



SPECIAL PLAQUES WERE AWARDED to the Outstanding Conservation Farmer and the Outstanding Associate Director of the Soil Conservation District at the district's annual banquet Monday night. Looking on, far left, is David Unger, Director of the state Soil Conservation Service, main speaker of the evening; as County Commissioner, Richard Witmer, second from left, presents the award to Abram S. Zeiset, East Earl R1, as the Outstanding Conservation Farmer. Right is Harry Troop, Quarryville R3, Outstanding Associate District Director.

Marketing Orders Examined By Lebanon Poultrymen

Lebanon, Penna.—The Lebanon Valley Poultry Association is planning to discuss the proposed marketing orders at the spring meeting which will be held at the Annville High School Auditorium with poultrymen from Lancaster and Berks Counties invited to attend. The school is located just a short distance south of the center of Annville.

Speakers on the panel discussing the proposed marketing order are Richard Ammon, Managing Director of Neppco; Paul Leader of the Leader Leghorn Farms, York; and an Acting Member on the U.S.D.A. Advisory Egg Committee, Dr. Mertz, Northumberland County turkey grower and a member of the U.S.D.A. Turkey Committee and Hollis Hatfield of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association.

Soil Conservation Cuts Road Maintenance Costs

It costs 16 times as much to maintain roads in an area where farmers do not use conservation practices, Lancaster County conservation farmers were told Monday night at the annual banquet of the Soil Conservation District banquet in Quarryville.

Some 250 farmers and their wives heard David Unger, Director of the Soil Conservation Service of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture say. In one area of York County, highway supervisors kept detailed records and found that it cost 16 times as much in taxes to maintain roads in areas without conservation practices on the farms as compared to the areas where conservation practices are common.

Unger said there were 9,000 new trees at the breakfast table that were not there yesterday morning and tomorrow there will be that many more. He said we add a city the size of Chicago to our landscape in America every year.

With this tremendous growth, he pointed out, we must look to our potential production to make sure the future generations have an adequate supply of food.

"The answer is simple," he said. "Just apply soil conservation practices to the land."

But the job is not so simple, he explained because it involves working with people, and there is never any compulsion put on the farmer to use conservation practices.

Many farmers are hesitant to sign an agreement because they believe it will bind them to perform whatever practices the Soil Conservation Service tells them to do.

This is not the case, he said. There is no compulsion to follow the conservation plan even after the agreement has been signed. The agreement states that either party can terminate the agreement in writing at any time.

He said Pennsylvania has more contour strips than any other Northeastern state, but too many people think that is all there is to conservation.

He went on to show slides of all the many phases of conservation of soil, water, forests, fish and wildlife.

Amos Funk, chairman of the district board, outlined the need for keeping the county agricultural and cooperating with the urban resident in planning conservation programs.

"I can see a time when we might want to have a city man sit on the board and discuss our mutual problems," he said.

County Commissioner, Richard Witmer, presented citations for cooperation with the district to Forney Longenecker, an associate district director.

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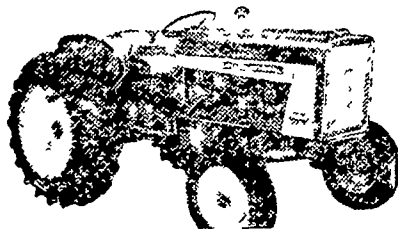
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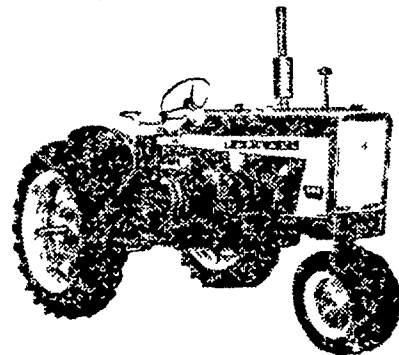


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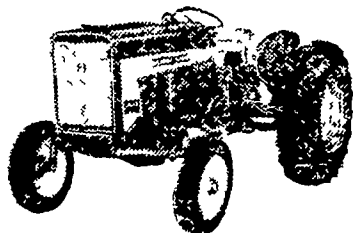


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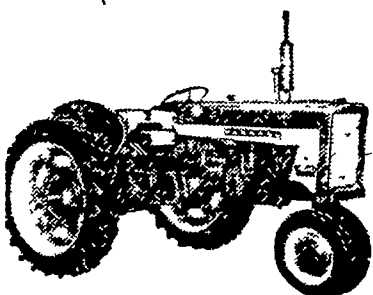


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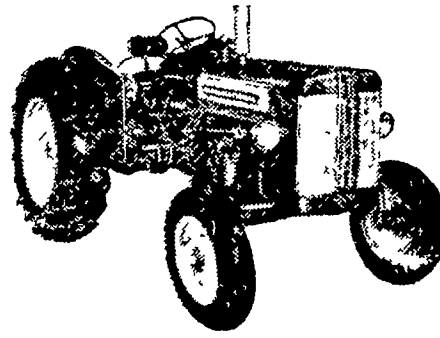


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