



Ahhh....the life of retirement!



(l-r) Lorrie Quadro, Al Barnett, Paul Heyworth, Roy Houston at a District Awards Banquet.



Always thinking...always giving.



Talking conservation in the early 70's.

## Honoring a District Friend



(l-r) Carol Pollock, PA State Representative Tom Tangretti, Paul and Myrna Heyworth.

### A TRIBUTE TO PAUL HEYWORTH 1936 - 2004

By Lorrie Quadro

There are people that touch our lives that we never forget... our parents, a close sibling, a special teacher or coach, our first best friend. Paul Heyworth touched many lives, in a variety of ways. Mentor, advocate, teacher, adversary, role-model, husband, father, friend, – all these words have described Paul and how he affected those around him. I remember having to write an article for an English class – “My Most Unforgettable Person”. If I had to write that article today, that person would be Paul Heyworth. A dedicated writer and editor, he mentored me from the day I entered the district offices. No college class could ever teach me the many things Paul did in every aspect of communications. There came a day when he said there was nothing more he could teach me – that the teacher had become the student. But I never for a

minute went forward without running something by him – I valued his instincts, his intelligence, and his wisdom. And of course, there was always that touch of humor that was an integral part of his personality – he remained my “slave” to the end... writing headlines, re-writing leads, changing captions, offering advice on graphics. His influence will long be felt in Westmoreland County.

Many people who were influenced by Paul would like to share their thoughts, feelings, and remembrances of the ways he touched their lives. What follows is a tribute to a real visionary and dedicated conservationist.

More  
memories inside...

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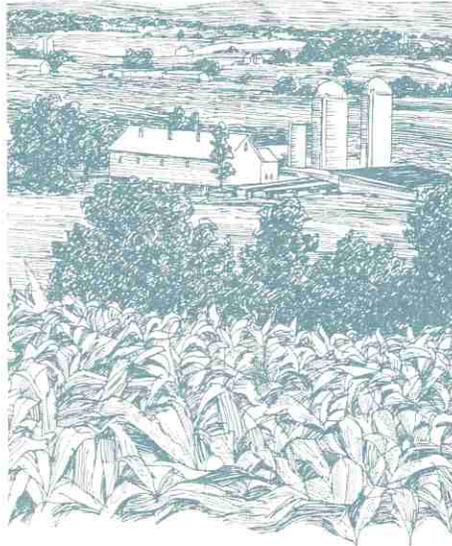
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# Area Farmers Turn Out for Southwest Regional No-Till Conference

By Leanne Griffith



The weather outside was terrible. Nine fresh inches of snow, wind howling, temperatures hovering around zero. Registration started at 8:30 and only one person had made it. Wes Gordon of Natural Resources Conservation Services said, "Don't worry, they will come." Ten minutes later two more came. Wes said, "They will come." The event was to start at 9 a.m. and people were still trickling in. We delayed the start for a few minutes as even more came in to register.

Amazingly, before the first speaker was done the room was overflowing. Who were the 86 "adventurous" souls that traveled the icy roads to the district's Education Center that winter day? Farmers, of course, and agency members who knew that the farmers would come in spite of bad weather.

For several years, the Tri-State Mid-Atlantic No-Till Conference has been held in West Middlesex Pennsylvania. It is a program for farmers in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New York. Local farmers expressed the desire for something like this to be held closer to home. The workshop was led by Wes Gordon, Joel Myers (NRCS State Agronomist),

Gary Sheppard of Penn State Cooperative Extension Services, Nevin Ulery of Resource Conservation and Development, and Dan and Leanne Griffith from the conservation district. Other conferences were held in different corners of the state.

Many farmers use the traditional time-honored system of plowing, disking, and planting when putting in their crops. No-Till farming is a system of planting the crops where the fields do not get the ground turned over and then disked before planting. The seed is planted directly in the stubble of the previous crop.

No-Till farming is sometimes referred to as "Conservation Farming".

Because the soil is not plowed or disked, less soil erosion occurs. Also, the tractor is not used in the fields as much, so less fuel is required. Another important factor is that the soil does not become as compacted due to the heavy equipment running back and forth numerous times. No-Till farming requires closer management of crops, however.

Randy Raper and Mike Hubbs flew in from Alabama to speak at several of these area conferences. Randy addressed issues of soil compaction and Mike talked about soil quality with the crowd.

Sjoerd Duiker spoke about the specific concerns of soil compaction in this area of Pennsylvania. Joel Myers encouraged farmer to make the transition to No-Till farming.

In the afternoon, local experts who have know-how using conservation tillage shared their no-till experience with the crowd. The panelists included farmers Greg Forejt and Doug Beida, crop service specialist Fred Slezak, and Kevin Fry, Penn State Extension Agronomy Educator.

# Avoiding Erosion and Stormwater Misteks Topic of Workshop

By Jim Pillsbury

All of human history has been plagued by mistakes. From Adam and Eve's first 'oops' to the recent space shuttle disaster, there seems to be a pattern of trial and error which emerges in every person's life. At the Conservation District, we deal with missteps every day — forms filled out wrong, pipes sized incorrectly, silt fence used in the 'ditch or swale condition' — the list is endless. So, at our annual Stormwater and Erosion Control workshop, our speakers tried to help the audience of engineers, surveyors, and landscape architects to avoid time-consuming peccadilloes.

A common and troublesome mistake we frequently notice is that application forms and NPDES applications are filled out wrong. Kathy Fritz, long-time District technical secretary, explained to the crowd of 186 that errors and omissions on these forms may have repercussions. For example, a site in a High Quality or Exceptional Value watershed needs an

Individual NPDES permit. Often, an applicant will incorrectly list the Chapter 93 classification of their site's receiving waters, and will apply for a General NPDES permit. Trying to fix this error later on, at the state level, is hard.

Some errors can be hidden, but stormwater mistakes will always come to the surface. Engineer Jim Pillsbury gave the designers a brief review of the new stormwater management requirements for infiltration. Permitted sites need to address the pre-to-post volume difference in 2 year, 24 hour storm runoff. Ideally, DEP wants developers to infiltrate this entire volume difference on the site. Alternatively, water quality treatment is permissible.

The process of designing erosion controls and installing them in the field is another source of mistakes. WCD's Chris Droste and DEP's Darl Rosenquest, PE, used Power Point™ slides to show the listeners better ways to develop plans that will work on their sites. Darl and

Chris discussed sediment traps, channels, risers, outlets, construction sequence, and site revisions.

Some folks might think that plants growing on a roof is some kind of missake. Our special guest speaker, Dr. Albert Jarrett from Penn State, showcased the research he has done on skimmers (a method of draining cleaner water from a sediment basin) and on green roofs. Covering a roof with special plants growing in a lightweight growth medium can capture the runoff from most storms of 1" or less, will entirely remove some pollutants from the roof's runoff, and can greatly lower the temperature of the roof, which helps the building's air conditioner.

We hope that as a result of attending our workshop, our engineer, surveyor, and landscape architect friends will make fewer mistakes and that their plans will be of greater benefit to our county's environment.

## Find the Soup Spoon

By Joanne Kitsko



The Westmoreland District's Center for Conservation Education offers a *carte du jour* (menu) variety guaranteed to please everyone's taste. Our *smorgasbord* (wide assortment) of educational programs, tours, special events and workshops offers an excellent *menu* (choices) all tastefully prepared by *master chefs* (WCD staff) and catered to our clientele. Before you are seated by the *maitre d'* (head-waiter) and savor the *piece de resistance* (main item or event), you must first find the necessary soup spoon hidden somewhere in this issue of *Landmarks*. The 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> callers to

Joanne at 724-837-5271 correctly identifying its whereabouts in the spring 2004 issue, will win some delightfully, delicious prizes! Previous contest winners are not eligible; however, your comments regarding our publications are always welcome and appreciated. Good Luck and *Bon Appetit!!!*

Joseph Seren of Vandergriff, Tom Rabic of Whitney, and Renea Isenberg of Indiana were the winners of our "Find the Artist's Paint Brush" contest in the Winter, 2003 issue. Congratulations to our three lucky winners!



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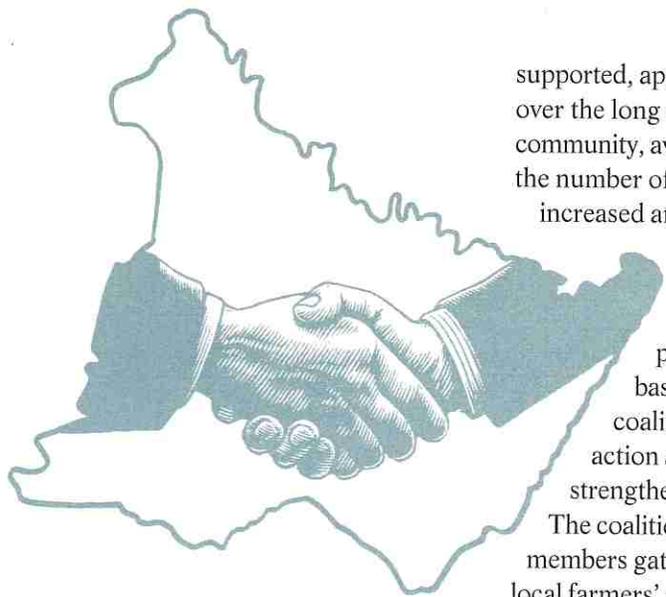
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# Future of Agriculture in Westmoreland County

By Anita Nichols



supported, appropriate, and sustainable over the long run. By engaging the community, available expertise is widened, the number of ideas brought forth is increased and the work is spread out among a large number of people.

The Future of Agriculture program uses a broad-based, community-wide coalition to create and put into action a plan for sustaining and strengthening local agriculture.

The coalition helps community members gather information about local farmers' needs, concerns and opportunities. That information is then used to craft and implement appropriate strategies.

Farmers' needs and concerns are collected by means of informal discussion (called "Let's Talk" sessions), and through a written survey administered to randomly selected local farmers by teams of community volunteers (called "farm visitors"). The "Let's Talk" comments and survey responses are analyzed by a team of Penn State faculty and staff. This information is then used by the community coalition (called the "task force") to identify strategic directions and action steps to address agriculture's future in the county. Subcommittees within the community task force implement these action steps over the following year or longer as needed.

The Penn State Cooperative Extension will be using the spring months to gather support and recruit taskforce members. If you would like to get involved or for more information, please contact Anita Nichols, Extension Educator, [adn3@psu.edu](mailto:adn3@psu.edu), (724) 837-1402.

By participating in this program, Westmoreland County residents and organizations can demonstrate that they care about local agriculture and its future.

While the county is preparing for its future with the comprehensive planning process, it is also a great time to think about the county's agricultural future.

The Penn State Cooperative Extension in Westmoreland County would like to introduce a program called the Future of Agriculture in Our Community that it hopes to implement in 2004. Developed by the Penn State Cooperative Extension, the Future of Agriculture program is based loosely on an existing business retention program and a community strategic planning program.

The Future of Agriculture program brings community members together to understand and address the challenges facing farming in the county. The program provides a way for local farmers to voice their concerns and needs. The program then helps the community to develop and implement an action plan for sustaining farms and strengthening the agricultural industry in the county.

The Future of Agriculture program is designed to encourage community involvement, which is important for ensuring that the strategic plan and implementation steps are broadly



Nevin Ulery

## Penn's Corner RC&D Coordinator Retires

Long-time coordinator of the Penn's Corner Resource Conservation and Development Area, Nevin Ulery, retired on January 3, 2004. Nevin had a productive 42 year career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Soil Conservation Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service) including nearly 30 years as the RC&D Coordinator. With Nevin's guidance many RC&D projects were completed in the five county area of southwestern Pennsylvania, later expanded to nine counties. Significant projects in Westmoreland County that Nevin assisted with include Northmoreland Park Lake development, handicapped access to Twin Lakes County Park, and in more recent times, alternate sewage disposal at Twin Lakes, and minewater remediation in Sewickley Creek Watershed.

Nevin's associates and friends honored him at a retirement luncheon on January 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Joe's Center in Greensburg. We wish Nevin and his wife Judy a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Bobbi Bailey is the new RC&D Coordinator for Penn's Corner with offices in Donohoe Center. She can be reached at 724-834-9063, ext. 116 or by e-mail at [Bobbi.Bailey@pa.usda.gov](mailto:Bobbi.Bailey@pa.usda.gov).

# Honoring a Friend

## REMEMBERING



he always wore, Paul instilled marketing, program development, and fundraising into the fabric that makes up the District.

When it was time for Paul to leave my office, even after twenty-three years of working together, he'd always say with a smile, "Goodbye Craig, if you need me, give me a call."

Paul was a mentor, coach, communicator, volunteer, fundraiser, writer, thinker, planner, editor, historian, scholar and teacher. Above all, **Paul was my friend**, and will be an irreplaceable part of the Westmoreland Conservation District.

— Greg Phillips, District Manager

*a friend*  
The first time Paul Heyworth walked into my office, he gave me something to do! I was the newly-appointed District Manager, with a million things on my mind, and he said, "You need to do a newsletter!"

From then on, we gave Paul something to do! If we didn't, he'd appear at the Westmoreland Conservation District office anyway. He just didn't stop in every now and then, he stopped in at least a couple times a week. Paul always made sure he greeted everyone he saw on the way in before he made it to my office. *You knew when Paul stopped by.*

His ritual of making small talk always gave me time to check my notes, and remember what things he was coming in to work on. As he stuck his head in the door of my office, he would usually insult me and my hometown, and then without missing a beat, get right down to business. *He was passionate about the District*, our mission and most of all, the people who make the District special.

Paul fervently believed in planning. Does anybody really look forward to doing a Long Range Plan? *Paul did.* This project always takes a great deal of work. Paul knew his role in our long range plan and always dug in to instigate and cajole, and inevitably the work got done. The District advanced and when we grew, he helped devise our administrative structure which has served us well. As things became more complicated, Paul challenged our Board to become even more deeply involved in District policy and direction. The Board rose to the occasion. Like a religion, Paul preached that the District needed to be a leader in conservation education. Just this past year, we launched our education program.

If he wasn't at the office, he was advocating for us on the road. He loved to shake up the bureaucrats — **it only took one meeting with Paul to remember him forever.** He would search out our funders to tell them about the District's good work. Paul once told me that he actually knew where they shopped for groceries. At times, he waited for them in a certain aisle so he could corner them. *That was Paul.*

With his prominent Boston accent and ivy-league hat that



Paul with District Manager, Greg Phillips

*impacted my life*  
I only knew Paul for 5 years, yet he has impacted a part of my life that I will not forget. I will always remember his humor at the meetings when he and Roy would joke around. Paul always had great comments at our meetings. He always had good insight on projects and always wanted to be involved. Paul and I shared a passion together. We both enjoyed Road Racing as a hobby. We always chatted about where he raced in his day and where I raced. We talked a lot about car stuff and project cars I was into. I never got a chance to take him for a ride in my car when it was finished. It was great sharing this passion with him. I believe this interest made us become good friends. Sometimes he would peek into the office to "rib" us inspectors saying "what are you guys in here for, go out and enjoy this lovely day!" I will never forget Paul, he was a great person, I will sorely miss him.

— Chris Droste, Erosion Control Specialist

# District Friend

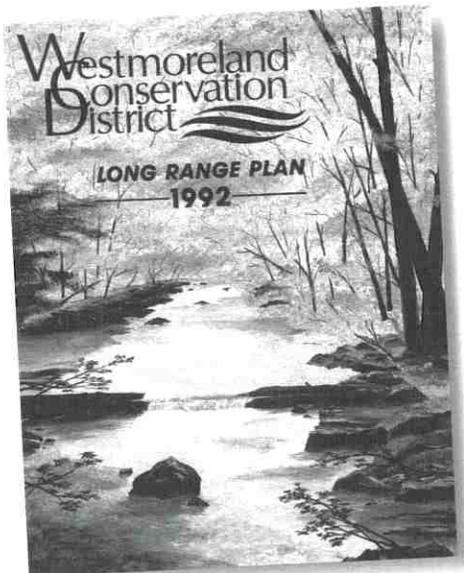
PAUL HEYWORTH

*an artist*  
Every so often I still look up when I hear the door open expecting to see Paul coming into the “barn” and hearing his usual greeting – “Bon jour – is there a computer free that I can use?” – (all in one sentence). My reply to him was, “Well, if it isn’t Mr. Debonair,” to which he would chuckle and follow with yet another witty remark. It was just that type of rapport that made Paul approachable to all who knew him.

He was a man of unlimited talents. There wasn’t a subject around that one didn’t learn something about from Paul’s topic of discussion. Not only did Paul often express his affection for sailing, he was a very accomplished artist in his own right. His paintings of the sea, and especially sailboats, are very captivating.

Paul always seemed to find time to ask how things were going, or he would mention an incident that happened some time ago – but just that brief encounter seemed to leave his impressionable mark of concern for you. He never ceased to offer several options in an effort to make my written articles flow well, and always left it up to me to select my choice. Indeed Paul, you will be missed immensely.

– Joanne Kitsko, Receptionist



Paul's art featured on the cover of the 1992 District Long Range Plan.



Paul among long-ago movers and shakers.

*cheerful*  
The first time I ever walked into the Westmoreland Conservation District office was to submit my application for the Nutrient Management Specialist job. A tall, cheerful fellow behind the counter greeted me in the middle of some boisterous haggling with several other people around him. My immediate assumption was that he was the district manager, since he seemed to be trying to tell everyone else what to do. Once he realized what my purpose was for being there, he explained that neither he nor the others there (Mark Jackson and Betty Reefer) were actually District employees and the receptionist was running an errand. He formally introduced himself as Paul Heyworth, the “resident curmudgeon”. Then he kindly saw to it that I was introduced to the rest of the staff. The experience was not over, though. As he was often wont to do (as I learned over the years), he then presumptuously asked a question to test my mettle. He did not hesitate to put me on the spot to voice my opinion on some controversial topic. The part that was most disconcerting was that he paused to listen for my answer. To this day, I can’t remember what my answer was, but I found that quality so typical of Paul as I got to know him better. He would usually have an argument that was formulated and expressed better than mine, but he always stopped to actually listen to what I had to say on the subject. People really appreciate that quality in others, and Paul has inspired me to follow his example.

– Dan Griffith, Nutrient Management Specialist

# Honoring a L

PAUL HEYWORTH — A CAT

**M**y last conversation with Paul was so typical. The Wednesday before New Year's Day he stopped in the Barn to visit. As usual, he wandered throughout the office visiting those who were at work during the last week of the year. He then plopped down at the staff table and joined those of us eating lunch. While he was quite comfortable being one of the "volunteer slaves" who was always lending a hand, he was equally as comfortable with leaders in the community. He offered his hand in friendship to many.

He asked different people about how their projects were going, how Rob (the new guy) was getting along with the rest of us, and what our plans were for the future. He challenged Ashley, our intern (a journalism major) with an interesting ethics problem. He regaled us with interesting news events from the past and explained how the press had to walk a difficult tightrope to present the news and opinions honestly and forthrightly but without inflaming a situation. Paul was always the teacher, challenging us to think about problems or projects from different points of view. He wanted us to know the reasons why we choose the direction we head.

As I walked up the stairs with Paul, we talked about his family. He commented he and his wife, Myrna, had many adventures together and he was

amazed that she was still willing to put up with him. He was glad that daughter Valorie had moved back to the area and that they had been able to spend more time together recently. He talked of this being one of the finest Christmas's ever - that he had taken great joy in being a grandpa to Margery's children and buying their gifts. His love for his family was deep.

As he left that day, we made plans to meet the following week to fill in the details of the media workshop Paul would be teaching in February. Paul and Lorrie

Quadro had written a Public Relations Manual that had been shared with all the Conservation Districts in the state. The manual had recently been revised, and his new mission was to put it in the hands of all the Resource Conservation and Development districts and watershed groups in our county and

the surrounding areas.

Paul and I never had that chance to meet again and finish the plans. I don't know who he had asked to be the guest speakers for his workshop. But I have the manual and I see his vision of the importance of the message. The workshop went on as scheduled, but it just wasn't the same without Paul!

— Leanne Griffith, Conservation Education Coordinator



Paul making a presentation.

**T**here's not much I can say about Paul that hasn't been said by hundreds of people who knew him much better and longer than I did. I only knew Paul through the monthly meetings at the District, but you didn't have to know him very long to realize what a wonderful human being he was. He was very passionate about anything having to do with the environment — the outdoors. Whether it was "gob piles" or watersheds or the Barn, he would do anything he could to help.

He had such a sense of humor. I always enjoyed the banter between Paul and Roy Houston. You could feel the affection and respect they felt for each other. There will always be a void at the meetings that can never be filled. Beyond the pleasant camaraderie, Paul was very wise and intelligent. When he spoke at the meetings, you paid attention because what he had to say was always important.

Personally, I enjoyed talking to him after meetings, and I especially enjoyed his "letters to the editor" in the local paper. He will be missed by all.

— Dorothy Stoner, WCD Director



Paul hands out flyers promoting Westmoreland County Parks events.

# District Friend

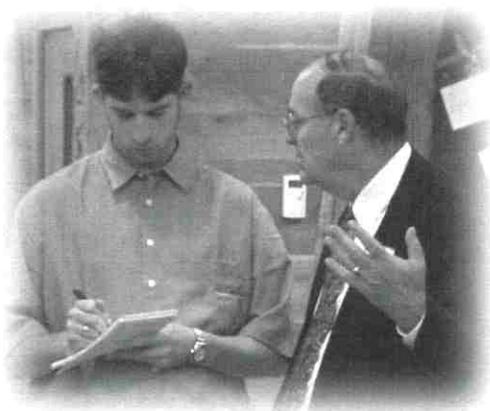
## ANALYST FOR CONSERVATION

Paul Heyworth was certainly a man who felt that conservation was an important issue. Unlike most of us, he got into the action instead of just thinking or speaking about his beliefs. My wife first met him on a "volunteer day" when a number of people got together to varnish the new education building last summer. She was impressed that this well known man was out there with his sleeves rolled up actually having a good time while doing this work — a task many might have disdained.

— Bill Doney, WCD Director

Unfortunately I only had the pleasure of knowing Paul for a very short period. Although I only new Paul for a short time frame, he still had an impact on me. Paul made an impression on me the very first second I was introduced to him. From the moment I met Paul he gave me a hard time! He welcomed me to the District in a very harassing way! It was all in good fun. I came to realize he was a very knowledgeable person, and he let you know it in a very charming way. He will be missed.

— Rob Cronauer, Erosion Control Specialist



Paul being interviewed at a Sewickley Creek Watershed workshop.

I knew OF Paul Heyworth before I met him. His reputation in Conservation circles had preceded him.

Somewhere in the 1974 – 1976 time period, I was the District Conservationist for the UDSA/Soil Conservation Service in Somerset County, PA. The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Somerset District at the time was also the County Commissioner member, a wonderful gentleman named Vern Spangler. He took a very active hands-on approach to his responsibilities with the District. He attended an event of the PACDD (it had two D's in those days) and in a public session, a member of some panel discussion was "verbally attacked" by an "obnoxiously vocal newspaper reporter from Greensburg." In this meeting (which I didn't attend) Mr. Spangler and Paul Heyworth had a heated discussion because Paul challenged the funding provided by County Governments to Conservation Districts, a sensitive issue with the County Commissioner. Mr. Spangler was still fuming at the next Somerset District Meeting and told us so.

A year or so later I became the District Conservationist in Westmoreland County. My predecessor, as he was obligated to do, wrote an extensive outgoing report to me so that I would know who was who, what projects were in what stage of development, etc. etc. At the bottom of the entire report he had typed in all caps "GET TO KNOW PAUL HEYWORTH." I immediately recognized the name.

The first Westmoreland Conservation District meeting I attended as the new DC, Paul was absent. But within a few days Paul was on the phone telling me to come over to his office so that he could write a newspaper article about me. I nervously made my way to his office at the Tribune Review where he composed and typed the article while I sat across the desk from him.

Of course as time went on, I learned to know, respect and admire Paul Heyworth, a tireless enthusiastic proponent of good land use, soil and water conservation. He was the first person to show me what we now call the internet which he had access to in his newspaper office. I still have a copy of my favorite editorial which he authored about flooding not waiting for the bureaucracy. He was the favorite person to have at your table at any banquet because of his humor, knowledge on a range of subjects and his willingness to talk.

I, like many others, will miss his comings and goings into this office, always accompanied by the humor and wit so characteristic of Paul Heyworth. He would love to read this piece and tell me what is wrong with my writing!

— Wes Gordon, District Conservationist, NRCS

# Honoring a Legend

PAUL HEYWORTH — A CAT

## Laughter

My acquaintance and friendship with Paul Heyworth began in 1969. My respect for Paul continued to grow until his untimely death in January 2004.

There was never a task that Paul would renege from, although, others turned it down as being too complicated or time consuming (*or boring*).

Paul was Vice Chairman of the Board when I was Chairman in the early seventies, and we began a friendly caustic verbal exchange that lasted through the years. This was done to spice up a meeting or gathering causing laughter on many occasions.

In 1972, Elwood Leslie, Paul and I attended a State Conservation Commission meeting in Pittsburgh, and Paul cast a vote on a hot issue from the back of the room breaking the tie. At that time, he had no authority to vote and a near riot ensued. *That was Paul!*

As I was quoted earlier, Paul is greatly missed at the District and most assuredly as a good friend.

P.S. "Paul could not be bought, and we could not sell him either.....There, buddy, I got in the last jab!"

— Roy Houston, Chairman, WCD Board of Directors



(l-r) Theresa Rohall, Paul Heyworth and Kathy Fritz at an annual District planning meeting.



A long-ago District meeting at the Peoples Gas Company.

## Advice

In thinking of Paul, I will always remember his advice to the staff on all subjects. The one piece of advice that always sticks in my mind is identifying yourself on the phone. As the district staff grew from the 4 original staff to the 16 we are today, he would get frustrated with not knowing who it was when they answered the phone. So he instilled in me, that after saying our Good morning, Westmoreland Conservation District, it should be followed up with "Kathy speaking". But Paul was famous for calling the office and not identifying himself – he would just start asking questions, and he expected that we would all know his voice. When talking to his daughters, they said he taught them to answer the phone that way from the time they were old enough. I sure do miss Paul.

— Kathy Fritz, Program Secretary

## A Rare Gift

Paul Heyworth was my friend and mentor. I first met him when I applied for an editorial cartoonist position at the *Tribune Review* in the early 1980's. He asked me several questions, one of which I will never forget. That was, "Would it bother you to do an editorial cartoon that takes a position you may not necessarily agree with?" It seemed that he was giving me the right to have an opinion of my own no matter what the circumstances. I interviewed with several other people at the Trib for this position. But the one with Paul stands out in my mind. As much as I wanted the job, I didn't get it. So I went onto other directions which would make use of my graphic design degree.

A few years after that interview at the *Tribune Review*, Greg Phillips would reintroduce me to Paul Heyworth through the launching of the WCD newsletter, *Landmarks*. From that time forward Paul became my friend and mentor. He would encourage creativity, offer constructive criticism and motivate. With the support of the WCD board of directors he helped build an award winning District publications team.

## Help and Service

I only wanted to say he was a good man - his heart was always there to help and serve. And one funny thing about him, we all knew there was never anything Paul had not done, helped start up, or a place he had not visited.

— Mike Barrick, Watershed Specialist

# District Friend

## ANALYST FOR CONSERVATION

Newspaper people are supposed to remain objective. But I eventually found out where Paul's commitment was, what he stood for, and what really mattered to him. His commitment was to serve others. He stood for making the world a better place starting with his own community. What really mattered was family and friends and people making a difference for a better environment (which is and will always be the basis for our quality of life.)

Paul was a rare genius, a complicated man, who would joke about his own ego. He treasured relationships with people who got things done. He was as bold as a bluejay, and could talk to anyone about anything. Here was a newspaper man who had interviewed several U.S. Presidents, but who was also very content to supply action headlines and edit articles for the WCD newsletter and annual report.

Paul shared his talents with so many others as well. He loved classical music as shown by his volunteer work with the Westmoreland Symphony. More recently he enjoyed serving as a member of the Citizens' Advisory Board for the Westmoreland County Parks. A list of lives he touched would be 100 miles long.

I loved to hear Paul talk. His New England accent had a touch of class to it. He looked you in the eye when he talked to you. He liked to bring the best out in people even if it meant stirring things up a bit. He always preached thinking, planning, creativity and simplicity.

An air of authority and knowledge followed him. When at the District office Paul almost always wore a suit and tie. The integrity of a professional communicator went with him wherever he went.

Paul helped me grow as a graphic designer and a person. In our last verbal exchange he said that he learned so much from me to which I answered "Paul, I've learned so much from YOU. I guess we mentor each other." And that's it... as much knowledge as Paul had, he loved learning more...even if it was to learn your mother's name or where you went to high school. He could fathom the great and small. Paul Heyworth was a rare gift from a higher power to this community and I thank God that he and Myrna made their home here in Westmoreland County!

— Mark Jackson, WCD Associate Director

Paul was a help and a source of inspiration to me. He always challenged my beliefs, my pre-conceived notions, and thus helped me to sharpen my thoughts. Paul's teasing was good-natured but often had a sharp little bite, with the intention of making you see a different aspect of the issue.

My response to Paul's occasional criticism was, 'Ouch!' Thanks, I needed that!

Paul took great pride in being conservative. I think I surprised him a bit by often being more conservative than he. But Paul was a thinking man's conservative — he always could back up what he said. Rather than being dogmatic, Paul liked to discuss issues from all sides. Often he would play the Devil's Advocate just to stir up a discussion.

Paul often teased me about being a Fundamentalist Baptist. But deep inside, Paul was a devout and religious man himself, and his love for God was revealed by his love for God's creation and the creatures in it.

— Jim Pillsbury, P.E., Hydraulic Engineer

### In The Field

By Mark Jackson and Lorrie Quadro



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# Greengate Site Sparks New Existence as Greengate Centre

By Chris Droste



Giant rock crushers break down the giant rock un-earthed to create rock for stable fills.

The old Greengate Mall holds memories for many residents in the County; it housed many stores including Montgomery Wards, Horne's, J.C. Penney and many smaller stores. The mall peaked in the 80's, but when Westmoreland Mall was built, many of the stores defected to the newly constructed mall, and Greengate's business began to falter. Greengate was sold to other companies who tried to generate business, but the efforts were not successful. It closed down in 2001 and was sold to THF Realty. They announced plans to demolish the facility and construct a new retail establishment in its place.

THF brought in Wolverton & Associates, (of Norcross, GA) to design a new shopping experience for residents of the county. The layout is a typical strip-mall setup similar to Hempfield Plaza. There will be 325,000 square feet of retail shopping space and the development of 11 out parcels that will consist of restaurants, and various shops. The existing Wal-Mart at Hempfield Plaza will now become Sam's Club. Behind the new Sam's club, a proposed residential community may take place — possibly a mixed-use development. There will be a link from Hempfield plaza to the new Greengate Centre by an access road behind the famous Lakeview restaurant

lake. Traffic congestion should be controlled well because there will be many access points to the plaza.

This giant earthmoving site consists of moving 750,000 cubic yards of earth from the area behind the existing Wal-Mart building and sub-areas, to create fill areas for the new building pad, out parcels, and the connecting road

between the sites. There are approximately 140 project acres and about 120 are disturbed. *This is the largest project under current construction in Westmoreland County as far as earthmoving is concerned.* To get a good feel for what is involved with controlling this runoff from such a large site, 7 + sediment collection traps and 4 sediment basins, and various collection channels are constructed to collect muddy runoff from disturbed areas. From a Route 30 viewpoint, drivers can see the chain link fence with black fabric covering it. This is called Super Silt

fence. This controls part of the disturbed earth from the parcels disturbed along Route 30. Drivers can also notice the workers are using extremely large equipment to move the earth around. They are working 24 hour shifts to complete the earthwork in time. Since there is a large amount of rock in the excavated cut area, explosives are being used to crack the rock so it can be removed.

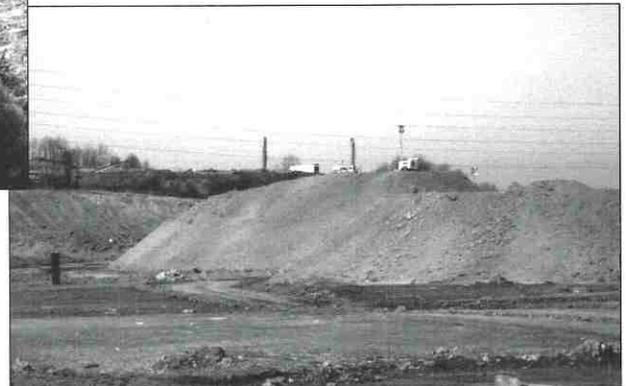
The District's dual role in the project consists of technical review of the erosion control and stormwater management plans along with inspecting the site to ensure compliance with the PA Clean Streams Law. Our staff has met with Wolverton engineers on several occasions to come up with innovative ideas to control erosion and manage stormwater, both during and after construction. Staff members Chris Droste and Jim Pillsbury are currently working closely with Wolverton engineers, Sippel Contracting and Mike Jupina (Jupina Landscaping) to closely monitor site conditions. Bi-weekly inspections are performed, and on-site technical assistance is provided as needed.

The project is slated for completion in Fall of 2005 depending on weather and obstacles.



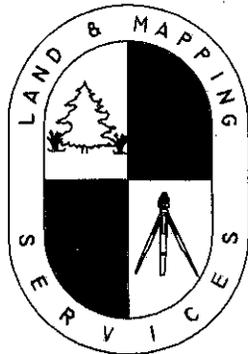
(left) This giant collector ditch gathers sediment and takes it to a collection basin/trap for sediment removal before discharge to the stream.

(right) Where the old Greengate Mall stood, an earth mound now exists where the new Wal-Mart Plaza will be constructed.



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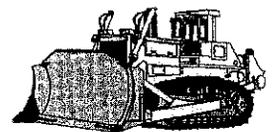
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## District Calendar of Events through August 2004

### APRIL

#### April 24

Earth Day 2004 Celebration at Saint Vincent College. More than 3,000 people enjoyed last year's family celebration. Westmoreland Conservation District partners with more than 75 environmental groups participating in the event.

#### April 30

The Conservation Tour 2004 will be targeted more towards municipal and township planners with tours of sites such as a large commercial area and residential subdivision.

### MAY

#### May 3

Our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Envirothon will be held at Twin Lakes Park for High School Students.

#### May 8

A workshop will be held for homeowners interested in maintaining or installing "Dirt & Gravel Driveways" for their private lanes or driveways. Properly maintained driveways greatly decrease sediment runoff while still allowing rain water to infiltrate the ground.

#### May 24 & 27

Wendover sixth graders will participate in a joint field day at both the Center for Conservation Education and Twin Lakes Park to learn more about non-point source pollution work that the District does and the work of several of our partnering agencies.

### JUNE

#### June 17 & 18

Nicki and Leanne will once again offer the workshop "Watersheds and Sustainable Communities" for teachers interested in 1 Act 48 Credit (30 hours).

### AUGUST

#### August 17 & 24

Leanne, Joanne Logan, Penn State Cooperative 4-H Educator, and Tammy Gray, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher for Hempfield School District will be offering the new course "Ag Basics" for teachers. The course will include several field trips to farms and the county fair. This course will also provide 1 Act 48 Credit for teachers (30 hours).

NATURALLY

## Delicious

by Karen Barnhart

### Angel Food Cake Salad

2 egg yolks

1 Cup sugar

1 pint milk

Bring these three to a boil and let cool then add:

1 box lemon jello (dry)

1 can crushed pineapple (drained)

1/4 cup pineapple juice (reserved from above) Refrigerate to set.

Beat 2 egg whites until stiff

Add 1 pint whipping cream with egg whites

Cut large angel food cake in half.

Cut each half in slices 1/2" thick.

Line bottom of 9 X 13 pan.

Spread 1/2 mixture over cake.

Cover with other cake slices.

Cover with rest of mixture.

Sprinkle with coconut and nuts.

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