

Seven Future Farmers Honored At Pequea Valley Banquet

Seven Future Farmers of America were honored for outstanding work in the Pequea Valley Chapter at the annual parent and son banquet of the club last Friday night.

The highest award, the Star Chapter Farmer, was presented to Charles David Lichty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lichty, Paradise. The 18 year old senior received the degree of Keystone Farmer during the Pennsylvania Future Farmers Convention at Harrisburg in January. He is the treasurer of the local chapter and reporter of the county chapter. Lichty also received the chapter award for outstanding work in the field of dairy husbandry. He owns four cows and has 15 heifers in partnership with his parents.

Controls Needed For Turf Pests

Proper application of both fertilizers and fungicides is essential for control of turfgrass diseases, it was stated during the 30th annual Turfgrass Conference held recently at the Pennsylvania State University.

Fertilizer will not make plants immune to disease, declared Houston B. Couch, plant pathologist for the Agricultural Experiment Station at Penn State. He said tests for five years prove that fungicides must be used for turfgrass disease control.

"Our experiments have shown that highly fertilized grass—boasting good color and fast, lush growth—may be no more tolerant of fungus than less well-nourished turf," Dr. Couch exclaimed.

Lime was described as vital for use before applying fertilizer to acid soils. Using fertilizer on acid soils (pH 5.5 or lower) without first liming the soil makes an even more unfavorable plant growth medium than exists before fertilizer is added. This was mentioned by Albert S. Hunter, researcher in soil technology.

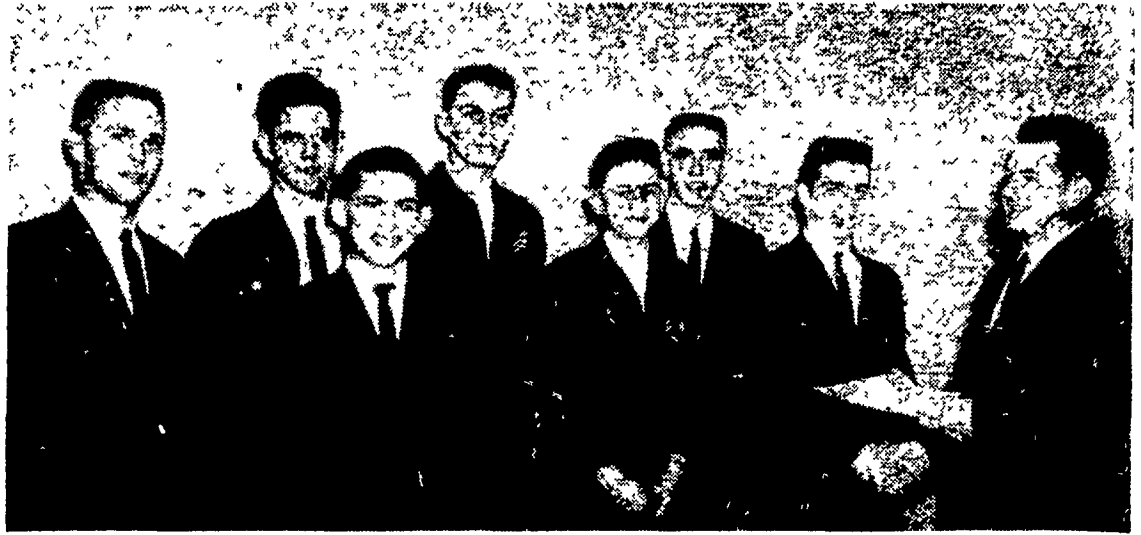
Dr. Hunter said soils with pH much below 5.5 contain quantities of exchangeable aluminum. Uptake of aluminum from soil solution causes injury to plants.

Such available aluminum was described as "particularly injurious to plant roots." This situation can be controlled by mixing lime with soil. Lime raises the pH of soil and changes soluble aluminum into a chemical form which is essentially harmless to plants.

Other chapter awards presented by club advisor, Henry Givler, were made to Lester Houck, Paradise R1 for Poultry farming, and John Eby Jr., Gordonville R1 for livestock farming.

Chapter chain gilts were presented to Frank Yost, of Narvin R2 and Elvin Hillard of Narvon R2. These boys will raise the gilts and return one gilt from the first litter to be given to another boy next year.

James Landis, Ronks R1, was named Star Greenhand of the chapter. The Star



MEMBERS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS at the annual Parent and Son Banquet of the Pequea Valley Future Farmers of America are, left to right, Lester Houck, John Eby Jr., James Landis, Glenn Yost, Frank Yost, Elvin Hillard, and C. David Lichty. At far right, Henry E. Givler, teacher of vocational agriculture and advisor to the club presents a certificate of award to Lichty. —L. F. Photo

Greenhand award goes to the sophomore student showing most promise Glenn Yost, of Narvon R2 received the award as top seed service representative in the chapter.

Arthur W. Eshleman, supervising principal, welcomed the parents to the school. John W. Eby, Jr. was toastmaster.

Penn Del Kings Belle, a junior 3-year-old, Guernsey, owned by R. F. and L. A. Witmer, Willow Street R1 produced 11,360 lbs. of milk and 546 lbs. of fat in 299 days. She was milked two times daily.

Danboro Fast Viscount Calyth, a registered Holstein cow, owned by J. C. & Jay Garber, Lancaster, produced 15,774 lbs. milk and 570 lbs. butterfat in 334 days on twice daily milking as a 5 year-old.

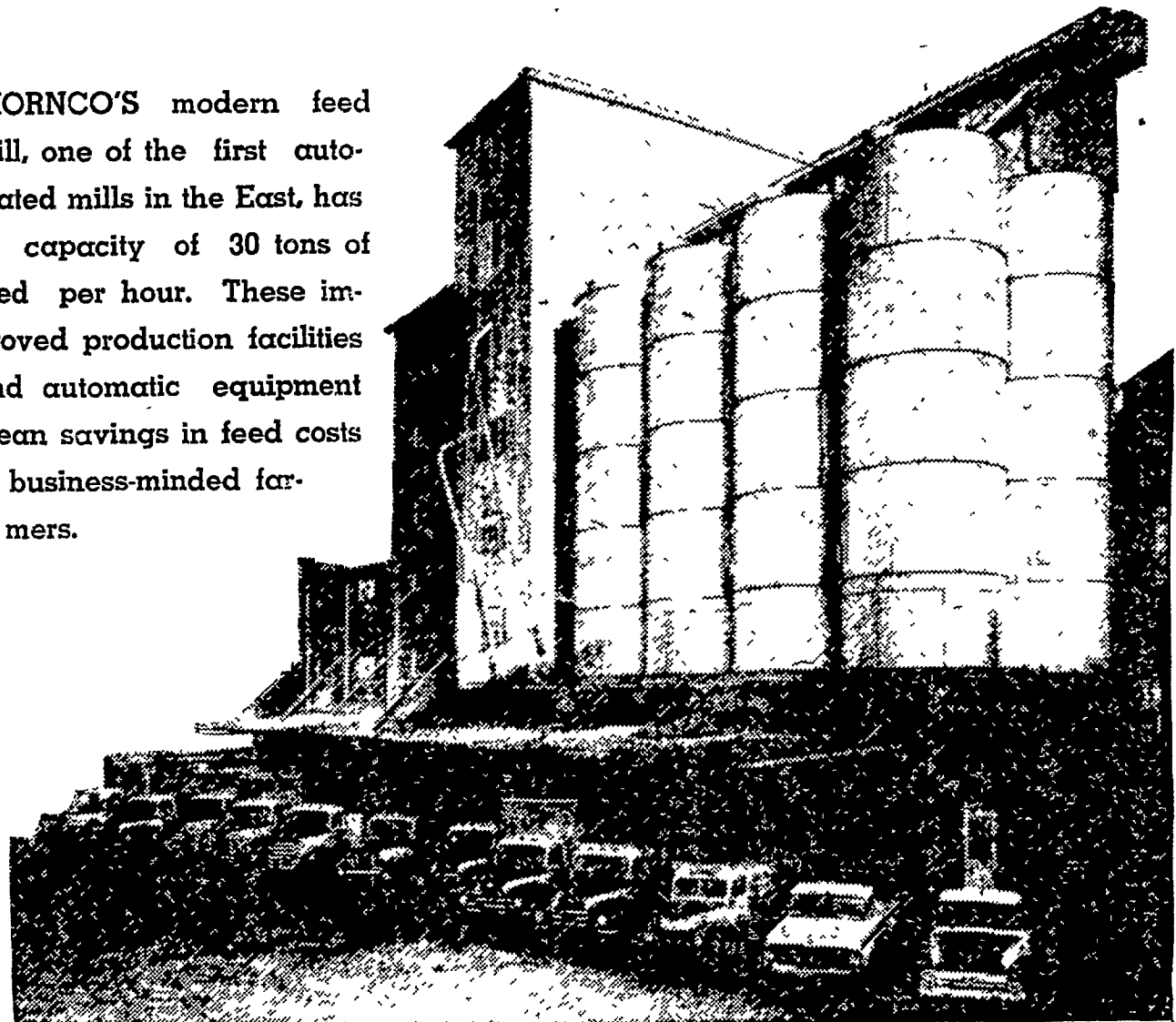
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