

Conservation

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Governor Mifflin School District. Under his direction, the school district has instituted a glass, newspaper, and cardboard recycling project at the high school which was begun in 1971. The project has been a continuing success ever since, with the totals of glass and paper reaching 350 tons each up to the present.

Named conservation farmer of the year of Pennsylvania was Kenneth L. Glazier, from Fulton County. Glazier was appointed a director of the Fulton conservation District in 1973 and since then has served as

chairman and vice-chairman of the board. He is a dairy farmer with 120 cows and 40 heifers, and presently also crops 451 acres.

His entire operation is planned with conservation practices that include contour strip-cropping, 5,284 feet of diversions and waterways and 1,4000 feet of tile installed on his own and rented cropland. He is currently serving on the state association's land use committee.

Dean Bedford, from Bradford County, was picked conservationist of the year. A director of the Bradford District from its

beginning in 1957, he was elected president of the Pa. Association of Conservation District Directors for 1977. He is an active farmer and has been a cooperater for many years.

Forest conservationist of the year was N. Dean Starner, Bradford County. The operator of the Starner Tree Farm located near Camptown, Starner, a vo-ag teacher at Wyalusing High School, operates 400 acres. Over the past ten years the Starners have planted over 100,000 trees and shrubs. Timber stand improvement work was done on 70 acres with most of the material removed utilized by the Starners and their neighbors for firewood. Over 200,000 board feet of saw timber has been removed from an additional 70 acres. Now retired, Starner plans to step up his activities with continual annual harvests of saw lumber.

Revealed as watershed person of the year was Darlene E. Confer, from Carbon County, who serves as executive secretary of the Carbon County Recreation Authority and is a member of the Mauch Chunk Watershed that won the National Watershed of the Year award in 1978.

The NACD-Allis Chambers Educator award went to Michael Bernarsky, Neshaminy Langhorne High School, in Bucks County. A biology and environmental

education teacher for the past seven years at Neshaminy Langhorne high school, Bernarsky was instrumental in the development of the school's successful environmental program and a Penn State Ogantz graduate education course for teachers at the high school. In 1977, he initiated a school community movement to develop an environmental education center at a 125 acre nature area on the Neshaminy campus.

The Monroe Conservation District won the NACD Allis Chambers Conservation District award for having set a high priority on conservation education. Foremost is the Meesing Nature Center, which is an environmental education facility developed through the district and administered by the district staff. They also conduct a conservation camp, conservation school, an erosion and sediment control workshop, forestry field day, and several other training sessions

Awards were also given for director service and poster contests.

The conference was held on Monday through Wednesday of this week, with district directors and interested personnel gathering to learn more of how to face the problems and attain the goals desired by conservation districts today.

For more information about the conference, turn to the article about one of the speakers found on page 61.



Conservation farmer of the year was Kenneth L. Glazier, Fulton County, seen on the left. Presenting his award is Lonnie Palmer, the Fulton Conservation District chairman.

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