

# Flood Study Okayed In Manheim Area

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Finally the frequently flood stricken people of Manheim and the Chickies Creek Water Shed will learn if there is a way to reduce the flooding of the area. The Soil Conservation Service has authorized Michael Baker Jr. Inc. to complete a preliminary investigation for the Chickies Creek Watershed.

The preliminary investigation will begin this fall but it will take several months to gather the various types of data from the watershed area. From this accumulated data a very complete report will provide the basis for what is feasible and what is not feasible for the watershed.

The engineering firm making the study will need to walk over some of the land in the watershed to gather the pertinent data. These land owners within the area from which the data is collected will be requested to grant them permission to come on properties involved in the study. Someone will visit land owners to have signatures granting the right of entry.

To present all of the preliminary activity that preceded the contracting of Michael Baker Jr. Inc. by the Soil Conservation Service to make the evaluation study, would require a lengthy presentation. The

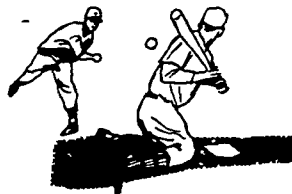
Manheim area has periodically suffered heavy flood damages caused by prolonged rains or flash storms. Agnes caused the heaviest damage of any storm on record. The physical damage due to Agnes has been close to \$1,500,000 based on a survey of storm damages.

Six years before Agnes, during the early part of 1968, there had been interest by various groups and citizens to take positive action toward an analysis of the problem. A series of meetings had been held between 1966 and 1973 to discuss the flood problem issues. Finally during the early part of 1973 the Lancaster County Commissioners, Manheim Borough Council, and the Lancaster County Conservation District requested the Soil Conservation Service to make a complete study of the watershed area to learn what if any are the alternatives to reduce the flood problem. The entire cost of this feasibility study will be paid by the United States Department of Agriculture - Soil Conservation Service.

Before any evaluation study of a flood problem can be made by the Soil Conservation Service it must receive a priority from the Pennsylvania Soil and Water Conservation Commission. On March 7, 1973 Robert Martin, a businessman from Manheim, presented to the

Conservation Commission the evidence to support an evaluation study. On this date the Conservation Commission had given the Chickies flood problem second priority in the state. Now that the preliminary work for the first priority community is well underway the Soil Conservation Service has directed an engineering firm to begin the feasibility study in the near future.

When the evaluation study is completed the precarious flood prone citizens in the Chickies Watershed will be presented the findings contained in the report. The report should be of special interest to the people who live in the flood prone areas and should also be of interest to all the people in the watershed who are looking for a better community tomorrow. The report should reveal whether anything can be done to reduce flood damage. If something can be done to reduce flood damage the report would likely reveal a broad spectrum of alternatives. From the alternatives, the people in the watershed will determine the direction the flood control program shall follow.

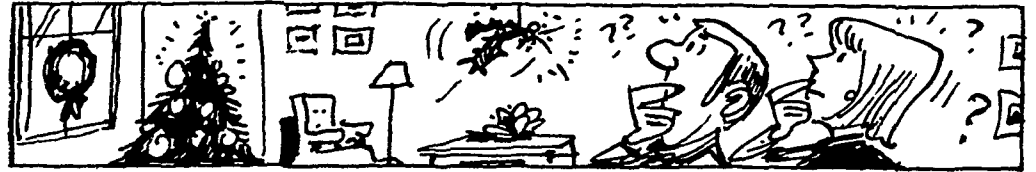


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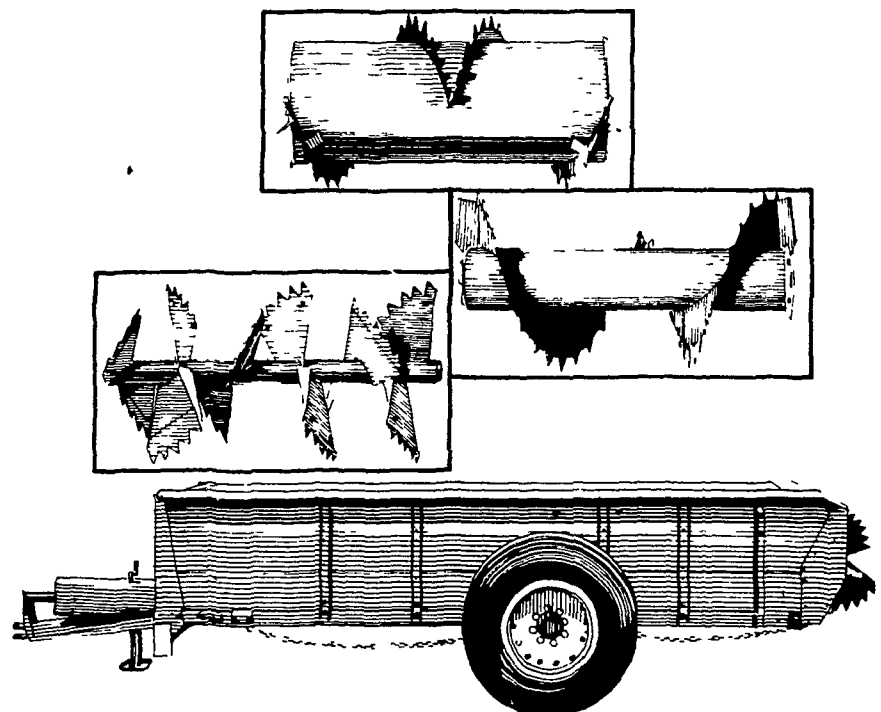
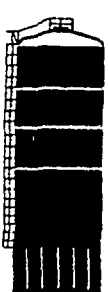


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