

Soil Stewardship Week

The Lancaster County Conservation District is sponsoring Soil Stewardship Week May 7 - 14, placing emphasis on man's obligation to God as stewards of the soil, water and other resources, according to Aaron Z. Stauffer, District chairman.

"Creative Conservation" is the theme of this year's observance. It underscores the responsibility which each citizen has in fulfilling his or her role as caretakers of the realm.

Soil Conservation Districts are appealing for the 18th time to churches on a national scale to help in reminding all citizens of man's responsibility to God in soil stewardship. On the fifth Sunday following Easter, during the Rogation season, thousands of churches of all faiths will begin observances of Soil Stewardship Week.

In Lancaster County, a proclamation in observance of Soil Stewardship Week was

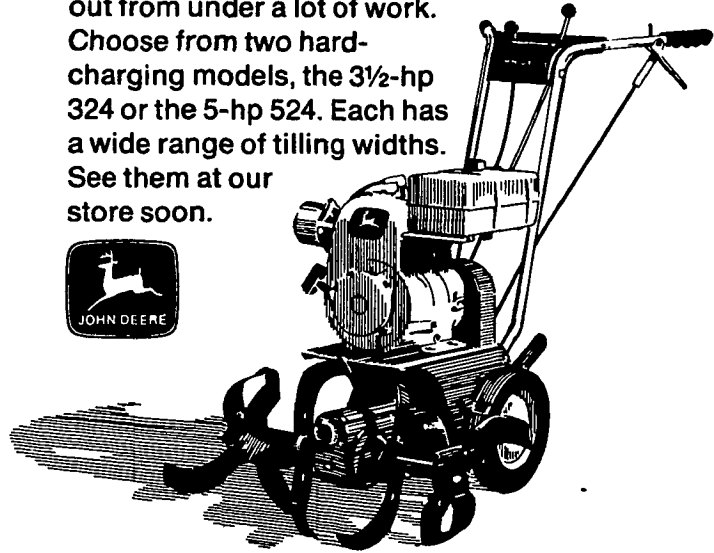


Governor Milton J. Shapp signs proclamation designating May 7 - 14 as "Soil Stewardship Week." Seated with the Governor are: left, Aaron Stauffer, president, Pennsylvania Association of Conservation District Directors, Inc., and Dr. Maurice K. Goddard, right, secretary,

Department of Environmental Resources and chairman of the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Standing left to right are: Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Raymond J. Kerstetter and Walter N. Peechatka, executive secretary, State Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

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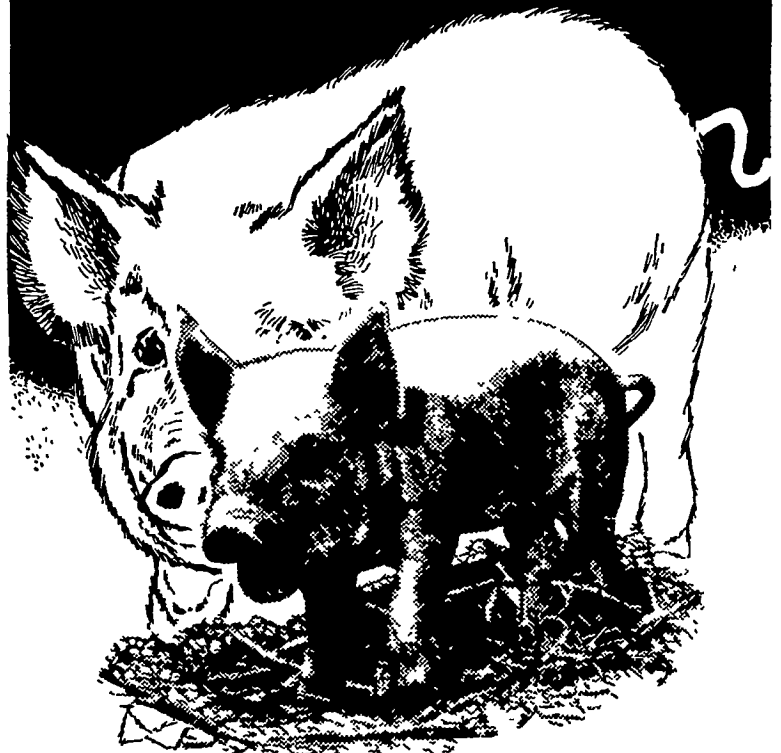
signed via television last week by Abe Dombach, County commissioner, and J. Everett Kreider, District director.

The preservation of the land, and related natural resources, through the appropriate conservation practices is one of the urgent challenges confronting the Commonwealth and its people.

Land ownership or use implies a moral responsibility of stewardship in order that this basic resource can benefit our future generations.

Therefore, I, Milton J. Shapp, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim the week of May 7-14, 1972, as Soil Stewardship Week in Pennsylvania.

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