

## Farmers Union Schedules National Convention

The television star of "The Bold Ones," E. G. Marshall, will emerge as a real man with a real cause as he addresses the national convention of the Farmers Union at Houston, Tex.

Marshall will be the banquet speaker on Wednesday night, March 1. His subject: "National

Health Insurance—A Must For the American People."

The national president of the Farmers Union, Tony Dechant, said, "We are delighted that we will be able to present Mr. Marshall to a national audience as a man who not only plays the fictional role of a concerned

hospital administrator, but a man whose convictions match his performances."

Dechant said that he had served with Marshall on the committee which drafted the National Health Security Act. It has been introduced by Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and 25 other Senators, and by Congresswoman Martha Griffiths (D-Mich.) and more than 80 other House members.

"As we studied the health situation in the United States, it became obvious that the overriding need of the American people is not only complete insurance coverage under a government plan, but basic reform of the health delivery system," Dechant said. "These considerations guided us in drafting the legislation which is now before the Congress."

"We in the Farmers Union are especially pleased to have Mr. Marshall come before us to discuss in dramatic terms the health outlook," Dechant said.

The four-day convention of the Farmers Union will be held February 28 to March 2 in the Rice Hotel.

A major feature of the convention will be new emphasis on the role of Governors and state party organizations in national politics. The organization is inviting Governors of key farm states to take part in a "dialogue" with delegates. They will participate in issue discussions on taxes, the economic and political influence of corporations, and effective participation in a representative political system.

Also to appear—either in person or in special videotaped presentations—will be major presidential candidates.

## Farm Show Schedule Change Asked

Dates of the 1973 Pennsylvania Farm Show may be moved up to include a weekend to give the five-day event even broader public appeal, State Secretary of Agriculture Jim McHale has disclosed.

Secretary McHale said the proposed revision in the dates for the event is not definite but will be determined, after a survey of exhibitors, at the next meeting of the Pennsylvania Farm Show

Commission and Committee next April 5 and 6 in Harrisburg. He has proposed that the 1973 show open on Friday morning, January 12, and continue through Tuesday, January 16.

Secretary McHale said the aim is to give more small farmers and working men and women a chance to see the big show, and, thus "build bridges of understanding between rural and urban folks in Pennsylvania."

## Twin Valley FFA Report

The slow moving vehicle emblem law originally scheduled to take effect on December 11, 1971, will now take effect on February 12, 1972 unless another extension is granted.

According to the law, all vehicles designed to operate under 25 miles per hour must have a triangular slow moving vehicle emblem attached, when being operated on a highway. This includes all farm tractors and horse-drawn buggies, according to recent interpretations.

The use of such slow moving vehicle emblems is in addition to any lighting devices, flags, or other equipment required by law. Use of such emblems on any other type of vehicle or as a clearance marker or on wide machinery or on stationary objects along the highway is prohibited.

Such emblem is not required on a towed vehicle if the towing vehicle displays the emblem and it is readily visible from the rear. An example of this would be that such an emblem is not necessary on a harrow, disc, plow, etc. if it is displayed on the tractor pulling it and is readily visible.

The emblem shall be positioned as near as practical to the center of the machinery and at least three feet off the ground, but not more than five feet.

This information was discussed at a recent meeting of the Twin Valley Young Farmers by Corporal Thomas Eczko of the Reading State Police barracks. The vehicle code as it applies to agriculture was also discussed. Copies of this section of the vehicle code may be obtained from the vocational agriculture department at the Twin Valley High School.

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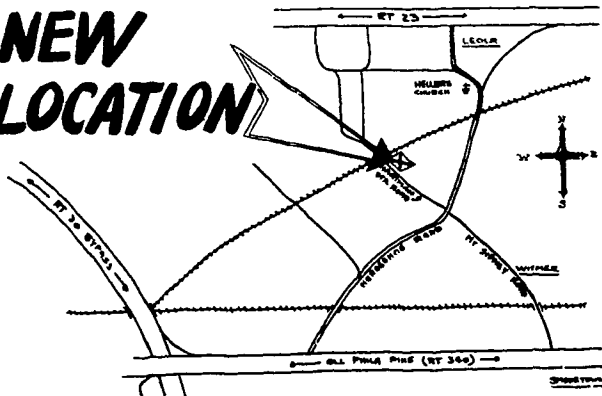
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