

Historic District (continued)

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The District, which Mr. Watson's office has already surveyed and submitted to the Interior Department, is expected to be approved in about six months.

Mr. Watson explained upon being questioned that the District will infringe "not at all" on the rights of homeowners. No property will be required to look a certain way or be maintained in any prescribed manner.

"Then there are no

requirements attached to being in the District?" we asked him.

"None whatsoever," replied Mr. Watson.

Although the government will not require anything of the homeowners in the area, it will strongly encourage them to preserve historic structures within the district.

The governmental persuasion comes in the form of tax structures. For example, the cost of demolishing an old building is

ordinarily a tax write-off. If the razed building is in an Historic District, the cost of demolition is capitalized and added to the cost of the property. Other tax changes can be found under section 2124(b) of the tax law.

On the other side of the Historic coin is good news for people who want to fix up their historic properties. Mr. Watson said that 50% matching funds would be available for improvements to historic structures. The

funds could be used for work that "benefits the public," i.e., which preserves the historic nature of the building. Thus the addition of shutters and painting would be eligible for funding, but a new furnace would not (in a private home; a furnace in a public building would benefit the public).

The Federal funds, which could be obtained along with state funds, would be given only to owners of "historic" buildings within

the Historic District. As Mr. Watson put it, "You wouldn't get anything to fix up a gas station."

Mr. Watson implied that funding should not be hard to get for owners of the right sort of property. Owners of the more recent sort may be able to escape the tax law by proving to the proper agency that their property is not historic in nature.

There are only about 30 Historic Districts in Pennsylvania, and none in

Lancaster County (although there exist 20 or so "Historic Sites"). When we asked Mr. Watson why his office had picked Marietta, he replied that it was "close."

"Close to what?" we asked.

"Harrisburg," he replied. "We only have three people, and we didn't have to go very far to survey you. We considered Lancaster, but that's bigger, and would have taken longer."

La Leche League to discuss advantages of breastfeeding

The E-town/Mount Joy Chapter of the La Leche League will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, September 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the Norlanco Family Health

Center. The topic of discussion will be "The advantages of breastfeeding to mother and baby."

Any interested woman is invited to attend. For more

information or counseling, call: Elaine Good, at 653-1590; Deborah Kuntz, 653-8566; Jan Haitman, 367-3102; or Libby Kettering, 653-8591.

Pvt. Ruby completes training

Marine private Henry J. Ruby, son of Mrs. Mary Ruby, of 253 W. Market, Marietta, has completed recruit training at Parris Island.

During the 11-week course, Henry learned basic battlefield survival, was introduced to Marine Corps routine, and studied the standards traditional to his branch of the service.

He took part in a physical conditioning program, and gained proficiency in first aid, marksmanship, and close order drill.

He signed up in December 1976.

Doug Morris deployed in Mediterranean

Navy Yeoman Seaman Douglas Scott Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Morris of Elizabethtown, is

currently deployed in the Mediterranean Sea aboard the USS Independence.

Morris and his squadron recently completed 52 con-

tinuous hours of flight operations there.

He joined the Navy in December 1975.

Atn. hunters: heavy shot outlawed

Notice to hunters: The PA Game Commission has outlawed any shotgun shot larger than #2 for the rest of the year. The reason is that, while heavier shot travels farther, it is more likely to cripple birds than the smaller shot.

Large shot has been favored by some hunters for waterfowl. BB's and ball bearings have been loaded by a few.

Remember, too, that lead shot has been banned in our area. Only steel shot is allowed, due to lead poisoning of our streams and rivers. Rifles and handguns cannot be used to hunt waterfowl.

If you hunt with a shotgun other than gauge 12, you may use lead,

however. Steel shot is not readily available for these gauges.

Because the steel shot ruling applies only in the local area (Lancaster county and along the Susquehanna River), it may be hard to find steel shot in 12 gauge of the proper size, smaller than #2. It would be best to

start looking immediately.

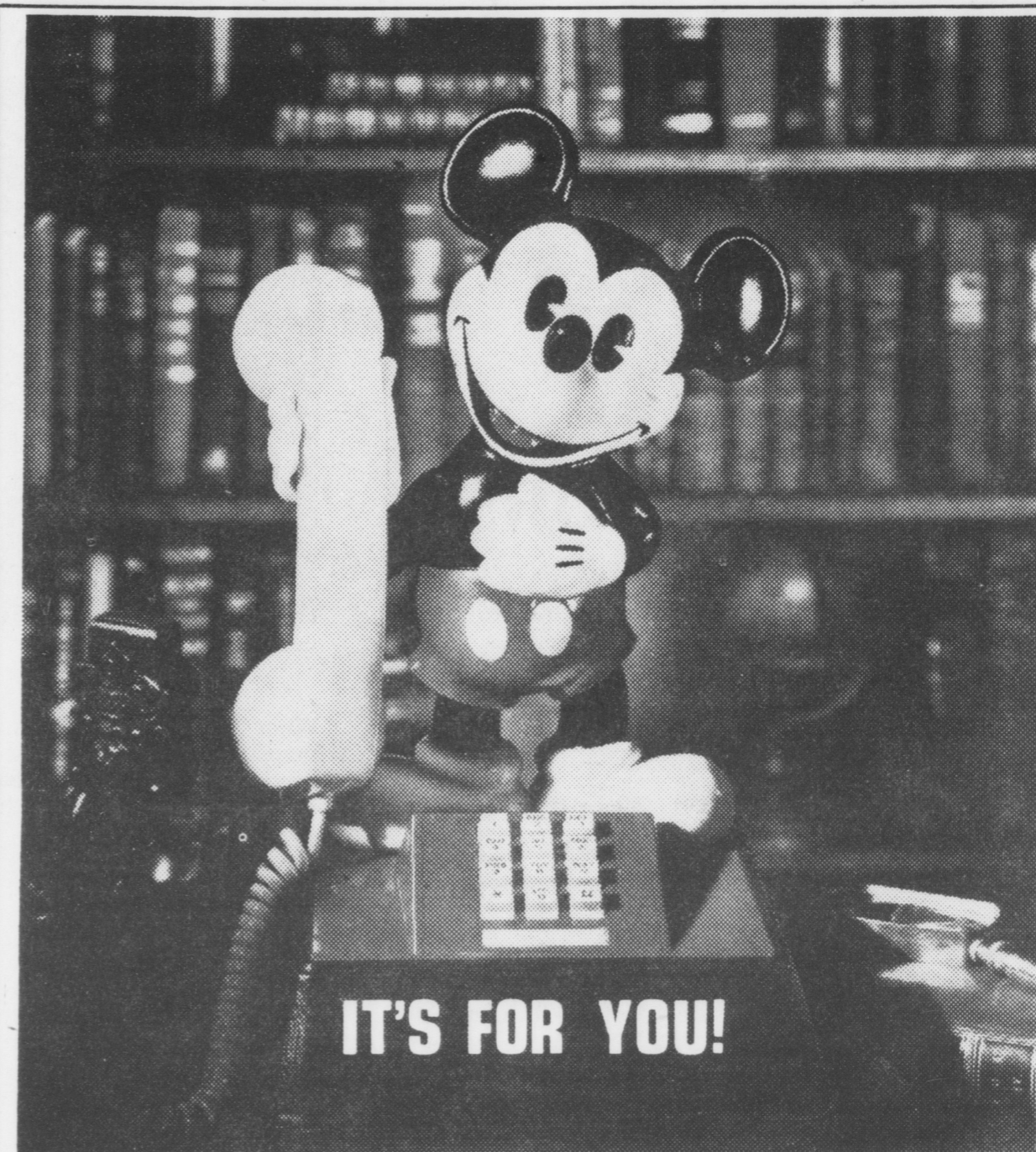
According to the Game Commission, steel shot costs 50% more than lead and has a shorter range (35 to 40 yards at most). Beyond 40 yards the number of birds crippled but not retrieved is large. They advise against "sky-busting" for that reason.

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James Lawrence graduates

James Lawrence, of RD2 Mount Joy, graduated from Penn State last Saturday with a D.E.D. in educational administration.



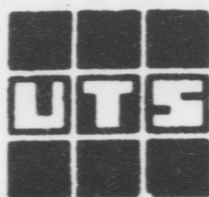
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