

Rep. Barley Seeks Agriculture Department Power Over Wetlands

Pennsylvania's current wetlands program, which is adminis-

tered by the Department of Environmental Resources (DER), is

considered a bureaucratic nightmare by many farmers and other property owners in our Commonwealth.

and the direct impact that wetland regulations have on the agriculture community, I am supporting a proposed amendment that would transfer responsibility for the wetland program from DER to the Agriculture Department.

ists, to discuss the preparation of new, stricter regulations. In light of this action, the proposed amendment has been put on hold until we receive further word from Secretary Davis on the regulations.

Awards Banquet

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 - (3) integrate academic with vocational courses
 - (4) revise state education board regulations on graduation and vocational program participation time requirements
 - (5) have industry assist with curriculum development to meet job skill requirements.

PVATA vice president. The Pennsylvania Department of Education recognized the 12 teachers who worked on core curriculum development. They were: Michelle Rice, Vicky Beshore, Clifford Day, Carol Fay, Mici Houser, Kathleen Jones, Bob Lauffer, Jim Makerith, Phil Oglie, Debbie Saveritz, Tim Weller, and Cary Calobson. Honorary lifetime memberships were awarded to these retiring members: Howard Micollo, Fred Stillwagon, Marlin Henninger, and Don Reinick.

Others say that DER has too many programs to administer them all properly. DER is already heavily overburdened with its enormous responsibility to develop, promulgate and enforce laws and regulations for coal and non-coal mining, the storage tank program, air and water quality standards, municipal waste facilities, residual waste facilities, hazardous waste facilities and the state's recycling program among others.

If the switch were to take place, the Agriculture Department could handle the program in a manner that would be less hurried and more sensitive to the concerns of those who are most affected by such regulations, primarily farmers.

If DER continues to ignore the concerns of our farmers, I will urge immediate adoption of the amendment, which contains a concrete definition of a wetland. When we attempt to protect our environment we must insure that we are not using such a broad-brushed approach that we arbitrarily restrict the use of vital farmlands not worthy of being cited as wetlands.

Dr. Moody commended PVATA for its forward-looking attitude in expanding programs with a technical focus, such as aquaculture, hydroponics, and international marketing.

PVATA honored several members for special achievements at the banquet. Dr. Stinson, retiring Penn State horticulture professor, was recognized for his assistance with establishing greenhouse programs, writing text books, giving summer workshops, and helping in many other ways.

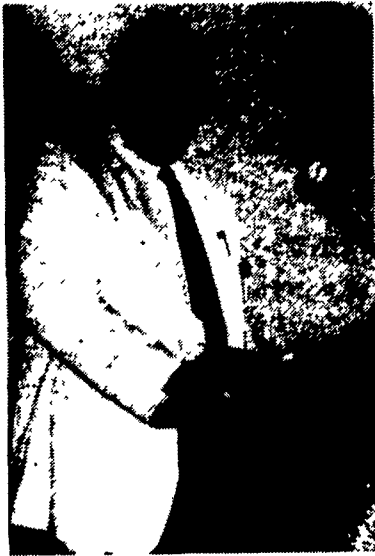
Hilton Clark of the Diversified Marketing Association gave watches as 25-Year Service Awards to: Alvin Sommers, Ronald Bauer, Doyle Paul, Philip Opline, Gerald Richert, Gale Gerber, Kenneth Rhoades, Roger Michelom, Earl Brown, and John Ishler.

Outstanding Young Member Award went to Cary Calobson for his work in core curriculum development, invention of a water testing method published in Successful Farming, and as a regional

Because of this large workload,

DER Secretary Arthur Davis met with a group of building industry and agriculture representatives, as well as environmental-

'Come On Down To The Farm' Marks KILE's Theme



Dr. Ferman Moody, director of the PA Bureau of Vocational and Adult Education, keynote speaker.

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — "Come On Down To The Farm" will be the theme for the 1990 Keystone International Livestock Exposition to be held October 4-8 at the Farm Show Complex.

As in 1989, a complete program is being put together to encourage the general public, as well as those directly related to agriculture, to come and enjoy the show.

Back for all to enjoy will be the "Agway Racing Pigs," a friendly clown with his trained goat Blaze, and Ed and Geraldine with their Old Time Country Music. New to

the show this year will be "BJ," the puppet and his miniature truck.

Also returning for the second year will be the commodity food booths with their excellent barbeque sandwiches, their beef stew, and a good possibility of pork, lamb stew, and sticky cinnamon buns being available this year.

Always a hit with the younger set is the Kessler Petting Barnyard. School tours will again be held on Friday, and the Lebanon Valley Bank will be sponsoring the Agri-Olympics on Saturday.

More than 100 children participated in the various activities last year, and even more events are

being planned for 1990. The Evergreen Tractor Company is sponsoring the Kiddies Pedal Pull on Sunday afternoon, and the lead-line event will also be held on Saturday.

The Glatfelter Insurance Challenge of the Breeds will be held again on Saturday evening in the large arena. At the 1989 show, a paint horse won the challenge.

Trade show booth space, as well as educational booth space, is being reserved daily. If you are interested in exhibiting, please contact Beverly Snyder at (412) 867-2479.

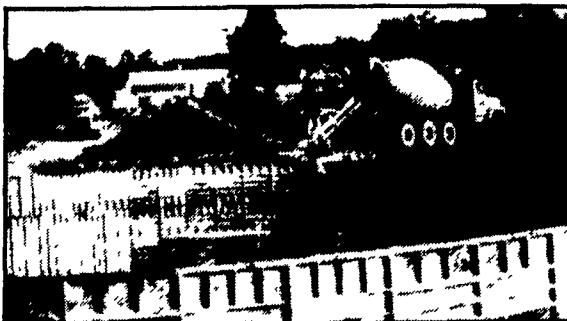
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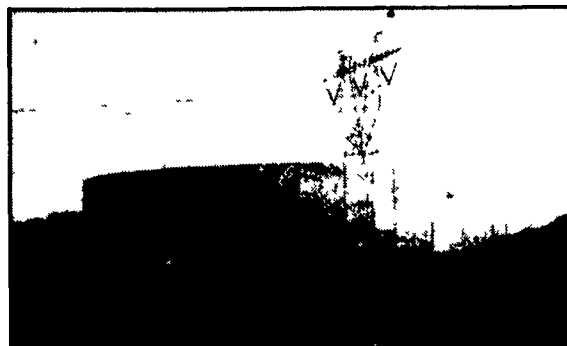
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