



Robert Trout, right, presented an award to Samuel Behrenson last Friday night to honor the veteran egg marketer's 45-year career in the egg business. Behrenson, who has operated his own firm for many years in Hanover, is retiring. Trout is program chairman for the Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association, which Behrenson helped to

start. Looking on are Mrs. Behrenson and Pauline Fisher, secretary of the Pennsylvania Egg Service Exchange. The presentation took place during a special Sam Behrenson night during the PEMA regular monthly meeting at the Conestoga Sheraton.

Ex Pa. Conservationist Mel Davis Heads SCS

Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz has announced the appointment of Ronello M. (Mel) Davis to administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service (SCS). He was the assistant administrator. The appointment is effective June 1st.

Kenneth E. Grant, 55, who has headed the service since 1969 retired May 30.

Mr. Davis, 48, a career employee of SCS since 1952, became assistant administrator in 1974. A native

of Ambrose, North Dakota, he held several positions in that state before becoming assistant state conservationist for Pennsylvania in 1963 and state conservationist in 1968. While in Pennsylvania, Mr. Davis and his family resided in Camp Hill.

In 1972, he was assigned to the dual position of administrator's field representative for the 14 northeastern states and director of the SCS Technical Service Center at Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Davis entered North Dakota State University after service with the U.S. Navy and graduated in 1949 with a B.S. degree in agricultural education.

Mrs. Davis, the former Marilyn Myrah of Verona, N.D. is also a graduate of North Dakota State University. A daughter, Dawn is a special education teacher in Pennsylvania and a son, Ronello, is a student at The Pennsylvania State University. The Davis family lives in the Mantua section of Fairfax County.

Retiring Administrator Grant joined SCS as a soil scientist in his native New Hampshire in 1946, became its head 23 years later and saw it through its fortieth anniversary this April 27.

He received the Department of Agriculture's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, and from his alma mater, the University of New

Conestoga Valley 4-H

The Conestoga Valley 4-H Sewing Club has now started. The first three meetings of the club were held at the Witmer Firehall. Now the meetings have moved to the Conestoga Valley High School.

There are eighteen members in the club now. The officers are as follows:

President - Beth Gregg; Vice President - Beckie Hess; Secretary - Jolene Wolf; Treasurer - Patti Gregg; News Reporter - Judy Fulmer.

For a service project this year, we plan to go to Indian town Gap, to visit the refugees. We are looking forward to the trip.

Judy Fulmer
News Reporter

Hampshire, an honorary Doctorate of Science. He represented the dept. on the Connecticut River Basin Survey while in New Hampshire.

Ringler Appointed

Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz has named William H. Ringler of Berlin to the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee. The three-person committee is responsible for the administration of federal farm programs.

The Somerset County farmer plants potatoes, oats, barley and sweet corn on the 180 acres he owns and the 270 acres he rents. Mr. Ringler also milks 50 holsteins and maintains 65 young stock.

Honored as a master farmer by the State of Pennsylvania in 1974 and as granger of the year in 1969, Mr. Ringler is active in farming and community organizations. He has held membership in the Grange for 29 years, serving as a State Deputy for Somerset County for the past 16 years and currently working on the legislative committee.

He is a past committee member of Agway, past Vice-Chairman of the Soil Conservation District Committee, and for the past two years he has chaired Farm-City Week. Mr. Ringler also belongs to the Holstein - Friesian

Association, the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, the Pennsylvania Farmers Association, and the Somerset County Potato Growers Association.

A member of the Lutheran Church, Mr. Ringler participates as a lay minister and Sunday school teacher. He and his wife Mildred have two children, Esther and James.

Egg Exchange Handles 6020 Cases in May

Pennsylvania Egg Service Exchange members held their regular monthly meeting last Friday night at Lancaster's Conestoga Sheraton in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association. Exchange members reported that their total receipts for the month of May were 321,659 cases. Sales within the association amounted to 6020 cases for the month.

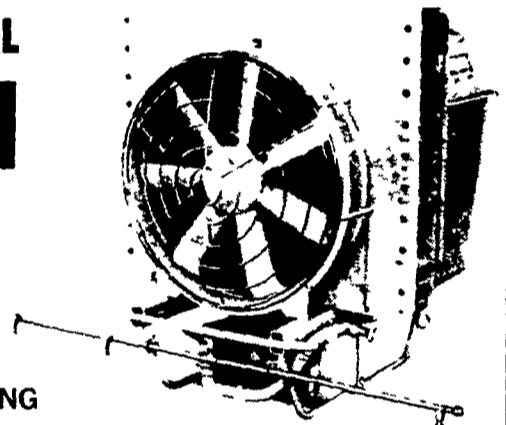
After some discussion, the group agreed that the egg market should be fairly firm over the near term.

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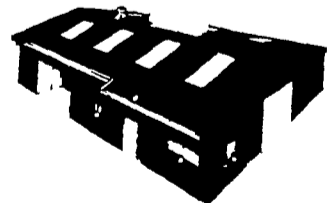
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