

Ag official

speaks on migration

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Dr. Richard Feltner, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Consumer and Marketing Services said recently "the long massive wealth draining migration of millions of farm and rural residents to cities has slowed to nearly a standstill."

Feltner was the guest speaker at a Rural America Luncheon sponsored by the National Grange in Columbus, Ohio, where the Grange held its Annual Convention, Nov. 10-18.

Feltner said "the rural turn around" is due to "urban people looking for the tranquility and values of country and small town life." He said job opportunities in rural America from 1970 to 1974 increased twice as fast as city jobs because business and industry are placing plants, laboratories and offices in small town areas. He said this trend offers opportunities for the smaller

communities to provide those people with many of the programs, facilities and services they've always wanted.

Feltner also said this is a new era for agriculture inasmuch as the earth's population and demand for food will nearly double during the next 25 years. He said the lion's share of the needed increase in world food production must take place in the less developed countries as there is no possible way to U.S. or other developed nations can feed the world.

Feltner also pointed out some difficulties U.S. farmers and ranchers face in increasing their production. He singled out the huge amount of capital needs, inflation, skyrocketing expenses, need for more young farmers and need for more understanding on the part of non-farm people concerning the requirements of today's modern agriculture.

Waste management parley scheduled in Iowa

ANKENY, Iowa — Two leaders in the nation's environmental protection movement will address the national conference on "Land Application of Waste Materials," March 15-18, 1976, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Richard H. Briceland, director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, is scheduled to

address a luncheon session on Tuesday, March 16; and Thomas F. Williams, director of the technical information staff in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Solid Waste Management Programs, will speak at the banquet on Wednesday, March 17.

Briceland has directed the

Granger named to ag council

HARRISBURG — The Department of Environmental Resources' Agricultural Advisory Committee has elected J. Luther Snyder of the Pennsylvania State Grange as chairman for 1976 and embarked on development of a "best management practices" approach to solving farm environmental problems.

Snyder was elected at a recent committee meeting at which Chester Heim, Pennsylvania Farmers Association, was named vice-chairman.

The Agricultural Advisory Committee was named by DER Secretary Maurice K. Goddard to advise the agency in the development of rules and regulations and policies and procedures relating to agriculture and to open and maintain channels of communication with the farming community.

Development of a "best management practices" approach to farm en-

vironmental problems could replace the necessity of farmers acquiring State and Federal environmental permits.

The Committee has corresponded with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency urging that proposed new Federal regulations affecting farmers include the "best management practices" approach.

A Manure Management Work Group appointed by the Committee is developing a handbook for use by farmers to enable them to design manure handling facilities in compliance with environmental requirements.

The Committee also expects to focus its attention on many other problems of Pennsylvania farmers with initial emphasis on erosion control requirements and education and training of DER inspectors, extension agents and farmers on environmental - farming problems and concerns.

Other members of the Committee are: Reps. Kent Shelhamer, D-Columbia, and Marvin Weidner, R-Bucks, Sens. Patrick J. Stapleton, D-Indiana, and William B. Lentz, R-Dauphin, Ted Fairbanks, Pennsylvania Farmers Union, Harry Ulrich, Pennsylvania Council of Farm

Organizations, Aaron Stauffer, Lancaster County Conservation District Director, and Walter N. Heine, DER Associate Deputy Secretary for Mines and Land Protection and Afton Schadel, Chief of DER's Division of Soil Resources and Erosion Control.

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Illinois agency for nearly two years. He previously served for two years as director of technical support and special projects in the U.S. EPA's Office of Air and Water Programs.

Williams was promoted to his current post in 1971 after serving more than a year as the assistant to the EPA administrator on public affairs.

The conference is being sponsored by the Soil Conservation Society of America, a nonprofit association of 14,000 professional con-

servationists with an interest in promoting good land use. Co-sponsors of the meeting include the American Society of Agronomy, Soil Science Society of America, American Society of Agricultural Engineers, and National Association of Conservation Districts.

The purpose of the conference is to review the science and art of using land as a waste disposal medium with emphasis on how wastes can be used as nutrients to enhance plant growth without damaging land resources.



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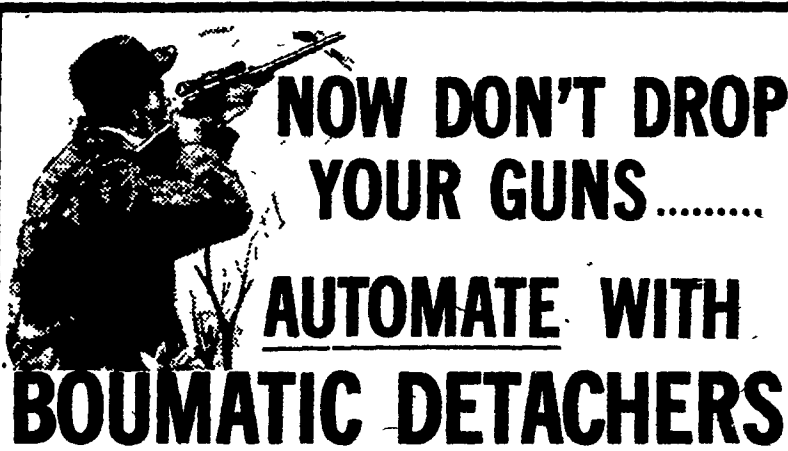
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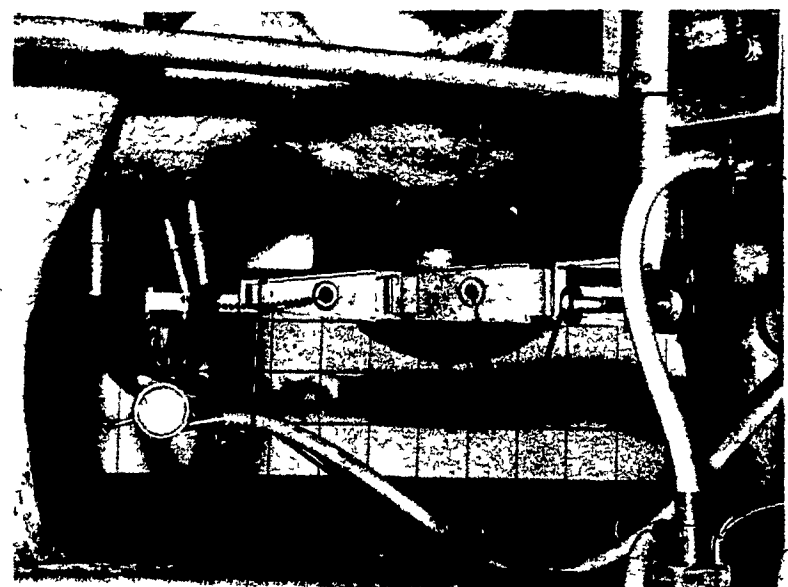
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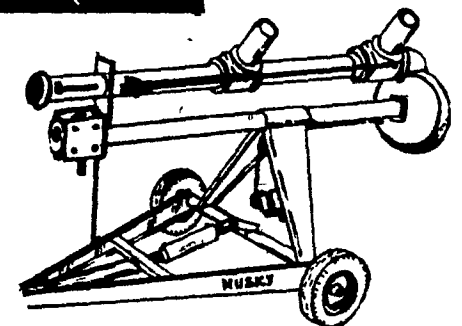
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