

## Pa. N.J. differ on land policies

WEST CHESTER — The neighboring states of New Jersey and Pennsylvania have conflicting viewpoints on how land preservation should be carried out.

Representatives of the two states gave their divergent views at the Rural Preservation Conference held at West Chester State College last week.

Samuel M. Hamill, Jr., Executive Director of the MSM Regional Study Council, Inc., a principal consultant to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, offered the opinion that governmental policies must move in new directions away from existing policies, such as zoning.

Caren Glotfelty, Chief of the Division of Planning Assistance, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, said that land preservation must be left largely to "tried and true" measures, such as zoning.

These conflicting ap-

proaches to rural land preservation were given in a workshop on Preservation Planning Strategies.

Hamill explained that the network of government policies in the past have been oriented toward growth.

"We must stop thinking in terms of managing growth," Hamill said.

"We must change our policies and move away from such policies as zoning and start thinking in terms of promoting agriculture."

Two primary agricultural considerations must be emphasized concerning governmental policies on land preservation, according to Hamill.

The effect of such policies on agricultural profitability must be considered, he said, along with how much they encourage long-term agricultural investment in the future.

Pennsylvania has not been very successful with farm land preservation, according to Glotfelty.

"Several bills to create agricultural districts have been proposed," she said.

"But none of the bills are expected to be adopted. It doesn't make any difference because they contain no advantages for farmers other than removing some harrassing activities of the DER."

Land use policies in Pennsylvania, she continued, will be left largely to the local municipalities.

"For the most part, we will need to depend on the tried and true measures of zoning and subdivision planning to implement rural preservation."

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## Cumberland Farmers support Trail policies

NEWVILLE — The Cumberland County Farmers' Association held its monthly board meeting last Thursday at the home of Harold Myers. Those present were President Rodger Hoke, Fred McGillvray, Robert Jamison, Donald Heishman, Lee Davidson, Mike Berkheimer, Marlin Miller, Harold Myers, Dave Muzzy, and Shirley Heishman.

The Local Affairs Committee met March 4 and Sheldon Brymnesser-Monroe Township Planning Commissioner and Glenn Kimmel from the ASCA office were there to present information relating to the relocation of the Appalachian Trail through prime farm land.

The committee unanimously voted to support the policy adopted by supervisors of the four Cumberland County Townships effected. The committee discussed the need for all county PFA members to actively become involved with land preservation efforts in their local townships.

Members discussed the bridges in Cumberland County that are being checked for overweight vehicles and the extra gas it takes for going extra miles to avoid these bridges. The board suggested looking into what can be done to help correct this problem.

The Harrisburg Legislature Tour has been changed to April 29.

The next board meeting will be held April 17 at Fred McGillvray.

Safemark Committee reported a meeting was held March 18 and reported there

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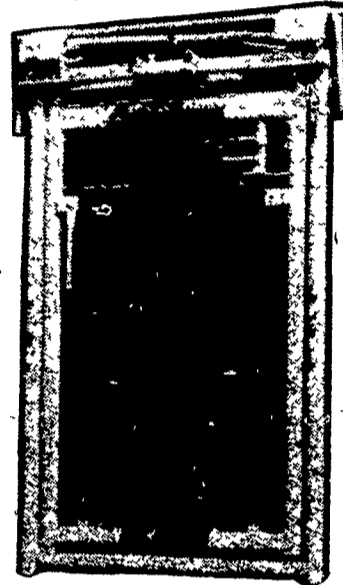
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## 4-H'ers attend Teen Ambassador Weekend



4-H'ers attending a recent Teen Ambassador Weekend included (seated from left); Colleen Kinsky, Lansdale and Karen Waltemyer, Collegeville. Standing from left: Jeannie Underland, Philadelphia; Heidi Schempp, Lansdale; Dana Trumbower, Hatboro and Mary Pat McGann of Maple Glen.

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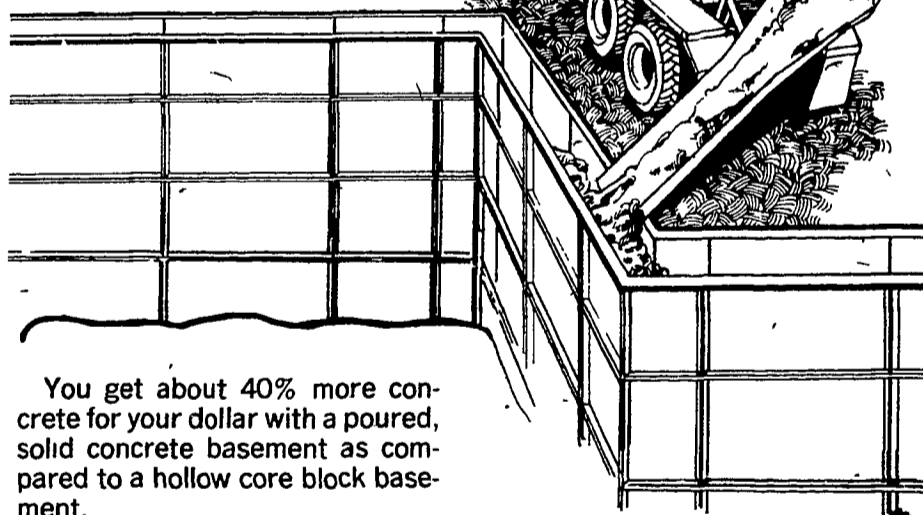
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