

Glenn Miller

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sylvania Association of Agricultural Agents. Lebanon County's extension economist, Alletta M. Chadler presented a framed copy of a Pennsylvania Senate resolution honoring Miller. The resolution was introduced by Mrs. Chadler's father, Senator Clarence Manbeck.

Marion Deppen and Dr. Thomas B. King offered retiring from the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service. And Warren Bucher, who chaired the committee in charge of the party presented a parting gift of a camera to Miller. Among the other gifts he received during the evening were a fishing rod from Ellenberger, and a model of a methane gas generator Miller helped develop and which brought national recognition to the Lebanon County Extension Staff.

Miller graduated from The Pennsylvania State College in 1930 with a degree in agricultural economics. After graduation he was engaged in farming in Elk County and as an automobile salesman. In 1937 he was appointed assistant county agent to work in Perry, Dauphin, and Lebanon Counties. Later he also served in Schuylkill County. In his early years in Extension he combined the 4-H livestock feeding program with a marketing program. The result was the largest 4-H pig club and sale in Pennsylvania.

He was appointed Tioga County agent January 1, 1948. In July, 1948, he resigned to strip mine for coal on the

home farm. Miller returned to the Extension staff in 1949 as an assistant county agent-at-large in Lebanon County. He was promoted to Lebanon County agent January 1, 1952, succeeding Alvin Berger.

While in college, he took all the agricultural engineering courses his curriculum would permit. Because of his engineering ability, he was called upon to design labor-saving machinery during World War II. Two of his developments were a homemade buck rake and a tomato picker. Later in his career he developed an adjustable potato spray boom.

During his tenure as county agent, he advocated a soil and water conservation program. He helped develop erosion control practices on thousands of acres, planned miles of tile drainage systems, and designed hundreds of farm ponds.

He headed European barberry eradication work in Lebanon County, encouraged the use of ornamental plantings for community and home improvement, and conducted numerous home grounds improvement clinics. In the early sixties, Miller worked closely with several county farmers on field demonstrations using dieldrin to

control alfalfa weevil. As a result dieldrin soon was recommended by Penn State Extension entomologists to control alfalfa weevil. More recently through his insight and efforts the USDA Pasture Laboratory at Penn State started research in Lebanon County on the control of the clover root curculio which causes severe damage to alfalfa stands.

Miller had a leading role in enlarging the Lebanon County Dairy Herd Improvement Association program, helped establish the Lebanon Valley Poultry Association, and promoted numerous chicken barbecues. He also organized

and chaired the Lebanon County Rural Development Committee.

He, along with Donald A. Harter, area resource development agent, and Newton J. Bair, assistant Lebanon agent, constructed a methane gas generator using cow manure as a power source. The energy generated from his device showed thousands of people at 1973 Ag Progress Days and 1974 Farm Show that small tractors could be powered by this fuel and that hamburgers and eggs could be cooked by this method.

Miller is a member of the Pennsylvania and National Associations of County

Agricultural Agents from which he received the Distinguished Service Award in 1964. He also holds membership in Epsilon Sigma Phi, national honorary Extension fraternity.

He is a member of Palm Lutheran Church, Palmyra, where he has sung in the

men's chorus, church choir, and has served on the Church Council.

Miller is a native of Ridgeway, Elk County, as is his wife, the former Helen C. Gorton. They are parents of a son, Bob, and a daughter, Carol, and have four grandchildren.

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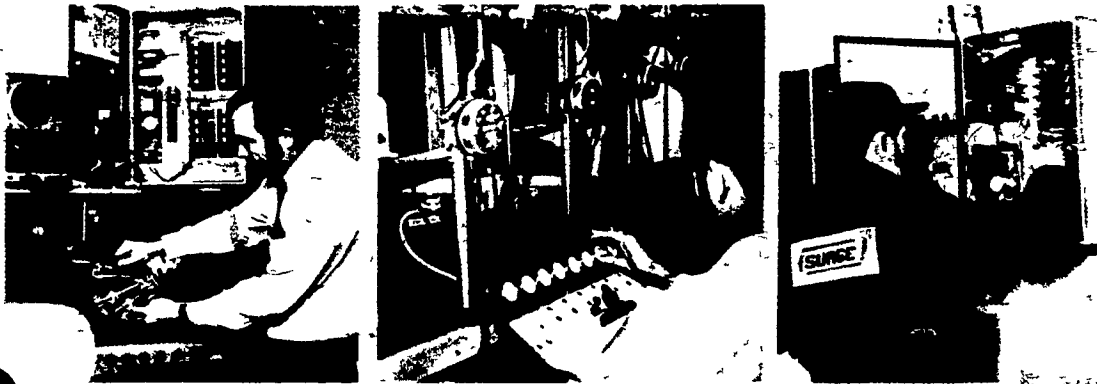
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