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Ron Nolt

Ron Nolt, 4-H state tractor champ

Ron Nolt, Mount Joy, R.D. 1, is the new Pennsylvania 4-H tractor driving champion. Ron won the title last week at the State Days competition at Penn State.

The new champion lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Nolt, at their

farm on Musser Road.

To win, Ron had to answer a 50-question exam, run a safety check on the tractor, back a wagon into a stall, and drive a manure spreader through an obstacle course.

Ron won the county tractor driving contest last

year, but placed 4th in the state finals. This year he won first place.

This September, Ron will take on the best drivers east of the Mississippi, at the District Championships in Richmond, Virginia.

Ron has also raised prize-winning capons.

Stolfus and Sauder, 4-H poultry judges

Judy Stolfus and Jim Sauder of Mount Joy, along with Craig Harnish of Lancaster and Tim Grube of Elm won the 4-H poultry

judging contest in Penn State last week.

They had to decide to keep or cull live chickens, grade dressed chickens,

candle eggs, grade broken out eggs, grade exterior shells, and explain the

reasons for their judgments. In addition, they had to take a written quiz.



Judy Stolfus



Jim Sauder

E. Donegal zoning law

East Donegal Township's Planning Commission, in conjunction with Huth Engineers of Lancaster, has completed a new zoning ordinance, which is now available for the public to read.

The new ordinance implements the Comprehensive Plan which was adopted last summer, and which designated areas near Mount Joy and Marietta for housing, industrial and commercial development, but preserved the central bulk of the township for agricultural use.

Chairman Jefferson Hartzler of the Planning Commission has pointed out that the new zoning map of the township conforms to the general outlines of the map shown in the Plan, but follows property lines exactly and shows more land set aside for agriculture than the Plan map had indicated.

A unique feature of the new plan, Hartzler says, is the compromise achieved between farmers' wishes to



E. Donegal Planning Commission at work last winter on new zoning ordinance

sell lots for housing and the conservationists' wish to preserve farming land. The new ordinance allows a farmer to sell one 20,000 square foot lot for housing for every 25 acres of farmland he owns.

Another provision of the new ordinance, noted by Hartzler, is designed to prevent water and sewage problems in low density residential areas. Lots of 25,000 square feet are required where no public water or sewage is available. If either public water or sewage is available without the other being available, 20,000 square feet is the minimum lot size. And if

both are at hand, only 15,000 square feet are required for a house lot.

Other members of the Commission besides Hartzler are: Donald Betty, Dr. John Brown, Paul Duval, Wilbur Fuhrman, David Garber, Dr. John Hart, Irvin Musser, and Dale White.

The Commission will be at the Maytown School beginning at 8 p.m., next Tuesday, August 26, to answer questions about the proposed ordinance.

On Tuesday, September 9, at 8 p.m. in Donegal High school, the Township Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance.

Enlarging MJ Park hurts Graybill family

Last week Mount Joy's Borough Council decided to lease the house the borough owns at Manheim and Barbara Streets to the Mount Joy Area Historical Society. The Society will restore the building and use it as a museum and public meeting place.

The Council's decision necessitated asking Elva Walker Graybill and her son Gary to leave the house which has been inhabited by the Graybills for many years.

Considerable public sympathy has been aroused for the Graybills, as a result of the Council's decision. The Lancaster newspapers have run stories describing the Graybills' plight.

Borough Manager Joseph Bateman has expressed his personal sympathy for the Graybills, but feels that administratively the Borough has no choice but to ask the Graybills to move. "The Borough should not be in the landlord business," Bateman said.

Gary Graybill maintains that the Borough is still in the landlord business by leasing to the Historical Society. He says that his family has repeatedly offered to buy the property, only to have the Borough ignore their offers. Gary's position is that the Borough could easily remove itself from the landlord business by selling the house to the Graybills.

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