

Area DHIA supervisor receives state honors



Individual samples are bagged to be shipped to Penn State University for testing. Here Breneman gets out his supplies as he prepares for work.

J. Harold Breneman, Strasburg R1, has received the Distinguished Service Award of the Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

Breneman, a dairy herd improvement supervisor for ten years, was one of two supervisors in the state to receive the award, given for "outstanding service" to production testing in Pennsylvania. There are 14 supervisors in the Red Rose DHI Association.

Breneman tests 30 herds in the Dairy Herd Improvement program and has nearly 35 herds in the owner-sampler program.

He said he became interested in the program at the time Eastern States and Agway were merging and the local dealership for whom he worked went out of business. One of the patrons, John E. Kreider, suggested that he look into supervising work. Breneman said, "There was an opening and I took it. I like it very much."

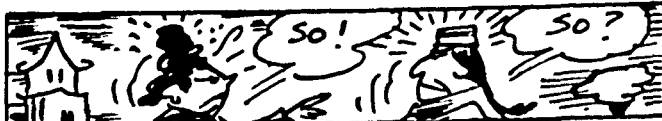
The most rewarding part of the work, according to Breneman, is being able to see "outstanding cows. I enjoy seeing farmers get ahead." He said he finds the records very interesting and added, "I like working with figures."

Belonging to the testing association is very important for dairymen, Breneman said. "Some say they can't afford it, but I feel they can't afford not to test." According to J. Wilbur Houser, head supervisor in the county, Breneman is a "very sincere and tries to do a

good job. I'm sure he is much appreciated by the farmers he works for."

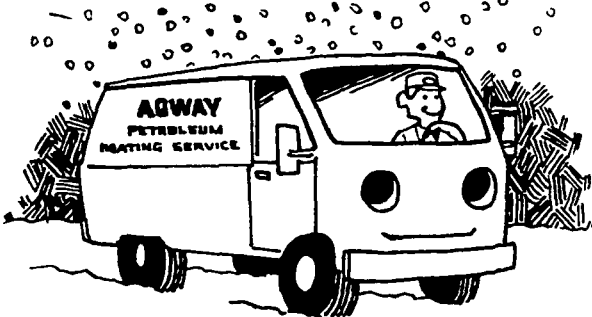
Breneman grew up in the West Lampeter area on a farm with Guernseys. He and his wife have six children, five of whom are married and living in Lancaster County. His daughter Miriam is a senior at Lancaster Mennonite High School.

He is co-pastor, with three others, for the Mechanic Grove-New Providence Mennonite Church. He has been at this pastorate for 24 years, after having served five years in the Philadelphia area.



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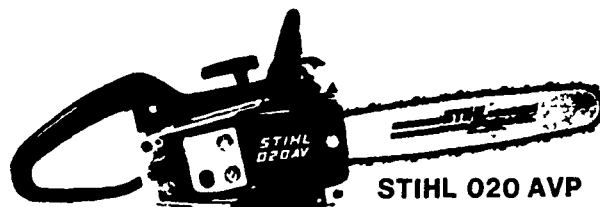


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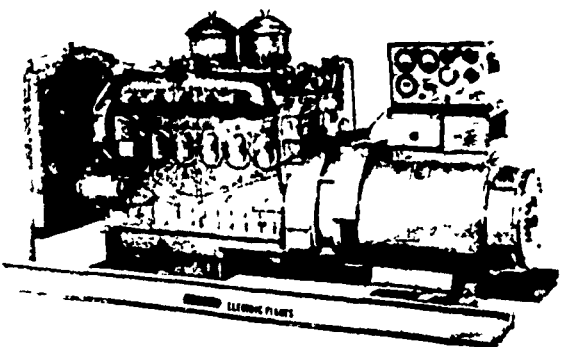
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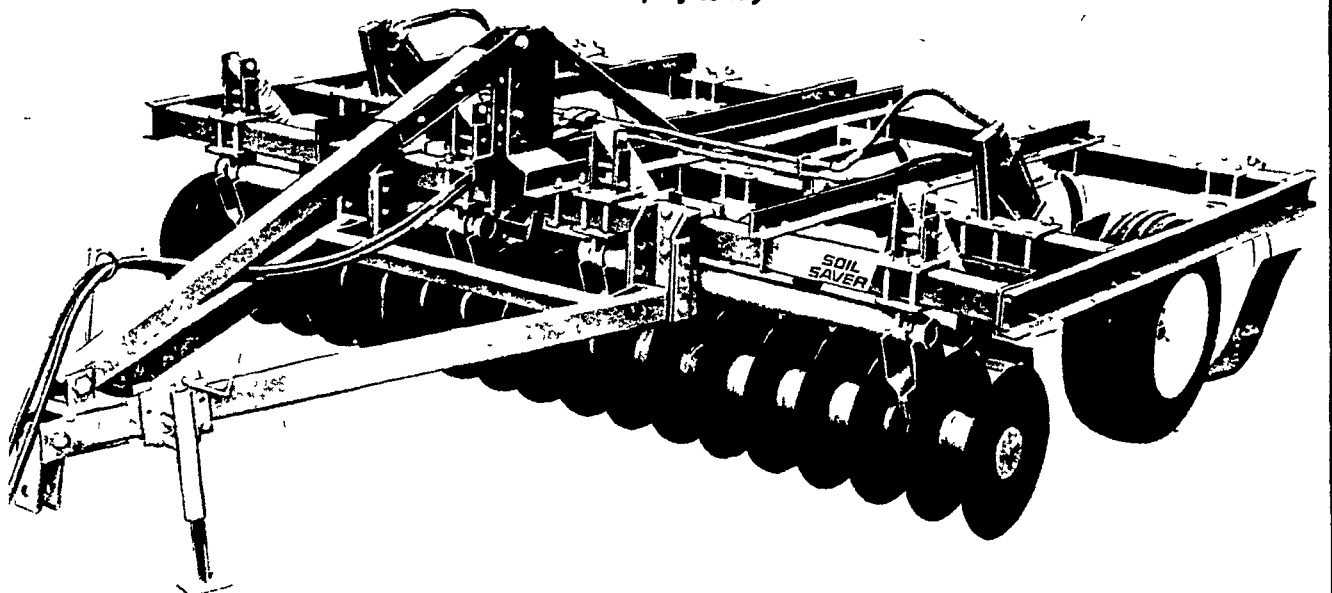
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