

## Conservation meeting

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state government leaders included Representatives Gibson Armstrong, June Honaman, Nicholas Moehlmann, and Noah Wenger.

Representative Wenger expressed his appreciation for the work the local District is carrying out in Lancaster County. He pointed out he received assistance installing conservation practices on his farm in West Cocalico Township from District technicians.

Wenger reviewed the past year's legislation that benefited the agricultural segment of the state.

"It's been a good year for agriculture," he stated, "with the passing of House Bill 1608 and 1176 which deal with family farm incorporations and inheritance taxes, respectively."

"It's no good preserving farmland if we can't preserve the people who farm that land," he said.

Wenger expressed optimism for a farmland preservation bill to be passed in the coming year, along with other major agricultural legislation that was side-tracked in 1980.

Senator Manbeck echoed Wenger's sentiments when he assured the District Board he will be working with the county commissioners and state representatives for a land preservation act in 1981.

During the business meeting, the directors expressed concern for the conservation practice — grass waterways — and their frequent failure in Lancaster County.

On a recent trip to Carroll County, Maryland, the directors recalled how they saw a waterway protected from the scouring and digging-out disasters of too much water through the use of a holding pond. This pond releases water at a controlled rate and allows it to drain down through the waterway at a safe speed.

Director Everett Kreider pointed out this may be an answer to Lancaster County's waterway washout problems.

Relating to troubles with too much runoff, the directors expressed concern with the current storm water management problems created by inadequate subdivision and development plans.

Aaron Stauffer stated since the District assumed

the inspection responsibilities for sediment and erosion control, the state's Department of Environmental Resources took several violation cases in front of local magistrates.

Unfortunately, Stauffer pointed out, the track record for wins is not impressive. He said the only case that was decided in the District's favor was thrown out for procedural technicalities.

"We're looking into taking on the litigation responsibilities on a local basis too," Stauffer said. "The image of DER is not too high with our local magistrates."

Concern was shown by the directors when they learned from an Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service spokesman for Lancaster County that it is expected the 1981 ACP funds will be 30 to 40 percent of last year's allocation.

"We've requested \$200,000 and have received \$60,000 to date," he said. "Assuming the new administration continues with its plans, that partial funding may be all we get. Last year Lancaster County received \$160,000."

Funk exclaimed farmers in the county would not put in conservation practices without government funding. Stauffer agreed with this statement and added "the public reaps the benefit of the farmer's conservation investment through the low cost of food in the U.S."

One Lancaster County farmer who has earned the recognition of Conservation Cooperator of the Year has learned the benefits of installing conservation on his dairy farm.

Robert L. Kauffman Jr. was honored with the 33rd Annual Goodyear Conservation Award "for outstanding accomplishments in resource conservation." Making the presentation was Richard Green of the Goodyear Tire Company.

On receiving the award, Kauffman said, "I want to thank everyone for the honor. It's because of people like you who are involved in conservation that our lives are better. And it gives our children a chance to take over the farm."

## School prayer amendment becomes law

WASHINGTON, D.C. — "It is a triumph for school districts across the country who wish to implement voluntary school prayer programs. Those who choose are now free to do so without fear of interference from the U.S. Department of Education," Congressman Bob Walker declared Monday in reaction to his

voluntary school prayer amendment being passed into law.

The Walker School Prayer Amendment was adopted as part of the Continuing Appropriations Resolution package, one of the last pieces of legislation approved by Congress prior to the final adjournment and signed into law by the President.

Specifically, it forbids the use of federal funds to prevent the implementation of voluntary school prayer and meditation programs in the public schools. It is the first federal law to be passed by Congress dealing with the school prayer issue since the 1962 Supreme Court decision forbidding prayer exercises in public schools.

"Nationwide opinion polls indicate the majority of Americans support the restoration of prayer in our public schools. And there is a trend developing among many states and localities to permit voluntary school prayer," Walker noted.

"By all indications, there was a need to add a degree of flexibility to the 1962 Supreme Court decision. My amendment does not mandate or require that voluntary school prayer be

returned to the classroom, rather it prevents the federal government from interfering with the rights of states and localities to determine their own educational policies," he continued.

"If states and localities determine that they want their school day to include an opportunity for voluntary prayer and meditation, we

have now assured that federal bureaucrats will not interfere.

"Prayer and meditation have always been an integral part of our American heritage. It is reassuring to know that our system of government is working as it should to reflect the attitudes and beliefs of its citizens," the 16th District congressman said.

## Huntingdon Holstein Club to meet

ALEXANDRIA — The Huntingdon County Holstein Club will hold its annual banquet and meeting January 17.

The meeting will be held at the Juniata Valley School in Alexandria.

The evening's activities will get underway with a milk bar at 7 p.m. to be followed by the annual dinner at 7.30.

Awards for the year's top producers will be made following the banquet. In addition, a review of the year's events and election of officers for the 1981 season will be held.

There will be comments,

and perhaps even some pictures by R. Wayne Harpster, Spruce Creek, of President Jimmy Carter's fishing trips to Spruce Creek Valley.

Tickets to the event are available from club directors or from the County Extension Office.

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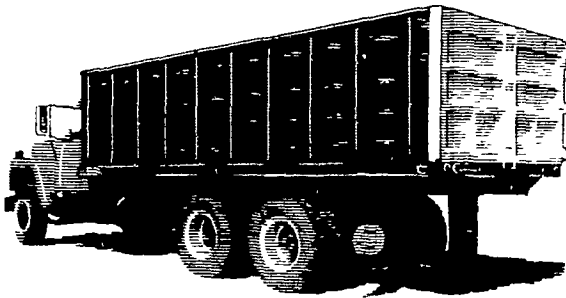
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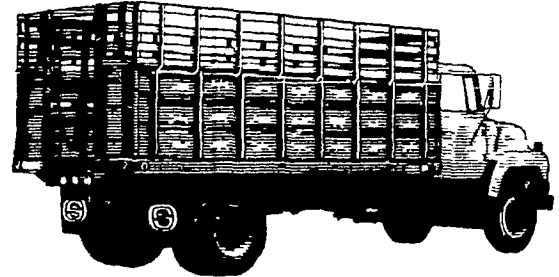
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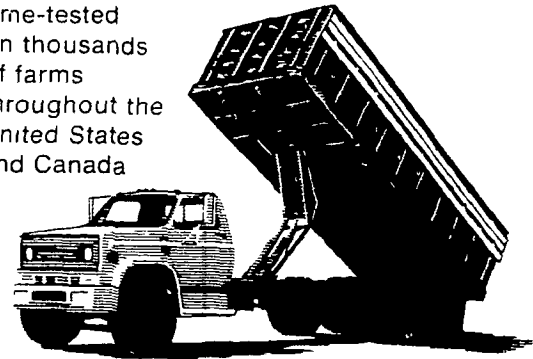
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