



Aaron Stauffer, Ephrata, was one of the guests at a ceremony during which Governor Shapp signed into law a bill broadening the responsibilities of Pennsylvania's conservation districts. Stauffer, seated left, is president of the Pennsylvania State Association of Conservation District Directors. Governor Shapp is in the center, and State Conservation

Commission member Robert Lott is seated to his left. Standing, left to right, are: Representative John Laudadio, Sr.; Walter Peechatka, Director, State Conservation Commission; Dr. Maurice Goddard, Secretary of Environmental Resources; Larry Schwieger, Field Representative, Joint Legislative Conservation Committee.

Conservation Districts Get New Name, More Duties

The Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District is changing its name House Bill 1487 passed by the legislature during the last hours of its recent session and signed by Governor Shapp on December 28, 1972 amended the basic Soil Conservation Law for the State of Pennsylvania to shorten the name to Lancaster County Conservation District and to broaden the scope of responsibility. The new law provides for increased urban membership on the conservation district's board of directors when conditions justify the action. The district's program of conservation is broadened to include soil, water and related resources.

Conservation districts are supervised by the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission, now the State Conservation Commission, operating through the newly created Department of Environmental Resources. The State Conservation Commission is primarily responsible for creating and assisting county conservation districts. With the establishment of the Forest County Conservation District on November 14, 1972, all counties in the Commonwealth, with the exception of Philadelphia, have been designated districts. Other Commonwealth responsibilities include soil survey assistance, flood control and watershed protection, soil erosion and

sedimentation control, soil resources and conservation program planning and implementation.

Aaron Stauffer, chairman of the Lancaster County Conservation District and president of the State society is confident that the new law will improve the district's program, allow for total representation of the community and provide a greater range of resource conservation benefits to district. With the emphasis on the protection of our environment and the concern shown throughout the district, Stauffer invites representatives of organizations and agencies as well as individuals to meet with the board of directors to voice their problems and jointly to seek solutions. The regular meeting of the district board is held on the first Wednesday of each month at Farm & Home Center starting at 7:30 p.m.

USDA Advocates Cutback in Broilers

To avoid depressed broiler prices in the second quarter of 1973, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recommends that the broiler industry reduce production during that period by 5 percent from year earlier levels. USDA makes the exception, however, that there be a 10-percent reduction for Easter week to compensate for the customary seasonal decline in demand at that time.

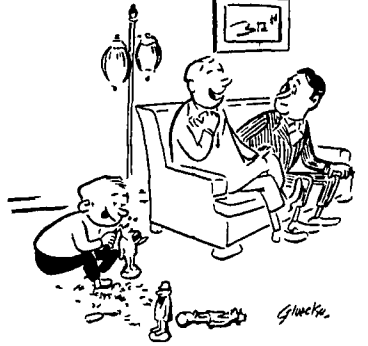
USDA also recommends that pullet chick placements for the broiler hatchery supply flock be adjusted to supply the same number of broiler chicks as a year earlier when these pullets come into lay in late 1973.

These recommendations — which are contained in the "Broiler Marketing Guide for Second Quarter 1973" — are made to assist the industry in adjusting output to meet anticipated higher production and marketing costs in that period, and to adjust to stronger competition from red meats—pork in particular—later in the year.

Single free copies of "Broiler Marketing Guide for Second Quarter 1973," PMG-30, con-

taining details of these recommendations, can be obtained about Jan. 5 from the Information Division, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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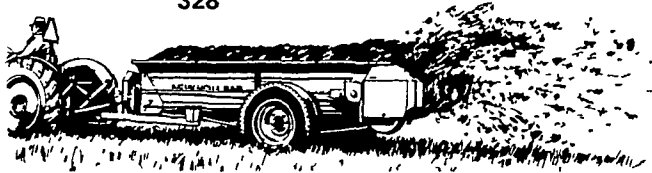
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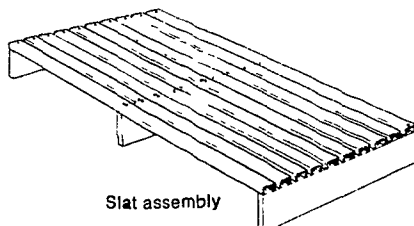
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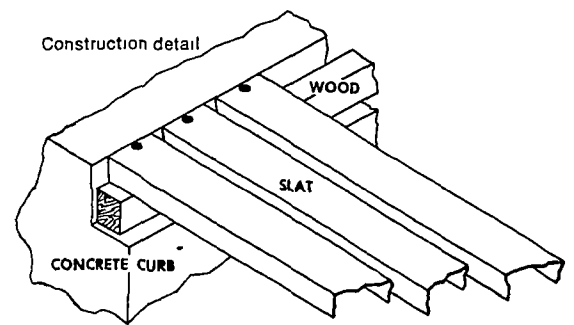
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