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1976 conservationist named

By DIETER KRIEG

Editor's Note: This is the first of a two-part series on conservation of agricultural resources, as practiced by the Karl Dieter Linde family of Oxford R1. The Lindes were recently named Outstanding Conservation Cooperators for 1976 by the Lancaster County Conservation District.

UNION - "Farming is observation from top to bottom - the same in the field as in the cow stable," Karl Dieter Linde remarked last Monday in reference to his being

named the Outstanding Conservation Cooperator for 1976. He and his family received that honor and a handsome color aerial photograph by Grant Heilman to go along with it, at the 25th annual meeting and banquet of the Lancaster County Conservation District, held this past Thursday night in Smoketown.

Linde's remark about "observation from top to bottom" is quite appropriate, even though he himself was too

Steers fed recycled waste

By MELISSA PIPER

LANCASTER - Although northerners like to talk about "yankee ingenuity" a visiting rebel from Georgia sparked a note of interest during a recent educational

meeting held at the Farm and Home Center here.

Samuel Hay, a past national director of the Holstein Friesian Association and presently a successful cattleman visited the county late last week to

discuss his method of feeding steers on a ration of solid waste mixed with corn. Hay's talk was in conjunction with a meeting sponsored by the Weaver Star Silo Company.

A salty southerner, Hay began his talk by explaining the woes of rebel farming, "you must remember that down south our soil is very poor," he stated.

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Manure management discussed

By JUDY MITCHELL

Berks Co. Reporter
LEESPORT - March 11 was Berks County Dairy Day at the Agricultural Center and close to 100 dairymen took advantage of the educational program offered by the Pennsylvania Cooperative Extension Service. Topics of the day included Livestock Waste

Disposal, The Economics of the Dairy Business and the Challenges of Calf Raising. Considering the revisions for manure and sewage disposal under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972 that are expected to be announced any day now, the program gave dairymen a timely view of the waste disposal problem and some

practical solutions to them. The "Environmental Approach to Manure Handling" was presented by Gerald Bodman, extension engineer, Penn State University. Mervin R. Ice, State Conservation Engineer, USDA Soil Conservation Service, spoke to the group about practical waste disposal structures

available depending on individual economic and site factors. On hand was a panel of County dairymen who explained their individual disposal problems and showed slides of the systems they have installed.

Donald Duncan of Robesonia is unable to haul

Grain exports mostly favored

By JUDY MITCHELL

Berks Co. Reporter
BERKS COUNTY - Ask the average consumer if he thinks the United States should sell grain to Russia and the chances are his answer will be a quick "No." Ask why and he will probably mention the price

of bread or the possibility of a shortage of wheat here in our own country. But if the person you are talking to happens to be a farmer, the answer you get may not come quite so easily.

Talking to many area farmers and people connected with the grain in-

dustry on the farm end during the past couple of weeks, I realized that the matter of the Russian grain sales is not a simple one. As one feed mill operator I talked to said, "It's not an easy question for the farmer to answer. The ones who sell want to get the best price

they can and those who feed want to buy as low as possible." But it is not so easy to draw a line between the opinions of farmers as "buyers" or "sellers" of grain. Some farmers I approached did not want to

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An unhappy farmer speaks up

By DIETER KRIEG

DILLSBURG - Milk prices aren't anywhere near high enough as far as Leland Stanford is concerned. He insists that dairymen should be receiving a price equal to

100 per cent of parity, which would mean a Class II support price in the neighborhood of \$10.16 per hundredweight based on an average butterfat test. Furthermore, the 37-year old dairyman and outspoken

member of the National Farmers Organization claims he's entitled to have a full-time hired man for his farming operation which includes 94 acres of cropland and 45 milking cows. His reasoning, in part, is: "I

want nothing less than my fair share - I don't want to work for any less than I should."

Stanford also says he

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Labor unions threaten farms

PARK RIDGE, ILL. - Implications of a California Supreme Court ruling giving labor union organizers wide access to farmers' property, "reach well beyond a Sacramento courtroom to the far corners of U.S. agriculture," according to Allan Grant, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Grant, a Visalia, California farmer, and former president of the California Farm Bureau, warned that the precedent set in the narrow 4-3 verdict of the California court could have extremely damaging effects in property rights cases "in every part of this land" - if it is left standing. A direct appeal to the U.S.

Supreme Court is pending. The California case grew out of an executive order by the California Agricultural Labor Relations Board (CALRB) granting union organizers free access to farm properties to confront workers and seek their recruitment. The CALRB access order was then held unconstitutional by a U.S.

District Court in Fresno last year. On appeal, however, a U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco sent the case back to California state courts as a matter for their primary jurisdiction.

Grant said he saw a bright spot in another court ruling - a recent U.S. Supreme Court

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This spot was once a soggy nuisance in K.D. Linde's pasture. Tired of the sloppy mess, and conscious of the need for water for his cows, the dairyman-farmer-conservationist decided to have the area tiled and concreted. Fresh, clean spring water now flows on a definite path, and the entire area around the spring is dry. The innovation was Linde's own.

Pa. Poultry Federation cites its achievements

A little over two years ago, a small group of Pennsylvania poultrymen with the innocuous title of Planning Committee sat down at a table and did some planning. They envisioned their organization, the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, becoming one of the most effective and

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