

## Cattlemen tap Reno Thomas to serve on environment committee

BEAVERTOWN—Reno H. Thomas of Beavertown, Pa., a member of the state House of Representatives from the 85th District (Snyder-Union) has been appointed a member of the Environmental Management

Committee of the National Cattlemen's Association.

Thomas is a charter member of NCA and owns 235 head of beef cattle along with more than 2,000

Yorkshire hogs on his Brooks End Farm. He will attend the annual convention of NCA the last week in January.

Thomas is minority chairman of the House

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs in Harrisburg, where he has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1968. He is a graduate of Penn State School of

Agriculture, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Alpha Honor Society. He achieved honorary membership in the Pennsylvania Chapter of Alpha Zeta and Gamma Sigma Delta societies for his outstanding leadership in agriculture and rural affairs. He taught in the public schools as a vocational agriculture teacher, he is a member of the Grange, a member and past director of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association.

Thomas has served as an officer of the Livestock and Allied Industries Association, of the State Council of Farm Organizations, the State Farm Show Commission, the Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition and the All-American Dairy Show and the Eastern National Livestock Show. He received the State Master Farmer Award in 1964, served for 15 years on the Beavertown School Board, and has been a leader in various civic ac-



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tivities in his home community, where he is an active member of the United Church of Christ.

Thomas is founder of the Brooks End Farm at Beavertown, where his son-in-law, Mark Stehr, has recently joined him as co-owner and assistant manager.

## Parks and forestry departments offering outdoor jobs for students

HARRISBURG -- Applications for the 1978 summer Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program are now available from high school guidance counselors, Bureau of Employment Security Offices, Bureau of State Parks Offices, Bureau of Forestry Offices and YMCA's.

The Summer work program is open to any youth who will be 15 years old by June 1, 1978 but will not be 19 years old before August 31, 1978.

Youth Conservation Corps work sites are located throughout the Commonwealth on federal lands administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of the Interior and on State lands administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources.

Work projects are structured to provide Corpsmembers with a better understanding of their environment while earning a minimum wage. Typical projects include stream improvements, construction of bridges and other recreational facilities, thinning of forest plan-

tations, improving wildlife habitat and similar related tasks.

Two types of YCC opportunities are available — residential programs where corpsmembers live and work in a camp setting away from home and non-residential programs where participants live at home and commute daily to their work site. Residential participants earn \$65.50 per week plus room and board while non-residential participants earn \$79.50 per week.

Because more applications are received than there are jobs available, participants are chosen by a random selection process. Selected applicants will be notified by May 1.

Completed applications must be received at the YCC Selection Office, P.O. Box 800, Falls Church, Va. 22046 by March 15, 1978. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.

Questions relative to the YCC should be referred to Naylor at the Bureau of State Parks, Department of Environmental Resources, Box 1467, Harrisburg, Pa. 17120.

## Auctioneers to meet

HARRISBURG — The 30th annual convention of the Pennsylvania Auctioneers Association is expected to be an event featuring educational topics, good speakers, and fresh ideas from all over the state. It'll all get underway at 9 a.m. on Jan 27 and continue through all of the following day.

Licensed auctioneers and their wives are invited to attend the two-day programs, to be held at the Host Inn, here.

Some of the highlights of the meeting include a fun auction, and the selection of the auctioneer of the year.

Speakers include auctioneer John Freeman from Philadelphia, Michael Pakenham, associate editor of the Philadelphia Inquirer, and Robert Butera, Republican candidate for governor.

Early and regular prenatal care seems to be one important factor in preventing low birthweight, infant disease and infant death, reports The National Foundation-March of Dimes.

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