



Mark S. Hess

Mark Hess Manager Of Agway Unit

Mark S. Hess a native of Lancaster County, has been named Unit Manager of the Garden Spot Unit of AGWAY Lancaster. It was announced by R. Art Cochran, Area Manager.

Hess succeeds Kenneth Emerson, who has taken a position in AGWAY'S Western Division, as Manager of a large retail store and grain elevator at Geneva, New York.

In his new position, Hess assumes responsibility for distribution of farm production supplies through stores located at Lancaster, New Holland and Quarryville. His headquarters are in Lancaster.

Hess began his AGWAY ca-

Prof Says Slick Pavements Doom Drivers

MADISON, WIS — "If all drivers could see what I've seen, there would be few careless drivers on the road today," says Prof. Archie H. Easton, nationally known accident investigator and Director of the Motor Vehicle Research Laboratory of the University of Wisconsin.

Referring to the grisly scene he often encounters when summoned to an accident site, Prof. Easton said: "I certainly would not want to force people to see these sights, but I often think that it would do some drivers a world of good to see first-hand the tragic consequences of drinking and driving, a moment of carelessness or inattention, or a simple case of poor judgment."

As Chairman of the National Safety Council's Committee on Winter Driving Hazards, Prof.

Easton is particularly concerned about the added hazards at this time of year caused by ice and snow-covered pavements and the resulting consequences. "Judging from some of the accidents I've seen, many drivers obviously have no concept of the extremely limited traction on these surfaces. Tests have shown, for example, that the braking distance on glare ice may easily be as much as nine or ten times the normal dry pavement distance, meaning a stopping distance of 150 to 200 ft at a speed of only 20 mph compared with about 17 ft. on dry pavement," he explained.

"Whenever the pavement is snowy or icy, the best advice is to first get the 'feel' of the road. This can be done by trying the brakes or by accelerating carefully to see whether the wheels skid or spin. If the car has any tendency to skid or 'fish-tail,' then it's time to slow way down and do all maneuvering—braking, steering or accelerating—with a very gentle touch," advised Easton.

When asked whether special traction devices, such as snow tires and tire chains were helpful under these conditions, he replied that the National Safety Council's tests showed that conventional snow tires were of lit-

tle or no benefit on glare ice but that they provided about half again as much traction in loosely packed snow as regular tires. Studded snow tires, on the other hand, materially improve traction on ice, providing about three times the pulling ability of regular tires and reducing braking distances by 19 percent, according to the test findings.

For severe conditions on both snow and ice, Prof. Easton recommended reinforced tire chains. He said that tests showed chains provided from four to seven times the pulling power of regular tires on snow and ice and reduced braking distance on glare ice by 50 percent.



CHECKING ON THE POULTRY LAB. SITES are left to right, Jack Huber and Claude Hess representing the Lancaster County Poultry Association and Dr. Edward T. Malinson, Bureau of Animal Industry and Homer Bicksler, Pa. Poultry Federation. The state representatives were in the County to investigate the two proposed sites for the new proposed poultry diagnostic laboratory being sponsored by the local poultrymen. The sites visited Wednesday morning were an acre plot located along Route 501 across from the Lancaster Airport owned by John Huber and a lot near the New Holland Boro line owned by Victor F. Weaver, Inc.

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Farm Women Hold State Convention

HARRISBURG — The Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania held its 50th annual convention January 13 and 14 in Harrisburg with about 500 women in attendance.

State Secretary of Agriculture Leland H. Bull, paid special tribute to the Society on this occasion and welcomed the group to the 53rd Pennsylvania Farm Show. The Secretary reviewed some of the many changes taking place in agriculture and related fields. He stated that the Candy Law of 1887 was the first of Pennsylvania's consumer protection laws passed.

Secretary Bull pointed out that the 1968 Federal candy regulations, incorporates much of this old Pennsylvania law. He also stated that to handle the requirements of the 1968 Pennsylvania Meat Inspection Law, the Department is conducting intensive training for inspectors.

"This protective service is a characteristic of modern trends that are affecting not only agriculture but also the people served by agriculture," the Secretary said. He reminded the audience that "we must be ready to meet the challenges of the seventies if we are to keep our agricultural economy sound and keep pace with the progress of Pennsylvania."

Secretary Bull urged the Society to join with other agricultural groups in supporting efforts to obtain adequate, modern Farm Show facilities. The Farm Show has outgrown buildings that were designed and constructed in another day and age and is seriously handicapped by lack of space, he said.

Mrs. W. F. Dummer, Thomasville, RD 1, York County, president of the state society, presided at both the morning and afternoon sessions in the Forum of the Education Building.

In addition to the Secretary's address, the day's program included reports of county presidents and entertainment by the members of the Harrisburg Civic Ballet of which Caroline DeLone is artistic director.

Corn Stover Has Potential

HARRISBURG — Corn stover represents an enormous potential as feed or bedding in addition to boosting returns per acre, a Penn State agricultural engineer told members attending the Pennsylvania Crop Improvement Association annual meeting at the 53rd Farm Show.

Burton S. Horne said stover accounts for half the plant material produced in an acre of corn and is usually left in the field and considered a nuisance when tilling and planting operations are being carried out.

"Corn stover is an alternative feedstuff when roughages are expensive," Horne said "and can be used as bedding when straw is in short supply."

At the present time there are four methods of stover retrieval, the ag engineer said, and each is relatively cheap to operate. These include the corn head combine with blower and collector on trailer, flail-type forage harrow, hay baler with flail pick up type attachment, and forage combine. The forage combine is in the experimental stage at two land-grant institutions.

"The future of corn stover usage will be dependent on several factors including types of feeding programs, basic crop quality, timing of corn harvest and stover retrieval, and machine costs and field capabilities," the Penn State specialist emphasized.



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