



Forney Longenecker, left, Lititz RD3, receives a certificate from State Secretary of Agriculture Jim McHale designating him a member of the newly-organized Consumer Affairs Council of Region 6 of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, with offices located at Middletown. Secretary McHale has organized a Consumer Affairs Council and a Rural Development Council in each of the state's seven regions to carry out the Department's various services to the public.

Post Office Hours To Change November 1

The United States Postal Service has announced that on November 1 a change of Window Service will become effective. Postmaster Richard C. Rader stated that in order to establish conformity in the level of window service provided customers in the Lancaster Sectional Center, new hours are as follows:

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to Noon Saturdays. The Lititz Post Office along with all other First Class offices in Lancaster County including the city of Lancaster will observe these hours.

Conservation Group Makes Recommendations

Concluding its three-day annual meeting, the Public Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation recently urged the U.S. Department of Agriculture to redouble its efforts to inform the public of agricultural contributions to environmental improvement.

The Committee of 20 citizens from across the nation, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, met to evaluate and make recommendations for program needs and development in resource conservation so that the USDA's activities "can make the most meaningful contribution to the welfare of the United States and the quality of the environment."

Stressing the need for increased coordination within cooperative USDA programs, the Committee this year included in its recommendations that:

—The USDA continue its efforts to inform the public of its contributions to overcoming agricultural related pollution and environmental improvement through its programs of research, education, technical assistance, credit, and cost sharing.

—The USDA support the enactment of legislation to authorize long-range whole-farm, cost sharing contract authorities to help solve regional environmental problems such as those found in the Great Lakes Basin, the Wabash River Basin, the Palouse Area of the Nor-

thwest, the Four Corner Area of the Southwest, and Ozarkia

—The USDA consider developing methods to gather information and assess changes in land use preferably on an annual basis.

—Action be taken to insure that agricultural land is included in any legislation on national land-use policy.

Meeting with Under Secretary of Agriculture J. Phil Campbell and USDA agency heads in Washington, the Committee examined specific areas it felt needed improvement. These included: agricultural related sediment control and animal-waste disposal, watershed activity and resource conservation and development projects; and public access in water resource projects

The Committee stressed the importance of USDA continuing its emphasis on an "environmental impact" approach in planning its program requirements and assistance, and in its cooperative efforts with other groups. It also noted as being not widely known that the farmer is, and has traditionally been, a leading conservationist.

Soil Conservation Service Administrator Kenneth E. Grant was alternate chairman of this year's Committee meeting.

Committee members are: Lyle Bauer, Harper, Kans.; S.C. Bexley, Jr., Land O'Lakes, Fla.; Howard Bier, Hazelton, N. Dak.; Jay R. Bingham, Salt Lake City, Utah; Elvie Dreeszen, Cushing, Iowa; Adolfo Eschenwald,

Santurce, Puerto Rico, Michael F. Frost, McAllen, Tex.; Leonard Graumann, Granite, Ark.; Frederick C. Gross, Waialua, Hawaii; Dr. David A. Hamilton, Nashville, Tenn.; Arturo Jaramillo, Chimayo, N. Mex.; Jalmar J. Kerttula, Juneau, Alaska; William Andre Luys, Carthage, Mo.; W. Rogers Meador, Goochland, Va.; Robert M. Rankin, Cincinnati, Ohio; Vernon C. Rockey, O.D.; Chadron, Nebr.; Jerome E. Specht, Buffalo, Minn.; George C. Stubbart, Sutherlin, Ore.; John E. Wetzel, Gettysburg, Pa.; and Robert D. Whitmore, Pullman, Wash.

McCulloch Drops Prices

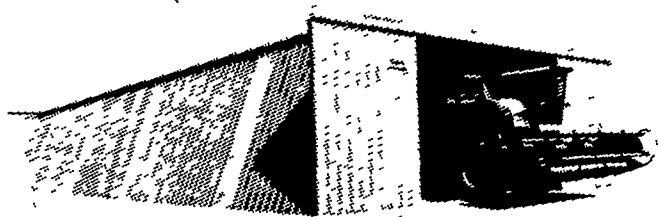
For the second time in a month, McCulloch Corporation has moved to lower the high cost of living for farmers

The company, one of the world's largest producers of chain saws, has just announced significantly lower manufacturer's suggested list prices on its complete line of saw chain. The new, low suggested prices amount to a better than 30 per cent across the board reduction and are already in effect.

Last month, the company also announced new, lower manufacturer's suggested prices for four popular farm chain saws, the Mac 10-10 and 10-10A and the Mini-Mac 6 and 6A

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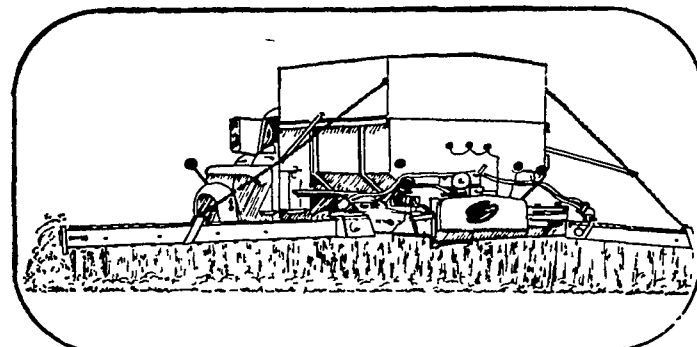
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