

## Land purchase up in the air for Pa. Game Commission

According to John Shutter, District Game Protector, it "appears as though chances are real good" that the Game Commission will get the necessary funds to purchase 2,200 acres of land in Lancaster and Lebanon counties.

The land that is up for grabs is the watershed land of the City of Lebanon. About 700 acres of the total acreage lies within the boundaries of Lancaster Co.

Shutter described the area as excellent wildlife habitat in its present condition. Wildlife seems to be abundant, with grouse, squirrel, rabbit, whittail deer and songbirds calling it home. There have been unofficial reports of black bear migrating through the area.

The purchase of this land stems on a request from the Game Commission for federal funds. The monies would come out of the

Outdoor Conservation Heritage funds. These monies are to be used solely for the purchase of land. The State would be required to come up with matching funds in order to be eligible.

The needed 50 per cent would come from the funds received by the Game Commission from the sales of hunting licenses, and from those received from the Pitman-Robertson fund. The P-R monies came from the federal government which imposes a tax on sporting arms, ammunition, and some archery equipment. The P-R funds are to be used for improving the habitat on wildlife land.

An estimated purchase price for this land was given as approximately \$448,800, according to Tom Johnston

of the Lancaster Co. Conservation District. The District recently spoke out in favor of this purchase of watershed land.

Robert Wagner, District Director, voiced his own opinion at their recent board meeting. He felt that more of this type of land should be used for housing developments than prime farmland. Tom Johnston pointed out that the area is good watershed land and will help to improve water quality.

The controversial purchase will go through only if the State's Game Commission can get the needed matching funds. The request was submitted to the Department of Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the beginning of October.

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January 7-8 at the Penn Harris Motor Inn.

To conclude the day's activities, Helen Hess installed the new Lebanon County officers. They include: Mrs. Marie Steinmetz, Kleinfeltersville - president; Mrs. Kenneth Sellers, Lebanon R4 - first vice-president; Mrs. Dennis Grumbine, Myerstown - second vice-president; Mrs. Henry Wasserman, Lebanon - secretary; and Mrs. Sara Jane Krall, Flintville Road, Lebanon - treasurer.

Mrs. Marie Steinmetz presented the retiring president, Nora Krall, with a portable radio and owl

planter from the entire Lebanon County membership.

The members concluded their annual convention with the singing of the Farm Women theme, "Brighten the Corner"

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## Lititz man on council

SAN MATEO, Ca. - Announcement was made today of the appointment of Harry A. Zeller, State Farm Insurance Agent, located in Lititz as an Action Council Member to the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) in San Mateo, California and Washington, D.C.

NFIB is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing the needs of small businesses across the country. Founded in 1943, it was designed to promote the concept of free enterprise and to give independent

business a greater voice in shaping the laws which govern business and government.

The idea of the Action Council Member was developed by NFIB President Wilson S. Johnson, who felt the need for members to take a more active role in furthering the cause of small and independent business at the grass roots and federal level.

An enthusiastic business person, Zeller reflects the involvement and interest of the Action Council Members.

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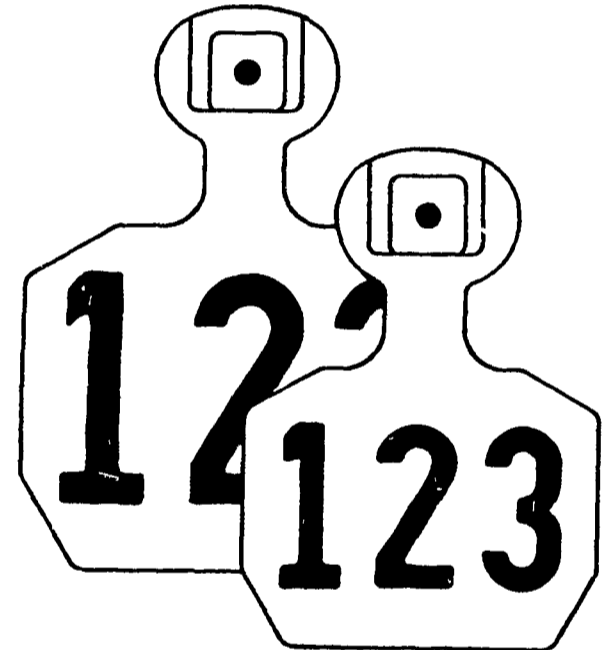
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