

Soil as Waste Disposal System

Pollution problems associated with the soil and its water content occur mainly because we have no socially or economically acceptable ways to correct the situation, Dr. Milford R. Heddeson, professor of agronomy extension at Pennsylvania State University, points out.

Speaking to educators and industry representatives at the annual Lime and Fertilizer Conference recently, Dr. Hed-

dleson said "fortunately nature has provided built-in mechanisms that enable the soil to dispose of unwanted materials but we must devote time and direct resources in improving this efficiency."

Both bacteria and fungi that are present in the soil surface area rapidly break down organic wastes in an aerobic environment, the Penn State specialist emphasized. This is both a normal soil building and a waste destruction process being carried on simultaneously.

"Since soils are pretty much self-rejuvenated with time, it would seem most practical to speed up studies in this area," he said. "If we are going to accommodate the growing volume of wastes, we must devise ways of using the soil as an efficient disposal medium which will reduce water pollution hazards as well."

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The Boots and Saddles 4-H Horse and Pony Club held a clinic for members at the Martingale Stables' indoor arena March 5. Five senior members brought their horses to demonstrate showmanship to the other 32 members present. Mrs. Sue McCoy, riding instructor, helped explain the demonstrations.

Jim Watts, president, called the March 10 meeting to order with 40 members present. The meeting was held at the Farm Credit office.

It was decided to hold a second clinic April 9 for any member who feels a need for help in some area of riding. Miss McCoy will be assisting.

Other items of business discussed included final plans for the Open Horse show to be held at the Lancaster Riding Club grounds at 10 a.m. April 23, rain or shine. For additional information on the show contact Mrs. Dan Fellenbarm, 397-9318.

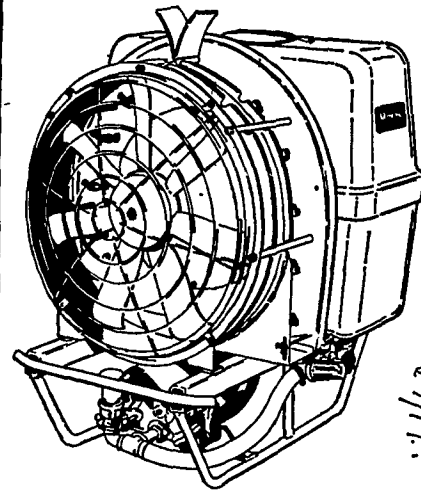
The teen leaders of the club will meet March 22 to discuss their duties for the year.

The next meeting of the club

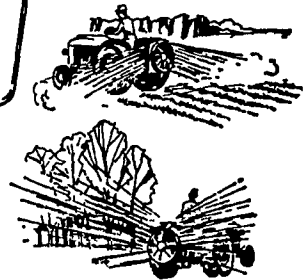
will be held at 7:30 p.m. April 14 at the Farm Credit Office.
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