

Emergency Land

Pennsylvania farmers having farm land damaged by Hurricane Agnes and excessive rains of 1972 may request cost-sharing to restore land through May 15, according to Fred G. Seldomridge Chairman of Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee.

This program provides funds up to 80 percent of the cost of restoring farmland to productive use Mr. Seldomridge said.

Practices included in the program are: Restoring permanent fences; removing debris from farmland; restoring structures and other conservation installations; reestablishing permanent vegetative cover; rehabilitating

streambanks, channels, levees, and dikes; and grading, shaping, releveling or similar measures. The local ASC County Committee approves funding for individual farmers based on estimates of damage. Payments are made when practices are completed and bills submitted to ASCS for payment.

Over 4500 Pennsylvania farmers have requested assistance to restore land damaged by Agnes. These farms have been approved for over three million dollars in cost-sharing funds.

In Lancaster County, 126 farms have applied for \$87,900 in cost-shares.

This program has assisted a considerable number of farms to become productive again in 1973. However, many acres seriously eroded will undoubtedly remain less productive for years to come than they were prior to the flood. Top soil loss on flood plains was tremendous.

Farmers are to complete practices under this program by December 31, 1973. This means farmers need to plan now with equipment operators; SCS Technicians; and others who assist in practice performance.

Stream work requires approval by the local waterway patrolman of the Fish Commission and the Department of Environmental Resources. Requests for this practice will be forwarded to the Soil Conservation Service for technical assistance. Necessary approval by agencies will be obtained by ASCS.

"The emergency programs are doing a good job of assisting many farmers to recover from serious losses caused by severe rains of 1972," Chairman Seldomridge said. However, assistance must be requested for Emergency Conservation Practices at the ASCS office by May 15, 1973

No-Till Planting Book Available

A farmer and a veteran researcher have combined their practical experience and scientific knowledge of no-tillage farming. The result is "No-Tillage Farming."

The new book deals with the rapidly growing system of no-tillage planting, a method that has proven itself beneficial to many farmers concerned about production costs, labor shortage, dry and wet weather, and the lack of time to get all their fieldwork done.

In addition to providing the practical "how-to" and the scientific documentation of the new "no-plow" farming systems, co-authors Shirley H. Phillips and Harry M. Young, Jr. relate the advantages of no-tillage farming to such important current topics as the environment, food supply and the energy crisis.

Shirley H. Phillips is assistant director of Extension for Agriculture at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. The Kentucky native has authored many papers and articles on no-tillage since he helped pioneer the concept in 1963.

Harry M. Young, Jr. farms 1,235 acres in Christian County, Kentucky. His experience with no-tillage dates back to 1962 when he experimented with seven tenths of an acre. Also the author of several articles on the subject and a former University of Kentucky farm management specialist, he began farming in

1954. To date, more than 10,000 interested visitors have toured his farm to view practical applications of no-tillage.

Included in the 224-page book is information on all facets of no-tillage production: economics, production systems, double-cropping, erosion control, fertilization, weed and insect control and background information to serve as a guide to farmers just trying no-tillage, as well as those who seek answers to problems encountered with no-tillage. The book is profusely illustrated with color photos.

Copies of "No-Tillage Farming" are available by mail order from Reiman Associates, 733 N. Van Buren, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Price is \$10.00.

Red Lion Grange Extends Open House Invitation

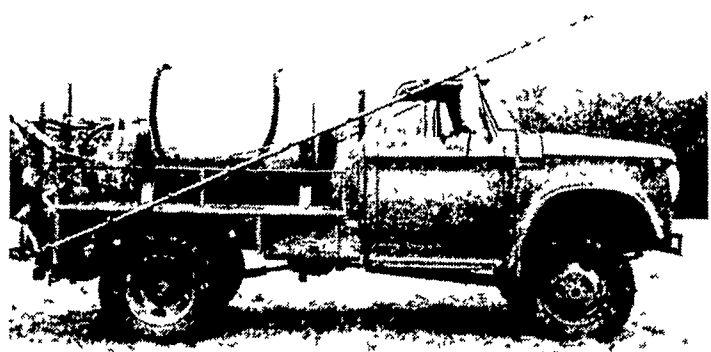
Red Lion Grange 1781, York County, will hold Open House at the grange hall, one mile north of Red Lion, at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 19.

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