

Pilot Program Using Soil Surveys To Help Solve Chester Co. Problems

HARRISBURG, June 18 — A special pilot program to explore use of soil surveys in solving waste disposal and other urban-suburban problems was recommended today by the State Soil Conservation Commission.

State Agriculture Secretary William L. Henning, Commission chairman, said plans are to make the study in rapidly-growing Chester County. Modern soil maps and reports, basic to agricultural and conservation efforts, have unlimited possibilities for municipal and industrial use, he said.

AT A MEETING in Harrisburg the Commission approved plans to request a 1959-61 appropriation of \$400,000 from the General Assembly for soil mapping. Federal matching funds are available for the 10-year cooperative program with the Pennsylvania State University and U. S. Soil Conservation Service.

The Commission also urged citizen interest in new water rights legislation. Commissioner Glenn Smith of Loysville reported efforts in the states of New

York, Delaware and New Jersey to find out "who owns the water?"

Maurice K. Goddard, a member of the Commission and State Secretary of Forests and Waters, said reports on this subject will be ready shortly. A Soil Commission representative will testify on water legislation this week at a Joint State Government Commission hearing.

THE DATE FOR the 11th Annual Conference of Soil Conservation District Directors was set for Sept. 18-19 at Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

Also attending the meeting were Commission members Lyman E. Jackson, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Pennsylvania State University, and John Sheehan, Mehoopany, Wyoming County.

PFFA Meeting Held at PSU; Sign Petition

The June meeting of the Pennsylvania Flying Farmers Assn. was held at the new airport north east of the campus of Pennsylvania State University. More than 20 Flying Farmer planes landed there for the days activities.

Members and families of the local unit of the Air Force furnished a luncheon at Sunset Park north of the college. A large crowd was on campus for the alumni day activities.

A petition was signed by all present urging enactment of pending legislation to form a new over all aviation agency on cabinet level status, but to have the present Civil Aeronautics Board retained in its present form.

Those attending from Chester County were Raymond Beiler, Honeybrook, Kenneth Crouse, Chatham, Marshall Jones, West-

Rain, Below Normal Temperatures Causing Lull in Farm Activity

A lull in farm activity brought on by recent rains during the week has caused some concern among farmers. The rains hindered hay harvests and spraying and caused some to lose hay in the field.

Wet ground has brought cultivation almost to a stand still in most areas. This along with the cool weather gave weeds a definite shot in the "stem."

Hay this year seems of excellent quality throughout the state only to be damaged by precipitation which halted har-

vesting. In the south the first cutting of hay is almost completed with the prospect of good second growth.

PASTURES HAVE been greatly rejuvenated with the recent rains.

Most of the tobacco in Lancaster, Lebanon and York Counties have been replanted. Tobacco plants were set out in Clinton County during the past week.

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town, and Judith Legrady, Downingtown, formerly Budapest Hungary. Miss Legrady told of their escape from Hungary after being caught by Russians on their first attempt.

Machine Exhibit Space Dwindling Fast At Hershey

HARRISBURG, June 23 — Potential exhibitors were reminded today space was dwindling for farm machinery displays at the 16th National Plowing Contest and Conservation Exposition to be held Aug. 21 and 22 at nearby Hershey.

David G. Unger, soil conservation director for the State Department of Agriculture, said first returns from farm machinery and equipment manufacturers, distributors and dealers showed there will be a "bumper crop" of exhibits at the exposition. Unger is handling arrangements for commercial exhibitors at the event.

The initially-reserved commercial exhibition area covers over 25 acres of meadowland, which is 10 times the acreage of the Farm Show Building's farm machinery exhibit space, Unger said.

ACCORDING TO James Bobb, vice president of the Hershey Estates and chairman of the exposition's local arrangements committee, additional display space will be made available if the demand warrants it.

More than 2,300 acres of the 12,000-acre Milton Hershey Farms will be used for the plowing and conservation events which, for the first time, will be held east of Ohio and on a single farming operation.

"The large amount of space available for commercial exhibits means we will be able to accommodate all firms that regularly sponsor displays at the State Farm Show, plus those companies that have been unable to obtain space at the Farm Show because of the heavy demand," Unger said.

UNGER SAID Exposition regulations require that all exhibits be in place by the morning of August 19, the date of the Pennsylvania State Plowing Championships.

Contracts call for a six-day stand to give exhibitors an opportunity to catch the big crowds at Pennsylvania Dutch Days (Aug. 21-24) and the Pennsylvania Poultry Festival on Saturday, Aug. 23. Exhibits must remain in place until Monday morning, Aug. 25.

Grassland machines including hay balers, forage harvesters, rakes, mowers and crushers will be exhibited along with conservation equipment such as giant ditchers, side hill plows, subsoilers and an array of tillage tools.

More Cigarettes Used In Canada

Latest Foreign Agricultural Service figures show that cigarette consumption in Canada in 1957 set a new record of 30.2 billion. This compares with 27.0 billion in 1956, a gain of 11 per cent and there are strong indications of a further rise in 1958. It is estimated that about 40 per cent of the total cigarette sales in Canada in 1957 were filter-tip kinds.

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