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when routes 11 & 15 were constructed around Duncannon. This neighbor signed an agreement with the Department of Transportation which said this land was severed and worthless, and they were paid \$550 in 1962. When land values became more valuable, they petitioned the Court of Common Pleas in Perry County for a 20' right-away through our property. The court granted it. At the time our township was in the process of establishing an ag security area of 1790 acres. We were told this act 43 does not include private taking.

I think the Dept. of Transportation should have the \$550 returned

by my neighbors plus interest and costs. Sometimes I think these above monies should be returned to my brother and I.

I wanted to share our experience with you and ask if you had any ideas for us. I also think this was very unfair-- like things you would hear about in the USSR.

Garry W. Raub  
Duncannon

Editor:

Concerning your editorial in the Dec. 17th issue:

I agree too, that the lottery has no place in the Penna. Farm Show Complex, and furthermore our nation doesn't need it either. We have taken our eyes off God. St. Luke 12:15 God's word says,

"Take heed, and, beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

God's judgement is real and will have to answer for the things in which we do.

This is where I stand on this issue.

A concerned farmer,  
John Welsh Jr.  
Martinsburg, W.Va.

Editor:

The front page story of your December 24th edition, that concerns land preservation, has raised some interesting questions (or riddles?) that I would like to see answered.

The use of the term "virus" to describe the power of eminent domain is somewhat mild. Police state would be a more suitable definition. Have we as citizens

lost our right of redress before these government bodies? I will always remember what a college professor said to me concerning eminent domain. He said, in so many words, that the affected parties were allowed to bring their grievances before the courts, but in the end they were awarded the original offers for their properties anyway. Could this be just a game that is played in order to give lawyers more work?

A property that is adjoining ours has recently come on the market. It is about eight acres in size and formerly was a hobby farm. This property also adjoins that of the local school district, and could be subdivided. My query? If the school district has plans for expansion, would they

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Beverly Snyder

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Their primary function is the production of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) held each October in Harrisburg.

Beverly comes to the association with a strong agricultural background. Raised on a dairy farm near Emlenton, Pa. (northwest Pa.) she was involved as a youth, and still is involved in the 4-H program, Grange, Pennsylvania Farm Show, and various county fairs, including the Venango County Fair, her home fair. For the past ten years she has been very involved with the Pa. State Association of County Fairs, and for the past two years has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Association. A graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Beverly formerly taught school, worked in agricultural extension, and for the past five years has managed her own firm, Snyder's Creative Service, which specializes in association and organizational management as well as public relations work. Very active in her community and county, Beverly serves on various state boards, including the Pennsylvania Travel Council and Polk Center. She has an established working relationship with primary Harrisburg offices through her work in various organizations.

The office for the association will be in Emlenton. Plans are being formulated for five areas of development for the Keystone Show. They are: 1) increase vendor participation, 2) increase advertising in the KILE catalogue, 3) institute class sponsors, 4) increase consumer participation at the show, and 5) increase participation at the annual membership meeting. In addition to the goals established for the KILE show, a bi-monthly newsletter has been established, a membership campaign will be initiated, and programs will be started to link this association with other agricultural and allied industry groups.

Annual membership in PLA is structured on the following basis. Individual and family farms: \$15.00; Associations and Agribusiness: \$30.00; Sustaining members: \$100.00 and Supporting, which includes eight annual meeting tickets, and a half page ad in the KILE catalog: \$500.00. For a membership form, contact Beverly at Box 158, Emlenton, Pa. 16373.

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