

## Annual Forage and Seed Conference To Discuss Future of Agriculture

The outlook for world, United States and Northeastern agriculture will be a leading topic at The Annual Forage and Seed Conference, scheduled for November 19 and 20 at The Pennsylvania State University.

Well-known authorities will discuss the present and future situation with regard to availability and predicted price of seeds, fertilizer, livestock, and dairy products.

With the increased demand for food products throughout the world, and the increased useage and price of such agricultural "raw materials" as seed and fertilizer, there is a definite need for all farmers and agri-business people to become more aware of the future situation.

According to Lowell L. Wilson, professor of animal science at Penn State and chairman of this year's event, everyone involved with agriculture in a small, medium, or large way should plan his program according to the market and agriculture commodity outlook over the next several years.

One major topic to be discussed by Ken Stephins, Export Marketing Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, will be the outlook for the amounts and types of agricultural products for export over the next few years. The effect of the amount of agricultural exports

from the United States was felt this past year when prices of food products increased partially as a result of increased exports to other nations. Still, according to Dr. Wilson, the U.S. must continue to export agricultural products in order to maintain a desirable balance of payments.

In addition to the influence of exporting finished food products, the effects and outlook for exportation of fertilizer from the United States will be considered.

One of the main features of the Forage and Seed Conference this year will be a presentation by Charles Schnitzler, dairyman, Waynesburg, Kentucky. Schnitzler has a very interesting program in which a herd of approximately 70 Holstein cows are maintained on 130 acres. His farming program is a good example of what can be accomplished by intensification of a forage program.

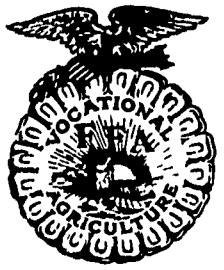
On Tuesday morning, Pennsylvania producers will have an opportunity for an up-date on the production, marketing, and feeding of soybeans and alfalfa. With high protein costs, the production and use of home-grown protein supplements, such as alfalfa, can dramatically reduce feed costs in any type of livestock operation.

Additional topics to be discussed are: Methods of Reducing Corn Field Losses;

### From Local Ag Teachers:



## Thoughts in Passing



This is the third in a series of articles to acquaint you with the newest vocational agriculture teachers in the county.

The newest face in the vocational agriculture department at Solanco High School is that of Ronald Althoff. He replaces Steve Leiser who accepted a position with Pennfield Corporation as a representative in York County.

Althoff graduated from Penn State University in March of 1973. Immediately following

graduation he taught vocational agriculture in the State College area when a vacancy occurred in a high school department following a tragic automobile accident.

Althoff's family has a small general farm in Biglerville, Adams County. During his high school years he worked on a neighboring dairy farm.

Teaching responsibilities at

Solanco include teaching freshmen and juniors in the classroom, 10th grade shop, and teaching nine-week elective courses in electricity, concrete, welding, and small gas engines. The FFA Chapter duties are shared among the Solanco teachers.

Married, Althoff and his wife reside in Quarryville. He lists his favorite hobby as hunting.



Ronald Althoff

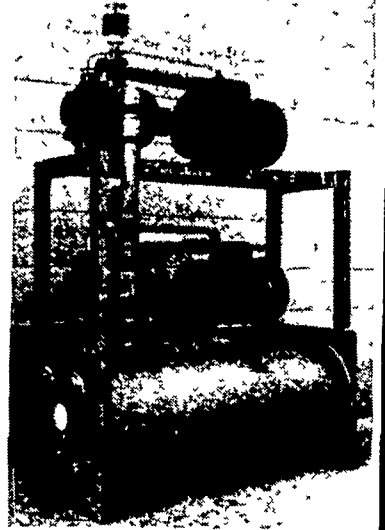
Holiday entertaining is made special with hot cheese appetizers. For 20 toast squares or rounds, beat until soft 6 ounces of cream cheese, then blend with 1 cup (¼ pound) shredded Provolone cheese, 1 tablespoon chopped onion, ½ teaspoon oregano, ½ teaspoon garlic salt, 1 tablespoon, each chopped pimento and chopped green pepper. Spread on toast; broil 1-2 minutes or until lightly browned.

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