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Directors favored the passage of both HB 1679 and 1353, but will offer an amendment to the latter calling for the concurrence of the State Department of Agriculture before imposing restrictions in the case of pollution as a result of agricultural operations

In its original form, HB 1353 is an amendment of the Clean Streams Law, further defining the regulatory powers of the Sanitary Water Board in the preservation and improvement of the Commonwealth's streams. HB 1679, virtually identical to SB 587, provides for the regulation of reclamation in all types of surface mining activities in a similar manner to current regulations affecting bituminous coal disturbed areas.

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American Farm Bureau Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Celebration of the 50th anniversary year of the American Farm Bureau Federation will be climaxed at the Federation's annual meeting Dec. 7-11, in Washington, D.C., with 1969 membership predicted to reach 1,850,000 families, a new record high, and an increase of 50,000 over 1968, according to organization officials. Farm Bureau is the largest general farm organization in the nation. Roger Fleming, secretary-treasurer of the Federation, said the new membership figure will represent the largest numerical gain registered by the organization since 1953.

Key issues expected to be discussed at the Washington meeting include future direction of farm policy, pesticides, farm exports, farmer marketing-bargaining, and government monetary and fiscal policies.

Secretary of Agriculture, Clifford M. Hardin, will address the convention Monday morning, Dec. 8, following the annual address of Charles B. Shuman, president of the Federation. Shuman is a grain and livestock

farmer from Sullivan, Illinois. Attendance at the Washington meeting is expected to set a new record as State Farm Bureaus are planning group plane trips to the nation's capital. More than 6,000 are expected to be on hand for the observance of the 50th anniversary year celebration.

Headquarters of the convention will be the Washington Hilton hotel with all general and business sessions to be held there.

Other top U.S. Department of Agriculture officials who will address special conferences of the convention include Dr. Thomas K. Cowden, assistant secretary of agriculture for rural development and conservation, Clarence D. Palmby, assistant secretary of agriculture for international affairs and commodity programs. Cowden will speak at the natural resources conference, and Palmby at the field crops conference, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Congresswoman Catherine May, from the state of Washington, will address the marketing conference on Dec. 9, on the subject "Agricultural Marketing from the Point of View of a Consumer and a member of Congress."

"Pesticides and Public Health," will be discussed at the natural resources conference by Dr. William T. Durham, scientist director, division of pesticides, Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Other conferences scheduled on Dec. 9 include: dairy, livestock, poultry, horticulture crops, Young Farmers and Ranchers, Farm Bureau women, Safemark, and organization.

The 50th anniversary celebration on Tuesday night, Dec. 9, will feature the popular young (Continued on Page 9)

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Acreage for harvest declined to 20,000 acres in 1969, the smallest harvested acreage in three decades. Yield estimated at 1,900 pounds per acre, was 100 pounds heavier than 1968 and about 110 pounds above average.

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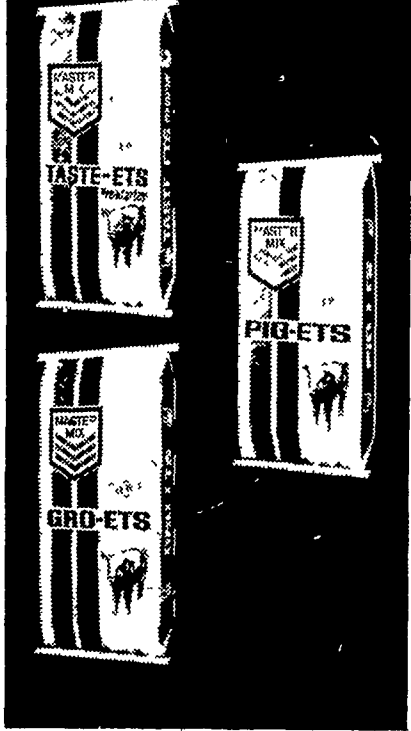
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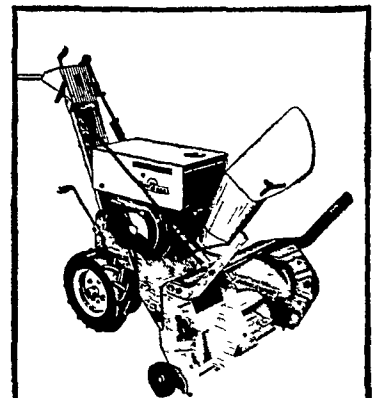
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