

# Wayne water meetings continue

**HONESDALE** — Water ownership and rights to use water as established by Pennsylvania law is not a single body of law, according to Timothy Weston, Assistant Deputy for Resources Management, Pa. Dept. of Environmental Resources.

Weston, speaking at the first session on Water in the Delaware River Basin at the Honesdale High School last Wednesday evening, said that Pa. Water Law is a compilation of court decisions based on English Common Law which has developed over the past two hundred years. The failure to adopt comprehensive water ownership or right to use law has permitted some users to pump excessive amounts of ground water, dry up many neighboring wells and avoid any responsibility for compensations to those who lost their water.

However, Weston, said, within the Delaware River Basin, the interstate compact between New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey

and Delaware does provide some protection for present water users through the regulation of new wells drawing 10,000 gallons per day or more.

The principal objectives of the compact are to maintain water quality and quantity within the Delaware River Basin. The compact, established in 1961 was adopted as a result of continuous problems of water allocation to out of basin users (New York City) which could affect water quality in the lower basin during periods of droughts. At the present time, there is an agreement between the states to reduce withdrawals for New York and New Jersey use during drought periods and Philadelphia and Camden will institute major conservation efforts to avoid salt water intrusion into the lower basin.

Additional meetings of this series conducted by the Wayne County Planning Commission and the Wayne County Cooperative Extension Service were scheduled

to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Honesdale High School. Other meeting sponsors are the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, the Wayne County Commissioners, and the Wayne County Farmers Association.

The speaker for Tuesday was Robert Goodell, Chief Engineer with the Delaware River Basin Commission (DREC). He discussed the role of the commission and how they use the

water in the basin.

At the November 15 session, Jerry Hansler, Executive Director of DRBC; Robert Fiat, River Master, U.S. Geological Survey; Edward Wesely, Executive Director, Delaware River Basin Commission; and William Douglass, Wayne County Planning Director will serve on a panel moderated by Robert Mermel, WDNH Radio.

The purpose of the final session

will be to discuss the role of Wayne County in the over-all plans for the river basin.

These educational meetings provide an opportunity for Wayne County residents to gain a better understanding of the Delaware River Basin as well as the Delaware River Basin Commission, and to explore possibilities for local input into the management of the basin.

All interested persons are welcome.

## Del. schedules winter meetings

**NEWARK, Del.** — Dates have been set for the major crop, livestock and marketing meetings to be held for Delaware farmers this winter. For further details contact county extension offices in Newark (738-2888), Dover (738-1448) and Georgetown (856-6250).

The meetings include:  
Nov. 15 - Delmarva Beef Cattlemen's Association Meeting, Sussex County Vocational and

Technical Center, Georgetown, Del.

Nov. 15 - Peninsula Horticultural Society Meeting, Greenhouse and Ornamentals Session, Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, Salisbury, Md.

Dec. 2 - Grain Producers' Marketing Strategy Session, Sheraton Inn, Dover, Del.

Dec. 8 - Peninsula Horticultural Society Meeting, Vegetable Production Session, Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, Salisbury, Md.

Dec. 9 - Winter Forage Meeting, Maryland Delaware Forage Council, Hartly Fire Hall, Hartly, Del.

Dec. 12 - Kent County Extension Crops Meeting, Delaware State Fairgrounds Restaurant, Harrington, Del.

Dec. 13 - Kent and New Castle

County Extension Crops Meeting, Clayton Fire Hall, Clayton, Del.

Dec. 14 - Mid-Atlantic No-Till Meeting, Timonium, Md.

Dec. 16 - Sussex County Extension Crops Meeting, Georgetown Substation, Georgetown, Del.

Jan. 5-6 - Grain Hedging Workshop, Sheraton Inn, Dover, Del.

Jan. 18-19 - Delmarva Pork Congress, Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, Salisbury, Md.

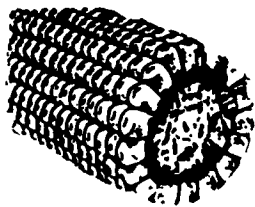
Jan. 24-25 - Delaware Vegetable Growers Meeting, Sheraton Inn, Dover, Del.

Feb. 9 - Delmarva Corn and Soybean Conference, Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, Salisbury, Md.

Feb. 21-23 - Mid-Atlantic Direct Marketing Conference, Host Farm, Lancaster, Pa.

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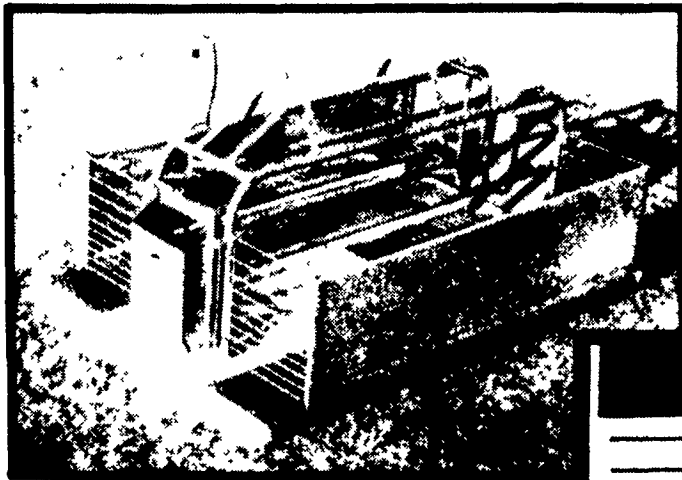
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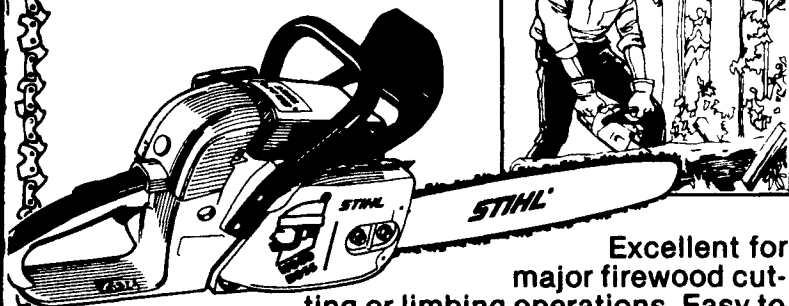
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