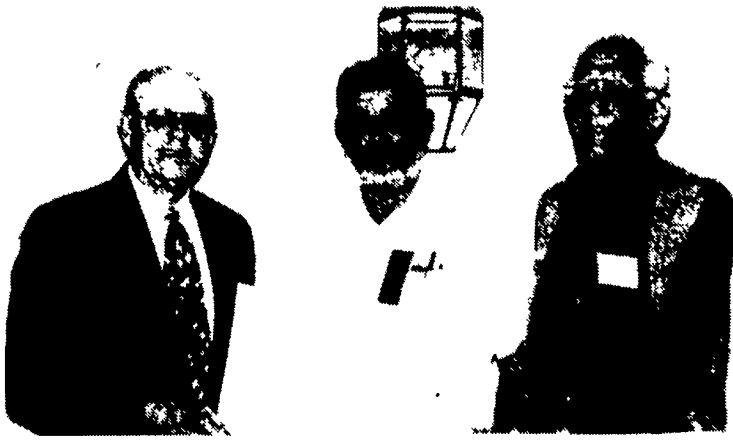


PACD Honors Conservationists



A Proclamation from Gov. Tom Ridge was presented to the Carbon County Conservation District, recognizing 50 years of service of the district, presented by Russell Gunton, regional director of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, left. In middle is Clark Shoenberger, district chairman and right is Ben Brodsky, district vice chairman.



The Outstanding Carbon Conservation District Farmer Award was presented to Cloverdale Farms, the Gregory Family, from Lehigh Township, Carbon County. From left, Bill Gregory; Jim Clauser, Carbon County Conservation District; and Ann Gregory.



The Outstanding Service Award was presented to Brad Ellison, DCNR Bureau of Forestry, left. At right is Clark Shoenberger, Carbon County district chairman.

WHITE HAVEN (Luzerne Co.) — Both the Carbon County Conservation District 50th Anniversary and the annual Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD) conference were held in October here at the Mountain Laurel Resort.

The PACD conference was hosted by the Carbon County Conservation District, which celebrated its 50th anniversary.

The theme for the event was "Diversity In Action." The theme was chosen to illustrate that Carbon County is a diverse county, ranging from agriculture to tourism.

The district presented awards to people throughout the county for their efforts to conserve soil and water.

The Outstanding Carbon Conservation District Farmer Award went to Cloverdale Farms, the Gregory family from Lehigh Township. On hand to receive the award were Bill and Ann Gregory.

The Outstanding Service Award was presented to Brad Ellison from the DCNR Bureau of Forestry. A Proclamation from Gov. Tom Ridge was presented to the Carbon County Conservation District, recognizing 50 years of service to the county. The proclamation was presented by Russell Gunton, regional director of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

About 275 people attended the PACD conference, representing conservation districts throughout Pennsylvania. Other agencies represented included the Pennsylvania Game Commission, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, USDA Farm Service Agency, USDA Natural Resources and Conservation Service, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, and other agencies. Also, companies showcased their services from the county.

The district showcased its county with field trips that included tours of the Carbon County Environmental Education Center, Mauch Chunk Lake Park, Cloverdale Farms, Mr. Joe Thomas's Forest Stewardship property, historic Jim Thorpe Borough (Carbon County's seat), and various other locations.



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