

## Extension Service Cleans, Treats Tobacco Seed For Area Farmers

The Lancaster County Extension Service has a long history of offering a tobacco seed cleaning and treatment service for county farmers. This is generally done in a series of five meetings held at convenient locations in the area.

The first meeting of this year's series was held Wednesday at the PSU Southeastern Field Research Lab-

oratory near Landisville, under the supervision of associate county agent Arnold G. Lueck. He was assisted by

Harvey Gipe, a new addition to the county extension staff.

Two other meetings were held this week, and two more are planned for next week. The latter will be on Monday, at 1 p.m., at John Glick's Plant Farm in Smoketown; and on Tuesday,

morning and afternoon, again at the field research farm.

According to Lueck, many farmers now buy certified seed each year which is clean and has already been treated against seedborne diseases. Many more farmers, who do save their own seed, are cleaning and treating these

case. He said that probably about 40 farmers are participating in their tobacco seed treatment.

The Extension office has continued this service for farmers, but has encouraged them to do the job themselves, and has made sure and instruction available for that purpose.

## Agway Holds Grand Opening

Agway, Inc. held a ribbon-cutting ceremony yesterday celebrating the grand opening of its newest Agway Supply Center at 1027 Dillerville Road, Lancaster.

On hand for the ceremony were Walter Butcher, manager of Agway Supply Centers; Raymond A. Cochran, Agway regional manager; Heber B. Shelly, manager of the Lancaster Center; and Samuel Dum, chairman of the local Agway Committee.

According to manager Shelly, "the Lancaster Agway Supply Center will primarily devote itself to making farm and home hardware items available to patrons at reduced prices."

The Center will serve as a warehouse outlet, Shelly said, and will have trained installation and service men to take care of the items sold and distributed.



BEFORE TREATING TOBACCO SEED it is run through a cleaner to remove the chaff and undersized seeds. Assistant county agent Harvey Gipe demonstrates the process with this ancient, homemade rig doing the air cleaning job.



TREATING TOBACCO SEED for wildfire is an annual service of the county extension office. Here Arnold G. Lueck, associate county agent, is shown washing seed in a cloth bag after it was treated with silver nitrate solution.

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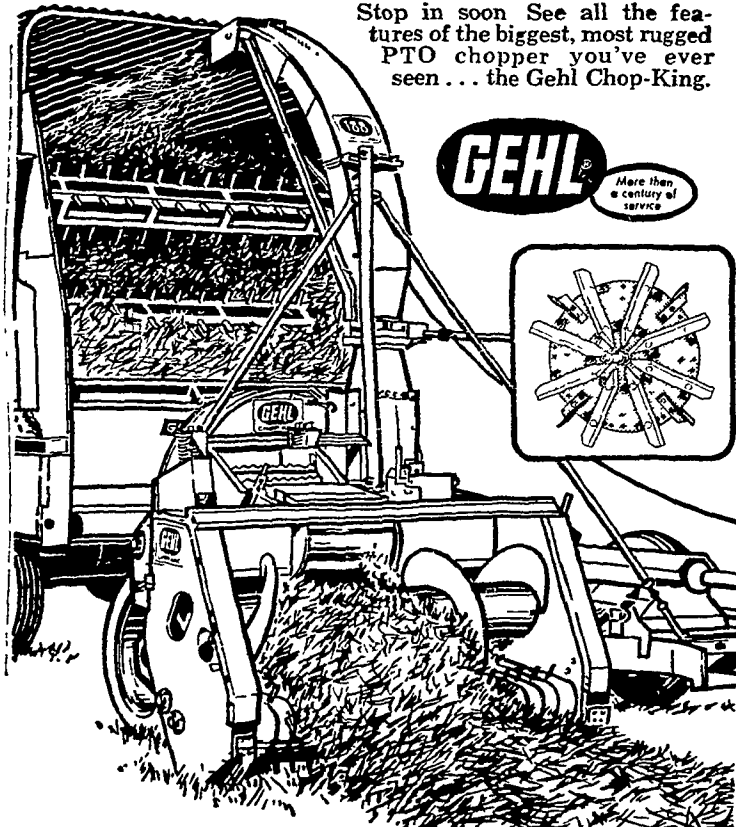
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