

# Land Trust Works With Landowners

YORK (York Co.) — As 1993 came to a close, the Farm & Natural Lands Trust, York County's only private nonprofit land preservation organization, was busy wrapping up land saving actions on more than 232 acres of land.

Conservation easements on the first two properties, consisting of a total of 64 acres, were formally accepted by F&NLT's board of directors at their November meeting. These lands will now be forever protected for their agricultural and natural open space values.

Two of the most unique features a private land trust can offer a landowner who wishes to protect their land are flexibility and anonymity. For many different reasons, landowners wishing to protect their land sometimes prefer to do so privately. The first conservation easement approved was granted to the Trust under a limited disclosure agreement.

This conservation easement on 50 acres of farm and open space lands along Powder Mill Road is a first for York Township. The inte-

grated nature of the current and intended future uses of this property provide substantial benefit to the community as a natural, ecological, and scenic resource. Through their donation of a conservation easement on this property, the landowners have provided a rare opportunity for land preservation and for the future of York County.

The second conservation easement approved in November is another first for both public and private land preservation efforts in York County. This easement on 14,308 acres of agricultural land has been granted to F&NLT by Barbara Warren of East Manchester Township, with a future conservation easement on the adjoining 188 acres of agricultural and natural lands.

The Warren Farm, at times referred to locally as Starview Farms, lies between the village of Starview and the Boro of Mt. Wolf. The original 202-acre property, from which the 14,308-acre parcel was separately deeded, has been in the Warren family since

1948, and has supported a variety of agricultural uses. Today the land is in a crop rotation of corn, wheat, soybeans, hay, and oats. With better than 96 percent of all soils on this parcel in soil capability Classes I through IV, this tract is well suited to its current agricultural use.

Management of the property to promote wildlife and bird habitat has been a long-term project for Barb Warren. An avid birder with

interests in international conservation, she wanted to assure that the conservation easement that would forever protect her family's land would also address her concerns for the birds and other wildlife that have made the lands of Starview Farms their home. The flexibility of the Farm & Natural Lands Trust was critically important in assisting Barb to devise a conservation easement that specifically address-

ed her concerns. The easement as approved, calls for the maintenance of wetlands and hedgerows while prohibiting the destruction or alteration in a manner detrimental to wildlife of the ponds, water courses, and wetlands located on the property. In addition, pastures, fields and boundary fences are to be left in natural vegetation and managed so as to provide corridors of habitat for wildlife, birds and native plant species.

# Young Farmers Set Convention

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association Winter Convention, hosted by the Ephrata chapter, will be held here at the Eden Resort and Convention Center on Feb. 8-10.

Three days filled with education and fun are planned. Tuesday will begin with lunch at 11:30 a.m. After lunch, tours focusing on small agribusinesses will begin. First stop will be MGS, Inc., a utility trailer manufacturer. Next

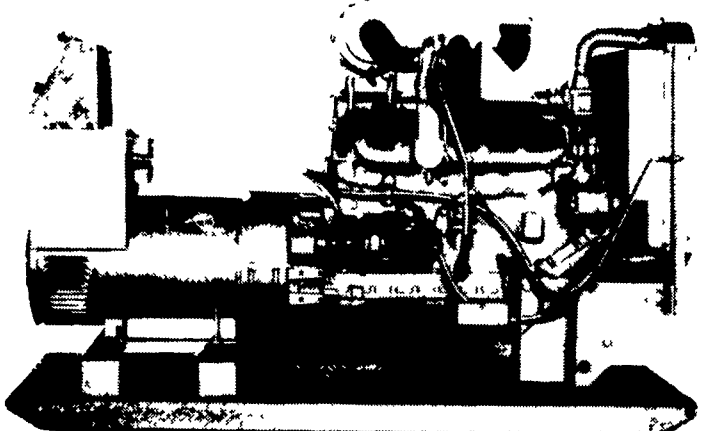
is A & W Screen Printing, Inc., where they do silk screen printing on fabric for several large companies. Last will be Ivan Rissler, Inc., a producer of forage blenders.

The opening banquet Tuesday evening will feature Cyndi Garber, a vocalist. An ice cream social and pool party will end the day.

On Wednesday, the business meeting will begin at 9 a.m. After lunch, educational workshops will be held. The ladies program will include Carol Stoltzfus doing color analysis and then a work along craft by Ada Mae Martin in the morning and a tour of Wilbur Chocolate and Outlet, Selfhelp

Warehouse, and shopping at Selfhelp Craft and Tearoom. The awards banquet will conclude Wednesday.

Thursday will again have a tour with visits to Earl and Grace Martin Farm, where they farm corn, rye, soybeans, and tobacco. They also finish 600 head of beef cattle. At Paul B. Zimmerman, Inc. Steel and Fabrication, attendees will see a large family-run business and hardware store. Hammercreek Holsteins and Exotics, by Paul and Brenda Zimmerman, will tell attendees about the fastest growing, new livestock industry in America. A farewell luncheon will conclude the three-day event.



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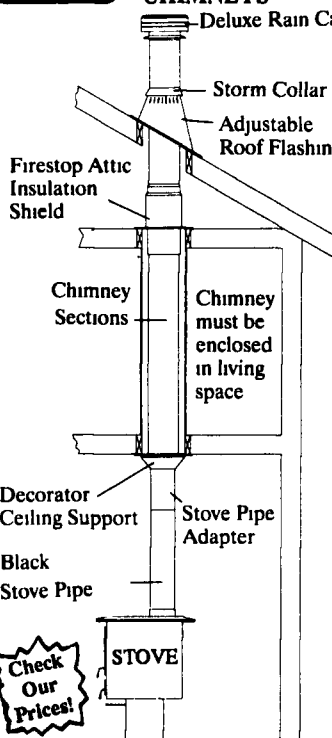
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