



JAMES H. SMITH

James H. Smith Goes to State Information Post

The assignment of James H. Smith, Camp Hill by Pennsylvania Farm Bureau to assist D. M. Cress well in the public information program of the State Department of Agriculture for the next six months was announced today by Secretary William L. Henning.

Henning said George G. Connor, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau general manager, authorized the special assignment of Smith to the department in the interests of Pennsylvania agriculture.

Smith will devote much of his time and efforts to preparation for and promotion of state and national plowing contests to be held at Hershey in August, the Junior Dairy Show in September, the Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition in November, the 1953 State Farm Show and other projects of importance to Pennsylvania farmers, Henning explained.

Henning said Smith has a valuable background in agricultural public relations attained in the past five years with Pennsylvania Farm Bureau where he served as news bureau manager and managing editor of The Farm Bureau Mirror.

For more than three years 1944-47, Smith was a staff correspondent for International News Service, assigned to the State Capitol. He was senior public information editor for the State Civil Service Commission 1948-53, following a period as continuity writer for a Huntingdon radio station. Before joining INS he was a reporter for the Harrisburg Patriot.

Smith assumes duties previously assigned to Robert E. Hetherington who became director of public information for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission on May 1.

York County Girl Summer 4-H Assistant

A York girl who is a student at the University of Delaware is the new summer home economics assistant in Lancaster County. She is Miss Mary Louise Drews.

Miss Drews is a graduate of Central High School in north York.

At the University she is a member of the women's chorus, home economics club and is active in dormitory activities.

The work of the summer assistant in home economics is mostly with 4-H clubs. The summer home economics program will end with a county roundup to be held at Millersville in August.

Miss Drews is a home economics education major at the University. She will do practice teaching this coming fall and winter. She expects to graduate next June.

She started work in Lancaster on Wednesday and will make her home in Lancaster for the summer.

Several Changes In NEPPCO Youth Program Planned

TRENTON, N. J. — Sweeping changes are in the making for the youth program held each year in conjunction with the annual exposition of the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council.

This year, young poultry farmers of both sexes will arrive at the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg, Pa. on Oct. 6, the day before the big three-day show opens. At 1:30 p.m. on that day, they will be registered, then whisked away for an afternoon tour with a youth party to follow in the evening.

ON TUESDAY, the opening day of the convention, visual presentations, judging contests, the selection of the "Best Poul-

try Boy" and other special events will be scheduled. That evening will see the annual banquet and presentation of awards.

"Visual presentations" is the new label affixed to what was formerly designated as "demonstrations". The new title is more in keeping, say NEPPCO officials, with the wider latitude now permitted in the selection and presentation of material.

ANOTHER FEATURE of the youth program in Harrisburg will be the Northeastern Regional 4-H Poultry Judging Contest which in the past has been held in New England in January.

The poultry youngsters for the first time will have their own special educational program. Scheduled for Tuesday morning, it will be listed as "Youth Wants to Know", with top industry speakers scheduled for the rostrum. Also planned for Tuesday is an exciting new "exhibit quiz" where the young visitors will win awards for their familiarity with exhibition displays.

Farm Safety Week Chairman To Be State Secretary of Agriculture

UNIVERSITY PARK — State Agriculture Secretary William L. Henning Thursday was named state chairman for Farm Safety Week by the executive board of the Pennsylvania Rural Safety Council. It is the fourth consecutive year that he has served in this capacity, according to Harold T. Howell, Harrisburg Patriot farm editor, president of the safety council.

Here to attend the annual June meeting of the Pennsylvania State University board of trustees, Henning said he would organize a statewide committee and urge a campaign for an accident-free Farm Safety Week, July 20-26.

Efforts during Farm Safety Week will be directed toward making farm workers more conscious of accident hazards on the farm and in the farm home, and prevent carelessness or human failure to observe caution, chief

cause of accidents, he declared. At a meeting here a special safety council committee presented a preliminary draft of a proposal to stress safety education in the public schools. It emphasizes the use of art instruction to encourage safety practices for rural children, according to Frank Anthony, Penn State assistant professor of agricultural education, chairman of the study group.

Recommendations are to be submitted to a group of county school superintendents this fall and eventually will be presented to the State Department of Public Instruction for consideration and adoption. Carson F. Mertz, in charge of farm and home safety education in the department, said the committee is composed of representatives of the Department and Penn State agricultural education staff members.

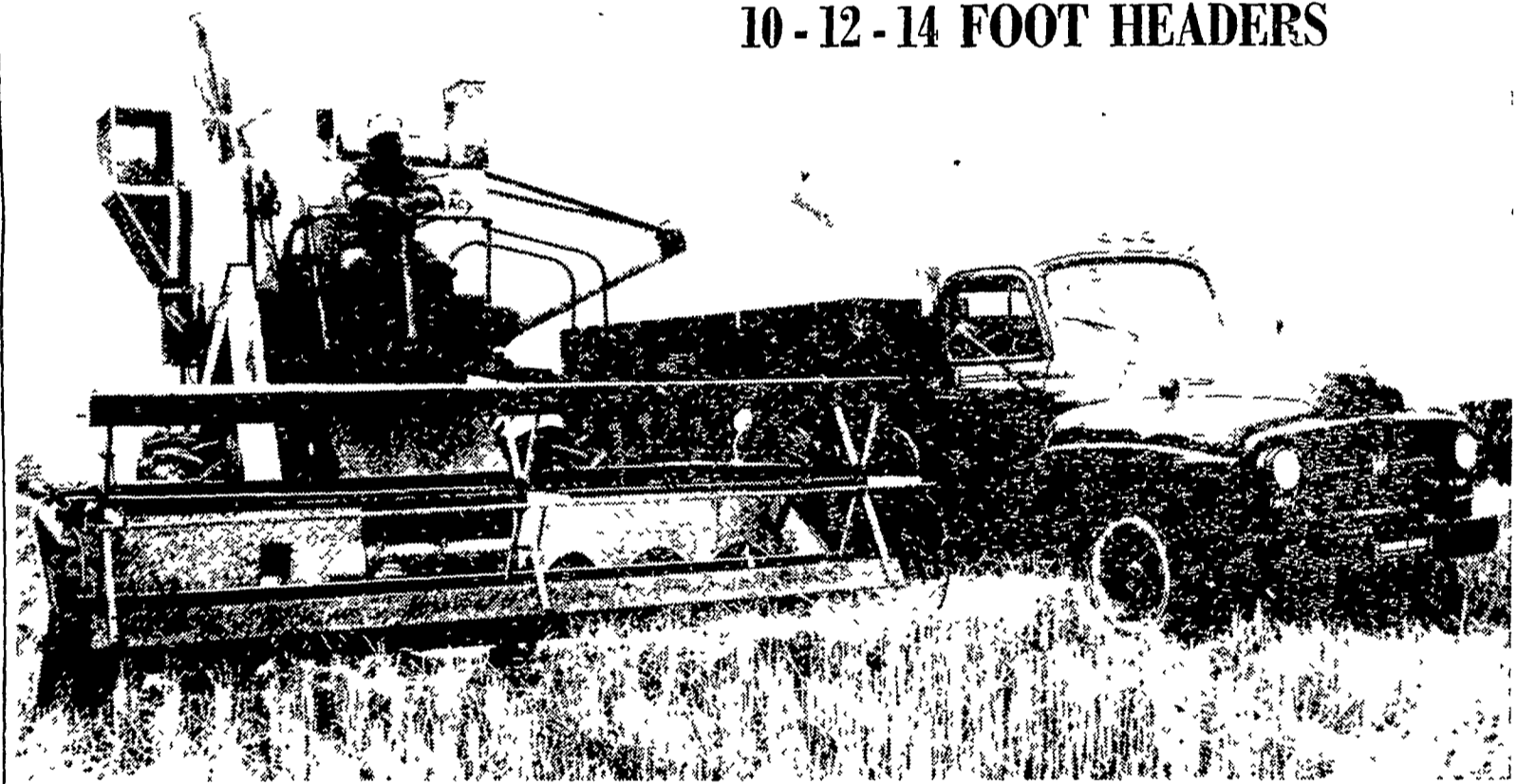
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