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LARA opens its meeting

Struggle over landfill site grows



Edward Simmons

By DIETER KRIEG
LANCASTER - The Lancaster Area Refuse Authority (LARA) is holding firm to its intentions of

securing 58 acres of prime farmland for use at their Creswell landfill site.

Meanwhile, John and Abram Barley, owners of the 58 acres in question, are hoping that LARA can be convinced to reverse its decision. Depending on where an observer looks for indications of the possible outcome, it can go either way. At a meeting held here on Tuesday afternoon, however, nine LARA members made it clear that they intend to hold their ground. To back up their views, they brought in their accountant, geologist, attorney and others who are knowledgeable on the subject.

The Refuse Authority was caught off guard on at least two occasions during the 2½

hour meeting which was attended by an estimated 35 people.

The first question which hit LARA members in a sensitive spot concerned the

drainage of polluting fluids from the Creswell landfill. The question was brought up by Jim Heinly, attorney for the Barley Brothers, after it was learned that knowledge of possible pollution has existed since 1968. Edward Simmons, representing the Department of Environmental Resources in Harrisburg, acknowledged that fact. The DER official also revealed that the Creswell site is being operated without a permit.

Heinly seized these revelations and directed questions on the matter to LARA Chairman John Shirk, who became visibly irritated with the courtroom-style interrogation. Shirk responded by cutting Heinly short and saying, "this is not the place for a court case." Heinly was asked to see Simmons on the matter on



John Shirk

his own time. Simmons agreed to the idea.

Later during the meeting, Lancaster County farmer and conservationist Amos

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MILLERSVILLE, Pa. - A special hearing has been called to take further testimony from the public regarding the controversy between the Lancaster Area Refuse Authority (LARA) and the taking of prime agricultural land in Manor Township.

The meeting will be held this coming Wednesday in the Lyte Auditorium of Millersville State College. Activities are to get underway at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in expressing his views on the "further encroachment of prime farm land" is asked to attend and be heard. The specific issue at stake is the taking by eminent domain of 58 acres of land on the John and Abram Barley farm. On a wider scope, conservationists, farmers, and concerned citizens see the case as a landmark in land-use planning.



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rohrer received this Grant Heilman aerial photograph as a prize for being Lancaster County's Outstanding Cooperators within the Lancaster County Conservation District. The honor was bestowed on them at a dinner on Thursday evening.

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Outstanding conservationist named

Shelhamer 'sick' over land use developments

By DIETER KRIEG
LANCASTER - Lancaster County's new outstanding conservationist, Harold Rohrer of Strasburg, said he was totally surprised to have the Lancaster County

Conservation District name him as their Outstanding Cooperator for 1977.

But it wasn't a surprise that the subject of Barley vs. LARA came up on occasion during the 3½ hour annual

meeting at the Good and Plenty Restaurant on Thursday night. Several people commented about it and petitions were made available at every table for people to sign if they opposed

the taking of good farmland by eminent domain for a garbage dump.

One of those who addressed himself to the Barley farm question was guest speaker Kent

Shelhamer, Pennsylvania's chief at the agriculture department. Displaying a bit of caution in how he approached the situation, Secretary Shelhamer's comments picked up

momentum when he said: "I've never believed in a government official hiding behind anything." While describing himself as an

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Pennfield honored dairymen from 20 counties

LANCASTER, Pa. - Dairymen from eastern Pennsylvania and throughout Maryland on Wednesday attended the sixth annual dairy awards

luncheon sponsored by Pennfield Corporation, Rohrerstown, Pa.

Over 100 trophies were presented to dairy farmers for outstanding herds, or

individual cow records, compiled during 1976. Recipients included farmers from 13 counties in Pennsylvania and seven counties in Maryland.

Four new members were added to the Pennfield 700 Club and recognized for outstanding performance in herd butterfat content. They included Maple Lawn

Farms, Inc., Fulton, Md., C.E. Iager and Sons; Pep-L-Lea Holsteins, Oxford; Robert E. Pepple; Sinking Springs Farms, Inc., York; Herman Stebbins; Stoltzcliff

Farms, Atglen, John S. Stoltzcliff.

Trophies were presented by Frank Campbell, Richard

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NEPPCO turkey meet airs mutual problems

By SALLY BAIR
Feature Writer
GETTYSBURG, Pa. - Participants at the annual Neppco Turkey Conference learned that they may be able to make money in the

last quarter of this year and they also got some tips on dealing with double-digit inflation.

The conference was held at the Sheraton Inn, here and

had about 85 people attending.

Lew Walts, executive vice-president of the National Turkey Federation, said that turkey growers could come out ahead in 1977 if the

projected price of \$.54 for the fourth quarter comes true. and if the price of soybeans and corn remains favorable. He said the average price for the year could be \$.52½ as compared

with \$.49½ in 1976. Going out on a limb, Walts said prices may be \$.52½ in the first quarter, \$.51½ in the second quarter, \$.50 in the third quarter.

Despite slight gains from

last year, he said, "The way we see things now, it doesn't sound good. I'm just trying to be realistic."

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