

Income Parity For Farmers Urged By Ellis At Hershey

Hershey - A program assuring American farmers "a parity of income and the right to negotiate for it" was urged here today by Clyde T. Ellis, of Washington, a special consultant to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman.

Speaking at the award ceremony at the 1968 National Plowing Contest, Conservation Exposition and Forage Progress Days, Ellis said the "greatest single need" of agriculture and rural America is parity of income.

"The farmer, though he has made the greatest progress of any industry, is not sharing adequately in this, the longest period of sustained prosperity in our nation's history," Ellis said. "Our millions of farmers scattered over 50 states are too disorganized, too fragmented in their interests and organizations, to bargain effectively for their production items and for their sales prices. So they are constantly squeezed from both sides, always buying and selling at the other fellows' prices."

Ellis pointed out that the right of labor to negotiate for wages and working conditions was recognized long ago.

"The time has come, I believe, for our government to do no less for agriculture," Ellis declared.

Ellis was accompanied here by Byron G. "Barney" Allen, special assistant to Secretary Freeman.

The Pennsylvania State Police rodeo thrilled a crowd of more than 6,000 that filled the Hershey Stadium stands for the event.

Following that, awards were presented to Ned Rhoads, of Greenville R5, Ohio, who captured the national contour plowing championship from seven

competitors Wednesday, and to Charles "Monty" Stamp, of Rock Stream, N.Y., the runner-up.

Awards also were presented to conservation winners.

Wednesday's attendance was estimated at 20,000, the same as on opening day.

Thursday's competition was in level land plowing. The small plow classes began at 9:30 a.m., with large plow matches starting at noon. Award presentations were scheduled to follow the State Police Rodeo which began at 3:30 p.m. in the Hershey Stadium.

Visitors Are Needed Throughout Lanc. Co.

The Friendly Visitor program began in Lancaster County in 1968 and continues to grow. There will be publicity on radio and television and in the newspapers in the coming weeks asking for volunteers.

"The Friendly Visitor is a man or woman who cares enough about his neighbors, across the street or on the other side of town, to give of himself in the area of human companionship. Frequency of visits isn't indicated by a schedule, but by need."

The preceding paragraph tells us what a Friendly Visitor is. Because this service is an expression of interest in the needs of others and is given individually

and voluntarily it can and should enrich the lives of both the visitor and the visitee.

In September and October there will be two meetings at the Health and Welfare Center for those who volunteer. Included in these meetings will be films showing Friendly Visitors in action and discussions about the responsibilities of a Friendly Visitor. Both will give the Friendly Visitor a general idea of the sort of situations he might meet and the ways in which he can help. Part of the program will be devoted to explanations of the various agencies cooperating in this program and whose

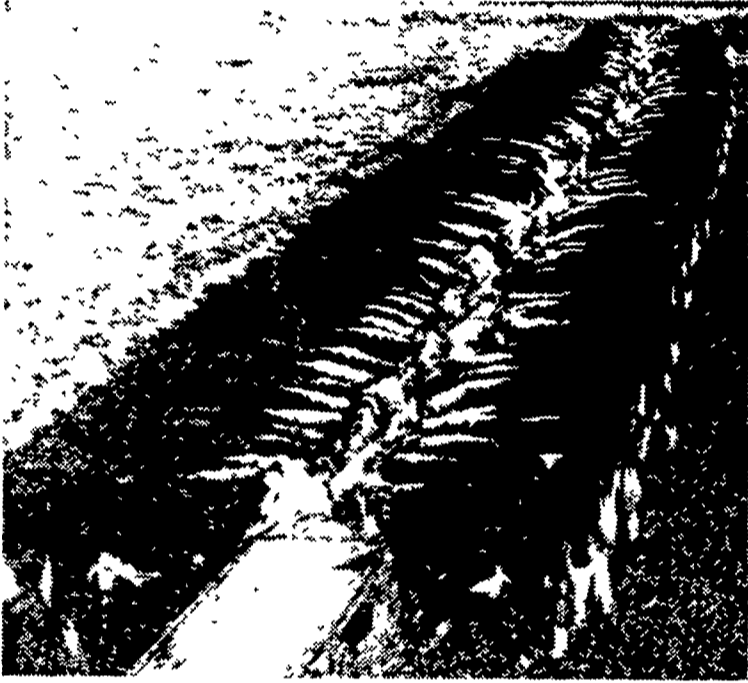
responsibility it will be to assign Friendly Visitors to those in need. At the conclusion of the meetings, the Friendly Visitor

can choose the agency he prefers and to whom he will then be responsible. Each participating agency will have someone in charge of the Friendly Visitor program to whom the visitor can turn if a need arises.

A special Registration Day will be held Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 8:30 to 5 p.m. at the Volunteer Bureau, Room C-109, 630 Janet Ave., Lancaster. However, anyone interested in information on this program can contact the Volunteer Service Bureau between September 3 and 20, 8:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, telephone 397-7791.

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Land Judging Winners

Hershey - A 4H member from Union County and an FFA member from Northampton County walked off with championships in the land judging contest held as part of the National Plowing Contest, Conservation Exposition, and Forage Progress Days.

James Sandeis, of Millmont R1 was named champion in the FFA division. He received a cash prize of \$10 and an inscribed plaque. Winning a similar award in the 4H division was Richard Drehl, of 580 A Mosvale Road, Easton.

Youths entered in the contest were judged on their ability to classify soil according to depth, drainage, texture, stoniness, and organic matter content.

They also judged the soil on its productive capabilities.

Second place in the FFA division went to Stephen Showalter of Millmont R1, Union Co., and third to Lloyd Welk, of Quarryville R3.

In the 4H division, second place was won by Clark Stauffer of Ephrata R1 and third by Kenneth Ebersole of Lebanon R5.

FLYING FARMERS

The delegates of International Flying Farmers in session at Hamilton, Ontario, Can., on Aug. 22 elected L. L. Logan West Chester, Pa. to a two-year term as a member of the Board of Directors of this organization of 9,000 members. Mr. Logan had served for 10 years as a Director from 1956 to 1965.

David Matens, Fairview, Oklahoma, was elected International President. Phyllis Drake, Cheadle, Alberta, Can., won the IFF Queen contest. Linda Rothenberger, Lansdale, Pa., was chosen International Flying Farmer Teen Farmerette.

