

## "Over the Back Fence"

Max Smith, County Agricultural Agent

### Fertilizer

The use of fertilizer at this time of the year should be restricted on most trees, shrubs, and rose bushes. The reason being that extra plant food in the fall encourages new growth that will be tender and may winterkill before next spring. Without this extra fertilizer the plants will harden better when cold weather arrives and not be injured by freezing temperatures. In the case of shade trees, they may be fertilized later in the fall when they are dormant and the ground is colder and about to be frozen. It is still time to fertilize lawn areas, although early September is preferred. Lawn seeding of new lawns or renovated areas should be done as soon as possible in order to get the grass growing before freezing weather arrives. Evergreen shrubbery should be transplanted early in October, if it is to be moved this fall. Shade trees may be planted later in the fall or

early winter, after they go into the dormant stage.

### Old Corn

Reports indicate some insect infestation in old corn still in the cribs throughout the county; since the new crop is about to be harvested, I'd suggest that the old corn be removed from the crib or granary before any new corn is added. In addition, the storage facility should be thoroughly cleaned and sprayed with materials such as Malathion to kill all grain insects. The practice of adding new corn on top of old corn is to be discouraged because of the danger of infecting the entire crop in a few weeks time. Also, the crib or bin should be rodent-proofed to keep out mice and rats. Weather conditions will soon be driving them toward buildings and the corn crib is a favorite nesting place, providing the farmer does something to keep them out. A good corn crop deserves a good storage facility.

Swine Producers  
Swine producers are riding

the crest of farm enterprises at this time and the outlook is very good for this situation to continue into next year. With this in mind we stress the importance of every swine attendant or herdsman to be on the job at farrowing time in order to save a maximum number of pigs. Some sows and gilts may have trouble at farrowing time and need help from the owner; too many pigs are born dead because the sow was too long farrowing. Also, some gilts with their first litters may be nervous and tramp or bite the new-born pigs; an attendant on the job can remove the pig as soon as it is born and prevent this loss. With the favorable price of feeder pigs, and the hog market in general, swine producers are urged to spend time with their sows at farrowing time in order to save more of the little pigs.

### Heavy Rainfall

The recent periods of very heavy rainfall reminds us of the need of winter cover crops in order to save the topsoil. The seeding time for these crops can be from now until early November, after the major crop has been removed. Any of the winter grains may be used, domestic ryegrass, or field brome grass. The important

## Snowmobile registration required

HARRISBURG - Sen. Clarence F. Manbeck, R-48, reminds all snowmobile owners that snowmobiles must be registered with the state. He said registration applications currently are being mailed to all owners by the Department of Environmental Resources, the state agency charged with keeping tabs on the vehicles. "I encourage all snowmobile owners to return their registration applications quickly, rather than wait until the last minute," Manbeck said.

### The registration period

thing is to keep the ground covered during the winter with some vegetative growth. In addition, this growth will add organic matter to the top soil next spring when it is plowed or incorporated into the soil. Soils that are very heavy clay, and tend to bake and get hard after a heavy rain, should have more organic matter worked into them. Cover crops are one of the ways to improve soil tilth and organic matter content. With a good cover during the winter, both water and wind erosion will be reduced.

extends from Dec. 1, 1975 to Nov. 30, 1977. The registration fee is \$10.

"I'm concerned that a lot of snowmobile owners may put off registering their vehicles until they are reminded by a heavy snowfall," Manbeck said. "The sudden rush of registration applications only adds to the possibility of delays and mixups and that can be avoided by returning the applications as soon as they are received."

Registration includes the owner's name and address, make of vehicle, model and manufacturer's serial number and a registration number which always remains with the snowmobile. After the signed application and fee is received by DER a certificate of registration and a registration decal is sent to the owner.

"While reminding owners to register their vehicles, I also would like to remind them to use the vehicles safely and with due consideration for landowners," Manbeck said. "The state has prepared and adequately marked a great number of

snowmobile trails on state land. "Using the vehicles in a reckless manner, chasing game or trespassing on private land that's posted is illegal and can only create problems for all snowmobile owners," Manbeck concluded.

### Grange to Elect National Officers

The National Grange will hold an election of officers Mon., Nov. 17 at its annual session on Columbus, Ohio. National officers are elected and -or re-elected to serve two year terms. The national farm organization will be meeting in Columbus, Nov. 10-18. Delegated from 38 states will participate.

### XXX

Boys and girls who are members of the 4-H Clubs learn the best ways to serve their homes and communities. Through their educational projects, they learn by doing. Youth 8 through 19 may join the national organization.

### Lawrence, Leon & Thomas Arnold

Wish To Thank The Buyers & Helpers  
of Our Very Successful  
Second Annual Production Sale

#### BUYERS:

Peter Michisk, Flemington, N.J., Yorkshire Bred Gilts - \$390.  
Paul Shin, Columbus, N.J., Yorkshire Bred Gilt - \$390.  
John Myers, Schwenkville, PA, Duroc Gilt - \$275.  
Jonathan G. Lapp, Myerstown, PA, Crossbred Gilt - \$435.  
Dutch Valley Farm, Manheim, PA, Yorkshire Open Gilt - \$325. & Duroc Open Gilt - \$320.  
John Quinby Jr., Upper Black Eddy, PA, Crossbred Open Gilt - \$245.  
Walter Jeffers Jr., Christiana, PA, Yorkshire Boar - \$450.  
W. E. Horsey Jr., Laurel, Del., Duroc Boar - \$325.  
Dwight R. Houser, Lampeter, PA, Quantity Buyer - 25 head.

LAWRENCE, LEON & THOMAS ARNOLD  
Lebanon, PA

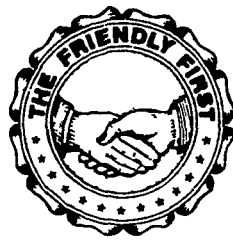
if you're a farmer,  
we have the  
money you need.

As a farmer, you know that today's agri-business proves that it really takes money to make money. You're constantly updating equipment... investing in stock and supplies... improving your buildings. And the Friendly First FARM LOAN CORPORATION has the money you need.

There are advantages to financing your needs with us because

- You can arrange a long-term loan to reduce the size of your payments
- You can get a loan for any size farm—whether you have 50 acres or even 500
- You discuss your needs with local people who have both farming and banking know-how. A talk with our Bob Badger or Darwin Mowery can be helpful with current requirements and they'll also help you plan for the future.

Funds are available now. Stop at any office of the Friendly First for complete details on this new service that's already helping farmers like you.



The Friendly First  
FARM LOAN CORPORATION  
a subsidiary of

The First National  
Bank of Strasburg

THE BANK THAT ALWAYS HAD NO-SERVICE-CHARGE CHECKING ACCOUNTS

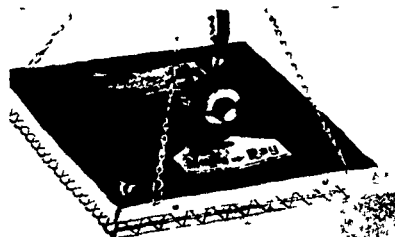
STRASBURG 687-8611	EAST KING STREET LANCASTER 397-4732	WILLOW STREET 464-3421	BUCK 284-4175
-----------------------	---	---------------------------	------------------

MEMBER F.D.I.C.

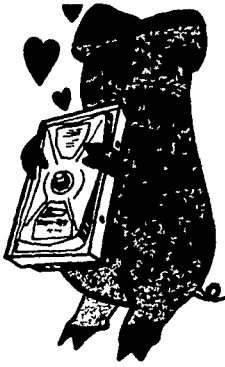


## Magic-Ray

FLAMELESS CATALYTIC HEATERS



"Your Pigs  
Will Love  
Magic-Ray"



TERRAMYCIN  
A/D FORTIFIED CRUMBLES  
(DISCOUNT PRICES)

AARON S. GROFF & SON

FARM & DAIRY STORE  
RD3, Ephrata, Pa 17522 | Hinkletown | Phone 354-0744  
Store Hours 7 A M to 9 P M  
Closed Tues & Sat at 5 30 P.M.