

● **Mrs. McSparran**
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and chickens, feeding most of the crops grown Mrs McSparran has been living in Quarryville almost 4 years but still has an active interest in farming and rural life.

Mr. and Mrs McSparran have three married sons. Ray, 34 has two daughters, now living in Endicott, N. Y. He farmed for them 13 years then went to Pa. State Univ. and has a BS in Electrical Engineering and is employed by I.B.M.

John 28, has a BS in Civil Engineering from Penn State and a Master from University of Pittsburgh He is employed by the Pa Dept of Forest and Waters, Harrisburg They live in Elizabethtown.

Lloyd 27, has a BS and Phd in Electrical Engineering from Penn State and works for General Electric in Erie, Pa.

For the past 17 years she has been Secretary of Fulton Grange #66, which has a mem-

bership of 230 and meets twice a month. She has also served as Lecturer of this Grange and is now the Lecturer of Lancaster Co Pomona Grange #71 and is on the State Grange Lecturer's committee As Pomona Lecturer she is in charge of their literary programs She has organized a Pomona Grange chorus of about 30 people. She also coordinates Lecturers' work among county Granges and works with district Lecturers for one district meeting a year

Mrs McSparran is well known to Lancaster Farming readers for her news reports for both Fulton and Pomona Grange.

She served as a director of the Lancaster Co Extension Ass'n. for a three year term ending in 1967 and was one of the secretaries of the Southern Lancaster Co Community Fair Ass'n for several years and was relieved for a few years but filled in again the past year at fair time.

Mrs McSparran is an active member of the Mount Zion

United Methodist Church at Fairfield, being a member of the Administrative Board, Chairman of the Membership and Evangelism Commission, a member of the choir, Vice President of the Women's Society of Christian Service and teacher of the Women's Bible Class at Sunday School She has been chairman of the church's Thanksgiving supper which serves around 500 people and is presently serving as chairman of a building fund campaign

She enjoys housekeeping and office work but finds nothing more relaxing and entertaining than music, that is, to sing or play her electric organ She is not a TV fan.

Mrs McSparran's features of local farm women will be alternating from time to time with the recipes of our long-time food editor, Mrs. Richard Spence.

● **Nixon**
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played "unshakable patience and perseverance" in the past 14 years as chancellor of the University of Nebraska Those are two traits that Washington observers say he will need in his new job as top man in the Agriculture Department

A native of Knightstown, Ind., the plain-spoken Hardin attended Purdue University on a 4-H Club scholarship He received his doctorate there in 1941, and was professor of agricultural economics and dean at Michigan State before accepting the Nebraska post

He has made several overseas trips in recent years, helping establish a university in Turkey and supervising agricultural development projects in South America

Hardin has never been active in Nebraska politics, and apparently did not take an active role in Nixon's campaign for the presidency

He and his wife, the former Martha Wood, have three daughters and two sons

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Livestock Health Disorders May Be Linked With Soil Magnesium Levels

UNIVERSITY PARK—Many health problems occurring in livestock may be associated with a low level of magnesium in the soil, declared an Extension agronomist at The Pennsylvania State University

Milford R. Heddleson, speaking at the ninth annual Forage Conference here last week, said paralytic-type health problems in livestock "seem to crop up very frequently where soils are known to be low in magnesium content"

The agronomist pointed out that the Penn State Soils and Forage Testing Laboratory has compiled sufficient data on nutrient levels of the various Commonwealth soils to show relationships between livestock disorders and low soil levels of magnesium

"The most severe herd problems appear to be on farms where high production is achieved along with an intensive cropping program" Heddleson emphasized "When large amounts of nitrogen are applied to the soil, this tends to suppress magnesium uptake in the forage plants"

In some areas of the state, the agronomist said magnesium soil levels are much lower than in other sections In soils where magnesium is low and potassium levels are high the plants generally contain large amounts of potassium which creates problems in achieving balanced rations for livestock

Heddleson pointed out that soil testing and the application of magnesium according to test recommendations may prove valuable in areas where soils are low in the element

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