



## WASHINGTON REPORT

Congressman Edwin D. Eshleman  
16th District—Pennsylvania



Much of my mail from the 16th District concerns our military personnel from the area. Some of the mail comes from men and women who themselves are serving, and other correspondence is from their families. Within the letters I have noticed one subject that seems to be widely misunderstood. That subject, "sole-surviving" son, probably needs some clarification I am going to devote part of this week's column to a discussion of the military regulations on this provision in hopes of making it a little easier to understand.

Just being an only child or the only male member in the family does not make a young man a "sole-surviving" son insofar as this special provision is concerned. This is the point that is so greatly misunderstood. A young man must be the last male member of a family where his father or other brothers have died as a direct result of military service thus leaving him as the last male member of the family.

The person who qualifies under the strict requirements of this provision as a sole-surviving son may be affected in three ways by the policy. First, he is ineligible for the draft. Second, if he joins the military voluntarily and is not an officer, he may request duty in areas out-

side of active combat operations. To obtain such exemption, the serviceman must apply to his unit personnel officer. That officer will make a record of the noncombat status. The immediate family may effect the same result by writing to the Chief of Personnel Operations in any branch of the Armed Forces. This procedure does not mean that the soldier will be assigned just in the United States, but does mean that he will not be given combat duty.

The third part of the policy concerns discharge. The Armed Forces will release from duty any enlisted man who became a sole-surviving son of a family after he had entered military service. If his father or one or more of his brothers dies as a direct result of injuries received or disease incurred during military service, the soldier himself must apply to his immediate commander for consideration. He would then be discharged under the ruling if found to be qualified.

The confusion surrounding the policy has grown out of this strict definition. Most people believe that it applies to any young man who is the family's only male heir. This is not the case and I felt it would be helpful to provide this clarification for the people in our area.

You may be interested in obtaining some of the government pamphlets that I can make available to you. If you stop in at the District office or write me, a list of the specific titles will be provided.

### ● Chemical Weed

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Thoroughly proven chemicals can not be recommended until they have been approved for use by the Food and Drug Administration, he pointed out. And he said the Cooperative Extension Service at Penn State has published a guide to chemical weeding of vegetable crops, available from the Agricultural Marketing Room, University Park, Pa., 16802.

"There is great emphasis on chemical weeding in modern agriculture," Professor Noll affirmed. "Combination of chemical weed control with the best mechanical and cropping techniques reduces production costs and increases profit."

Modern chemical weed control had its beginning in 1944, he stated, when 2,4-D was discovered to have plant killing properties. Since then, countless new chemicals for specific weeds and crops have been developed. Many more are in testing stages in research laboratories and at testing stations.

### ● Potato Storage

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capacity of 385,000 bushels of potatoes in 34 mammoth bins, each of which has separate air and temperature controls. Temperatures usually are maintained in the 50- to 60-degree range throughout the storage period.

Hendrick explained to Secretary Bull that stiff tolerances are maintained in inspection and grading, and that the specific gravity is checked closely for constant quality. "We pay a premium price and we expect a premium product," Hendrick added.

Hendrick said at least 65 percent of the potatoes are bought from Pennsylvania growers, with most coming from Erie, Potter, Lehigh and Lancaster counties.

Potatoes are purchased and stored for specific processing purposes, Secretary Bull was told. Among the products involved are five different kinds of french fries, hashed browned and whole potatoes. Most of the products are marketed through

frozen food departments of retail stores.

All potato shipments are examined by Federal-State inspectors licensed by the Fruit and Vegetable Division of the State Agriculture Department.

Tri-Co Foods Corp. is a subsidiary of the Hanover Canning Co., which has a processing plant adjacent to the new storage units.

### ● Farm Calendar

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tional Meeting, Lititz Recreation Center

Wednesday, February 14  
9:00 a.m.—Custom Spray Opera-

tor Meeting, Farm & Home Center

1:30 p.m.—Fruit Growers Orchard Spray Schedule Meeting, Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd.

7:30 p.m.—Pleasure Horse Management Meeting, Farm & Home Center.

Thursday, February 15  
7:30 p.m.—Southern Lancaster County Atlantic District Meet, Solanco High School, Quarryville.

7:30 p.m.—Cattle Feeder Meeting, Farm & Home Center.

7:30 p.m.—Lancaster County 4-H Try-Outs for annual play, Production Credit Building

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