



It's really a friendly gesture. Henry Hackman, left, hired recently to assist the Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District, emphasizes a point as

he chats with Dr. Goodard at the annual farm-industry banquet at the Farm and Home Center Thursday night.

Lime, Fertilizer Conference Set

A nationally-known group of soil scientists, along with leaders of the Pennsylvania agricultural industry, will serve as speakers at the annual Lime and Fertilizer Conference scheduled for January 26-28, 1972, at Pennsylvania State University.

According to Dr. W. Wayne Himish, Penn State Extension agronomist, farmers and agricultural industry personnel in Pennsylvania and surrounding states are invited to attend the three-day session.

Conference activities will start at 1:30 p.m. on January 26 with addresses by Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture James A. McHale and Dr. Russell E. Larson, dean of the Penn State College of Agriculture. They will discuss the missions of their departments as they relate to the chemical industry.

Also, first-day subjects will include the Pennsylvania Fertilizer Law, 1971 Lime Research, and the annual business meeting of the Pennsylvania Plant Food Educational Society.

Topics to be presented on January 27 by Penn State

specialists and chemical company representatives will be Trace Elements in Animal and Human Nutrition, Sulphur-Coated Urea for Controlled Release of Nitrogen, A New Soil Test, and Diagnostic Approach to Soil Fertility. The afternoon session will be devoted to a panel discussion of Environmental Quality as Related to Agriculture

and the Rural Community.

The third-day morning program will focus on no-till corn planting, corn ecology, and the Pennsylvania 5-Acre Corn Club.

Additional Lime and Fertilizer Conference details are available by contacting the Agricultural Conference Coordinator, 410 Keller Building, University Park, Pa. 16802.

Butz Named New U. S. Ag Secretary

Earl L. Butz was named Thursday to succeed Clifford M. Hardin as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

At the same time President Richard Nixon announced the change in the USDA's top position, he also said he is abandoning a plan to abolish the USDA as part of a U.S. cabinet reorganization.

A new cabinet reorganization plan is expected to be announced under which the USDA's ability

to serve farmers will be strengthened, but some border operations such as national forests will be moved into other departments. The president particularly indicated a continuing desire for new cabinet departments of natural resources and community development.

Butz, 62, who was an assistant secretary of agriculture in the Eisenhower administration, is a resident of Indiana.

Hardin, who has been under fire because of low corn prices, has accepted a job in private industry.

Cattle Feeder's Tour

On the recent cattle feeder's tour in Lancaster County it was noted that the majority of the operators visited are paying more attention to the health of their newly purchased cattle the first several weeks. The "eye of the master" is still very important to recognize sick steers and to get them separated and treated as soon as possible. Liberal amounts of fresh air, roughage, and rest was generally accepted as being very important. The preventing of the loss of a single steer should make this very careful attention and treatment quite worthwhile.

Leaf Cover

November is here but the growing conditions have been excellent and most grasses and weeds have continued to grow as they do in the early stages of spring. Home owners are reminded of the importance of continuing to mow their lawn as long as the grass continues to grow. To allow the grass to grow tall and mat down this time of the year is not recommended. Also, the leaf fall has been very heavy in the past weeks. This leaf cover should also be removed from the lawn; if not, the leaves will mat down and smother out the grass. The leaves will make fine mulch or can be used as part of the compost pile. Oak leaves are most useful when rotted to use around acid-loving plants such as azaleas and rhododendrons.



STRANGE BEDFELLOWS, it would seem, but that's the way it is at the Clinton Hatt Jr. home in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, where Irish Setter "Kelly" takes care of two baby wild rabbits dug out of their nest.

Goddard Explains

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He urged farmers and industry men to cooperate to see that the Lancaster County countryside "will not go down the drain as it has in many other areas."

The Farm and Home Center, Smith said, is "a living symbol of farm and industry cooperation." He said both groups built the Center.

He urged that farmers and industry men learn to know each other.

Dr. Goddard, the first secretary of Pennsylvania's giant, new Environment Department, repeatedly stressed his determination to see that Pennsylvania has a clean environment.

He began by citing this country's tremendous wealth. "We're the richest country because we're first in resource use." Representing only 6 per cent of the world's people, this country uses 40 per cent of its resources, Goddard said.

But while we're using tremendous resources, there's "nothing wrong with this, as long as we use it (resources) wisely."

He stated, "What's the use of having a high standard of living if you have a miserable environment?"

Goddard cited farmers, the better ones, as being leaders in proving that if a resource is used wisely it is better for the use. Good farmers use their land hard, but if they use it wisely, it actually increases in its ability to produce, he explained.

"But it's not right for us to take river water and put it back polluted."

He also said, "I think we can afford a good environment. I really believe it. I really believe it. But we must take the emotionalism out of it."

He cited opposition to taking natural gas out of Lake Erie and opposition to using nuclear power for generation of electricity as examples of emotionalism in the environment issue. He said Pennsylvania must protect itself from Canadian interests which are taking gas from their side of the lake, natural gas does not harm the environment, there is

no comparison of this issue with Santa Barbara. He cited the thousands of men who have died mining coal, the huge volumes of pollution which results from burning coal to generate electricity, said there is no danger from nuclear explosion, dismissed the danger of radiation and noted that two pounds of uranium generates the power of six million pounds of coal.

Goddard also emphasized his willingness to give industry such as U.S. Steel and governmental bodies such as Philadelphia time to raise the huge sums of money and do the work required to clean up the environment. He said people "must have tolerance to give industry time. Many want it done right now. It's impossible. We must have a goal. We must have a schedule. But we must be fair about it."

He noted that U.S. steel is spending \$60 million a year on pollution control. The firm is being required by Pennsylvania to spend \$18 million on one plant. Even for a such a large company, such investments in non-productive equipment is a burden and the state must work with the firm to give it time to do the job, Goddard indicated.

But he also emphasized that if U.S. Steel or anyone else who should be complying with the state's environment efforts drags his feet in complying, the state is prepared to enforce compliance.

He said the biggest breakthrough he has made in state government was the hiring of full-time attorneys. Previously, he hired private on a part-time basis, but wasn't satisfied with the results.

He now has 13 full time solicitors for use in backing up his conviction that the state needs and can afford a clean environment, he said.

Dr. Goddard thanked Amos Funk, a well known Lancaster County farmer and a member of the agriculture committee of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, and other local persons for their support in getting him endorsed for secretary of the new department.

Entertainment was provided by the Milk Maid Trio, a local singing group consisting of Mrs. Richard Garber, Mrs. Dale Hiestand and Mrs. Richard Shellenberger.



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