

County Agent Speaks at Annual Quarryville Farmers Night

Max Smith, Lancaster County agricultural agent, was the speaker for the annual Farmers Night of the Quarryville Rotary Club, Tuesday evening at Rhoads Spanish Restaurant.

Introduced by William M. Fredd, Farmers Night chairman and head of the Ag Department of Bolanco High School, Smith said, "Agriculture in Lancaster County is on a higher level than most parts of the state. There are better farmers and they accept their place in the community."

Dairying is still one of the most successful Lancaster County enterprises. There are 1,500 dairymen now, which is only half as many as in 1950 but they are producing as much milk. There is still a good demand for milk, Smith said.

With lots of hogs, beef cattle and calves to market yet, he advocated getting beef cattle to market while the price is favorable.

With labor scarce farmers in the county are asking advice, two to one, about free stall housing of cattle as compared to staunchions. Steer feeding es-



Among those participating in the program of the annual Farmers Night of the Quarryville Rotary Club this week were: left to right, Edgar K. Brown, outgoing

Rotary Club president; Max Smith, Lancaster County agricultural agent, and Bill Fredd, new Rotary Club president and program chairman.

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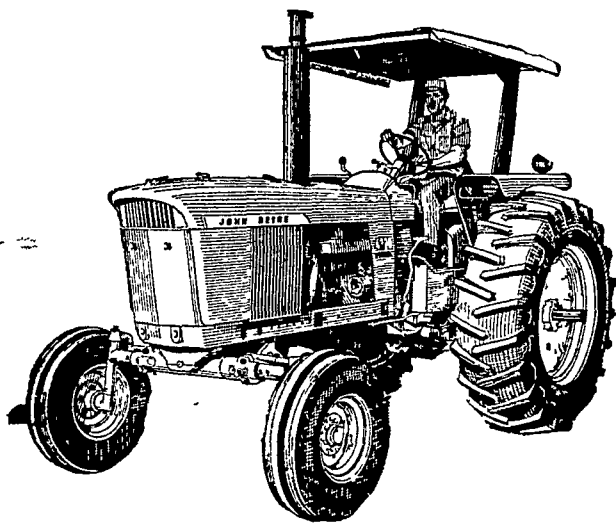
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tablishments are using more automatic feeding.

Larger units are the sign of the times

Another trend is for greater yields of crops per acre. Corn and alfalfa are the queen of the crop here. According to the Lancaster County Experimental station, we are not getting as high a yield for alfalfa as we should.

The trend is for larger cows, long, lean pigs and the demand for beef cattle is for longer and lean animals with a

lot of lean meat. The same is true for sheep.

Farmers want animals that grow faster. Buyers would rather buy cross breeds if they can get them

High moisture corn, shelled in silo or ground chop, lends itself to mechanical feeding

More and larger silos are being built in the county. Silage is probably the very best feed for cattle to keep down costs

No-till corn planting may have a place on some farms, if it's not too wet when planted. It is bet-

ter on hillsides where you don't disturb the mulch. He advised farmers that they should understand how to do it right.

He does not think corn blight poses too much of a threat this year, but advised getting corn produced as early as possible.

A few of the problems in agriculture are increased costs, use of pesticides, pollution of streams and waste disposal from livestock

He said the importance of the place of the farmer should not be overlooked. Farmers should take part in zoning in their communities.

President Edgar K. Brown, Quarryville, acted as master of ceremonies and George Mitchell, Refton, as song leader. Following the meal, each Rotarian introduced himself and his guest farmers to the group.

The Quarryville Rotary Club meets at Rhoads Spanish Res-

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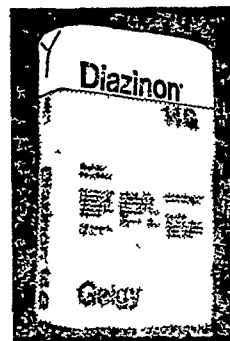
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