed to recognize the importance of agriculture and the people involved in it. Eleven applications were submitted and qualified judging was done by Stanley Musselman, chairman, agricultural loan office of National Central Bank; Robert

Bucher, Commonwealth National Bank, and Charles Schreiber Jr., Lancaster Production Credit and Federal Land Bank. The judges stated that the selection was difficult due to the excellent applications.

Contestants are: J. Richard Dull Jr, Peach Bottom; Robert Kauffman, Peach Bottom; James C. Long, Peach Bottom; R. Edwin Harnish, Christiana; Carl W. Herr, Kirkwood; Gerald L. Kreider, Quarryville; Thomas W. Aaron, Drumore; Kenneth M. Rutt, Quarryville; A. Dale Herr, Kirkwood; Robert E. Wagner, Quarryville; Donald B. Trimble, Peach Bottom.

The winner will be announced at the banquet and will represent Southern Lancaster County in state competition.

The OYF program had great support from local businesses who wanted to join the Quarryville Jaycees, Chevrolet, and Frigidaire in honoring the young men of the farming industry. Donations were given by: Good's Feed Mill; Cope and Weaver Co., Red Rose Farm Service, Ross H. Rohrer and Sons; Agway, Inc.; Grumelli Farm Service; A.L. Herr and Bro.; Lancaster Bone Fertilizer Inc.; Wenger Implement Corp.; C.E. Wiley Inc.

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