

Results of Soil, Water Practices Extend Far, Wide

HARRISBURG — Results of soil and water conservation practices extend beyond the boundaries of individual farms, Dr. William L. Henning, State Secretary of Agriculture and chairman of the State Soil Conservation Commission, declared last week.

In addressing the opening session of a two-day conference he had called for 165 directors of the State's 33 county wide soil conservation districts, he said: "Countless tons of good, fertile topsoil were lost forever in Eastern Pennsylvania from hurricane rains that brought the August floods. Farm suffering the least damage were those where the owners had prepared for such emergencies through approved soil conservation programs."

"Practices such as strip cropping, contour plowing, sod waterways, diversion ditches and terraces help to hold rainwater where it falls, and reduce the chances of erosion."

Since August, two counties where farmlands were washed by flood waters — Wayne and Schuylkill — have been established as soil conservation districts, he said.

Farmers of Pennsylvania are concerned about the conservation of ground and surface water in addition to saving soil, Secretary Henning continued.

Dry summers and drought conditions in recent years have prompted farmers to install irrigation systems using water from streams and larger farm ponds, he pointed out.

Other farmers, industries and people in cities and towns downstream need their share of water and one of the major contributions that farmers and other land owners can make toward conservation is through adequate soil saving practices in small watershed areas, he explained.

Directors Swap Experiences
Soil district directors swapped experiences in discussions moderated by Ivan McKeever, State Soil Conservationist. Speakers included William C. Voight, Jr., executive director of the State Fish Commission, Leo A. Lutzinger of the State Game Commission, and John F. Lewis of California State Teachers College.

The conference was addressed later by Dr. Maurice K. Goddard, State Secretary of Forests and Waters. Final sessions included talks by Ralph L. Culler, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee and Dr. Howard B. Sprague, Pennsylvania State University.

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Farm Brings \$212 Per Acre; Goes to Hoover

John Hoover, Rt. Ephrata, last weekend purchased the 37-acre Abe Eberly Farm in West Cocalico Township near Mellinger's School House for \$12,100, or about \$212 per acre.

Frank Snyder was auctioneer. The sale included a large bank barn, outbuildings a two-and-one-half story frame house.

Benson Program Wins Support from PFA

Flexible price supports eventually will put agriculture upon a sound supply and demand basis, the Pennsylvania Farmers Association said in a meeting of the House of Delegates in Lancaster this weekend.

Delegates said the present program has not had adequate time to show its real value, and urged that the PFA and the American Farm Bureau continue to support the flexible price support program.

\$5 PREMIUM NETS \$1,000

HOUSTON, Texas — Dewitt Vance paid \$5 for a six-month premium on a \$1,000 insurance policy just four days before he was killed in a traffic collision. His widow, Mrs. Mary C. Vance, will not only receive \$1,000 from the insurance company, but also \$480 of the \$5 will be refunded as an unearned premium since her husband died within a week after the policy was issued.

SHIP GRAVEYARD

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Within the past 400 years, more than 2,000 vessels have been wrecked in the turbulent seas off Cape Hatteras, where strong winds churn the Gulf Stream as it flows north across shallow reefs. Diamonds Shoals, a few miles offshore, is known as the "Graveyard of the Atlantic," according to the National Geographic Society.

Work Horse Sells for \$64 in Spotts' Sale

In an auction at the Alfred Spotts farm two miles north of White Horse in Salisbury Township Saturday, a work horse sold for \$64. Three thousand tobacco leaf brought \$150 per hundred, corn \$34 a ton, and hay \$25 per ton.

Auctioneer was Walter Wanner.

WINDOW TOO CLEAN

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Seeing some boys running through the statehouse yard, Leroy Henderson, the new janitor, leaned out of a window to yell at them — forgetting the window was still shut. He had just cleaned the window so clean he couldn't see it. He was cut around the forehead, but not seriously.

Acreage yield for 1955 crops was among the best ever.

Lancaster Farming, Friday, November 25, 1955—7

Fire Destroys Kennett Square Pickle Plant

An early morning fire Nov. 13 completely destroyed the Walbeck Foods Co. plant one mile west of Kennett Square with loss estimated between \$80,000 and \$90,000.

Walbecks produced pickled cucumbers and onions, and was owned by Walter Becker, Jr., of Kennett Square. Hundreds of jars of stock as well as packing machinery were lost.

Hess Buys Haverstick Farm at E. Petersburg

The 106-acre H. H. Haverstick Farm near East Petersburg has been sold to John G. Hess, Mannheim Township, for an undisclosed price.

Beverly Estates, Inc., recently purchased the farm. Mr. Hess former farm, a 30-acre spread at the southeast corner of Lititz Pike and Roseville Road, for a 70-home extension of the present development.

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