

Ray Martin Wins Speech Contest

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sylvania Department of Education, and Boyd Gartley, Director of Member and Public Relations, Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative.

The SCS sponsors the Regional Conservation Speaking Contest each year. Each county in the 19-county Eastern region is entitled to enter one contestant.

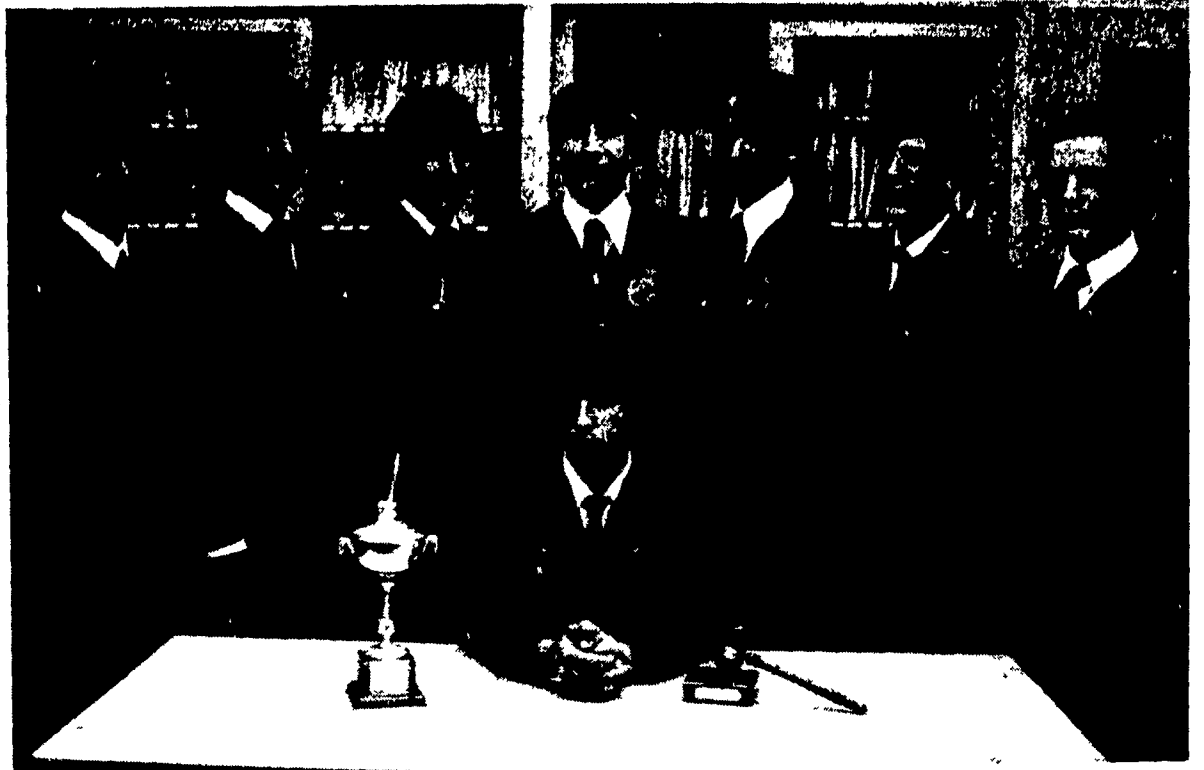
Eugene Eckroth, Blue Mountain, Schuylkill County won first place honors with his speech "Soil Erosion - Work of the Devil". Second place went to Steve Ostrander, Damascus, Wayne County, "Scourge of Our Northern Forests"; Toni Fuller, Central Chester Vo-Tech, third, "Wildlife Conservation", and Dwight Martin, Manheim

Chapter, won in fourth place with "Water Pollution - It's Effects On You".

Judges for the Conservation Contest were: Richard Van Noy, Program Specialist, Department of Environmental Resources, Harrisburg; Marshall Haws, Executive Director of the Chester County Conservation District, and James Holderman, Berks County Agricultural Extension Agent.

That's Speed

Estimates credit the flight speed of a teal as being anywhere from 30 to 160 miles per hour, but to travel at the latter speed, the bird would obviously need a powerful tail wind.



The Parliamentary Procedures team from Grassland Chapter took home the trophy for placing second in the Regional Contest on Tuesday. Team members include (left to right, standing) Larry Weber, Don Weiler, Dave Smeltz, Don Weaver, Clair Martin, Lloyd Hoover, and Arthur Horst. Scott Steffy is seated between the trophy and the President's gavel.



Robert Hershey

Farm Tax Amendment Is Passed

Legislative leaders Wednesday promised public hearings soon on measures to implement the newly approved farmland "Clean and Green" amendment.

The amendment, which allows enactment of laws to lower farmers' property taxes, was adopted by a margin of better than 2-1 in Tuesday's primary, with strong support from rural and urban counties alike.

With about 98 per cent of the vote in, the count was: 698,085 yes and 278,219 no.

Rep. H. Francis Kennedy, R-Butler, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, said the legislation would need careful drafting to avoid mistakes in other states with similar laws.

The amendment is aimed at halting the sharp increase in farmers' property taxes caused by the encroachment of industry and housing developments on rural lands.

In other states, however, similar laws benefited no one but land speculators and did little to stop suburban sprawl.

"We hope to benefit from the mistakes others have made," Kennedy said.



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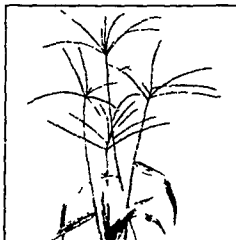
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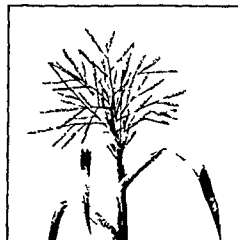
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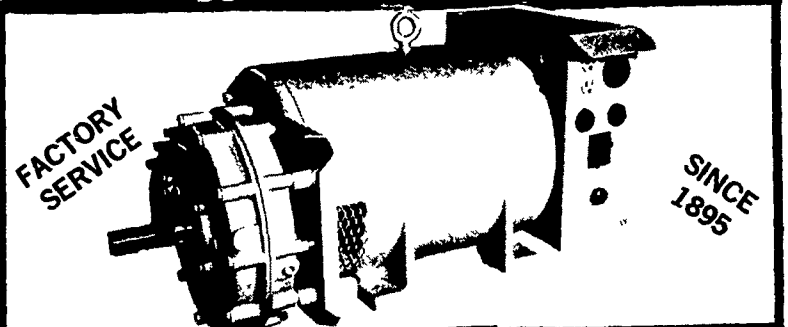
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