Heilman Moving

although his words have not always been heeded - in matters dealing with county parklands, farmlands, and on a more local level, expansion of Lititz' sewer treatment plant and

development of what is believed to be Lititz' watershed area.

Heilman and his wife have already started building plans for a joint studio in Buena Vista, which is about 80 miles west of Colorado Springs, and for a new

mountain home about five miles west of the town. "Our back yard will be a 14,000 foot mountain," he said.

In Colorado, he will be within a day's drive of the major farmlands of the nation, where he has been doing most of his photography work for a number of years now. He will be "on location" most of the time, but instead of spending days and weeks getting there, driving over congested highways he has come to hate, it will be more like a day's drive through the mountains and prairies that he loves.

"Just one small example," he smiled — on a recent drive he made from Buena Vista to Colorado Springs, "which is like going from Lancaster to Philadelphia," he passed only 10 cars in 50 minutes.

What Heilman calls the creeping metropolism of Lancaster County is the fact that, bit by bit, the county's farmland is being eaten up by industrial and residential development. It is the



Heilman photographs activities of bees around one of the hives he

keeps in the woods area behind his plant.

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demise of the farmland, he to put up this kind of

He sees two problems that

to save farmland because in, "because I don't think we farmers understandably want to control it," he said. want to be able to sell their land where they can get the dustry that comes in, the most money for it. I'm not better, he continued. We're degrading them — it's their attracting more people now right," he added.

ready to put money into County. And we're perfectly farmland than anyone else. And in spite of some actions, like the Clean and Green solve this," he said.

communities to buy up up the development rights to making it tougher." these. This is being done now "How many towns are ready we need new industry, but

money?"

The other area where the he doesn't think Lancaster county is simply going to fail County will be able to solve. is being able to control the "I don't feel we will be able interest of industry coming

Some think the more inbecause of the low unem-"Developers are more ployment rate in Lancaster situated from a marketing viewpoint.

"But I think the public is Law, we won't be able to scared to shut off industrial growth," he went on. "We're The only feasible solution, making loans to businesses he went on, will be for to come here and spending money to attract industry, farmland themselves, or buy when I think we should be

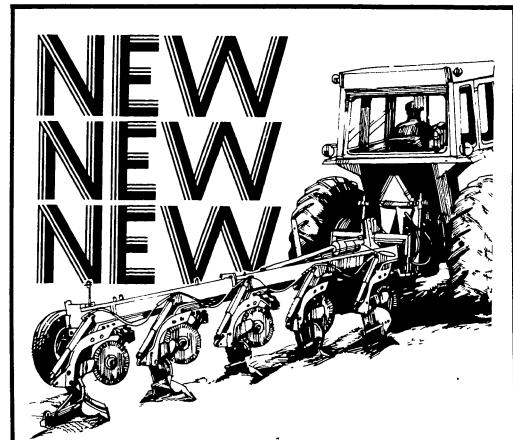
But, he said, unless you're in New Jersey, but it's in- involved in planning it's easy credibly expensive, he said. to straddle the fence and say let's keep the farmland. Obviously, you can't do both.

If the people want this and many do, for the tax revenue it brings in — then there isn't much that can be done to prevent it, he said. Township supervisors are supposed to reflect the desires of the people, and if people want more development, then the supervisors actually are doing their job in this area, he said. But again he warned that controls are necessary.

"The demise of farmland is eating into our ability to produce food," he said. "We could live without our cities, but not without our farmlands," he said.

In a more philosophical vein, he added, "I feel that people who are forced to live without greenery around them are living a very

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