

## Adams elected to agricultural council

John Schwartz, Adams County agricultural agent, was elected chairman of the Adams County Council of Agricultural Organizations at its March 30 meeting. Other officers elected were Stanley Wolf, Orrtanna, vice chairman; and Robert Whitman, Agway, Secretary - Treasurer.

The purpose of the Agricultural Council is to promote agriculture in general by providing a forum for consideration of

agricultural problems and exchange of ideas and information among agricultural leaders and the public. To accomplish this the group developed the following objectives: (1) To provide a means of bringing all the agricultural groups in Adams County together for the purpose of presenting the agricultural story to the public. (2) To provide an opportunity for leaders in the agricultural community to meet and become better acquainted. (3) To promote and sustain agriculture as a leading industry in Adams County and (4) provide a forum for exchange of ideas and concerns among agricultural leaders and the public.

Schwartz stated at the next meeting the group will be developing a permanent membership list, policies and activities, and programs for the coming year.

The next meeting will be held 8:00 p.m., Thursday, April 29 at the Adams County Cooperative Extension Service Office.

### Now is the time

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when all types of fertilizer and plant food should be applied and worked into the soil. Commercial fertilizer is readily available and commonly used. Livestock and poultry producers should keep in mind the real fertilizer value of the manure crop. The 1976 Agronomy Guide will give the average fertilizer values in various types of manure; this by-product of the farm enterprise is usually quickly available to most plants and should be considered when calculating the actual needs. Caution should be used when applying straight poultry manure to land because it is high in nitrogen and may burn plants.

#### To Take Time To Be Safe

This is an old word of caution that comes to mind every spring. However, it is still very important for all farmers and operators of animals and machinery. Many of us may recognize and realize certain hazards in our every-day life, and these should be corrected or removed. However, we never take time to do that very thing. With the spring planting season at hand, I'm sure many folks will be getting in a hurry and overlook a dangerous hazard that may injure someone. At the moment I'm thinking of too much speed in our high-powered tractors. Also, the great danger in permitting youngsters to ride on the tractor or other machinery. I know the temptation is great and it takes hard discipline to say "no", but it is better to be safe than sorry. Practice safety measures at all times.

#### To Condition Livestock Gradually

Lush pastures are developing and soon the livestock will be enjoying this forage which they have been thinking about all winter. Some temporary pastures such as winter rye will soon be ready for grazing. We suggest that livestock owners be very careful the first week by allowing the herd on the grass only a short time each day. Excess intake of the new grass may cause scouring and bloating. Dairymen should be very careful with this lush grass in order to prevent "grassy" flavored milk. The grazing of the milking herd should not be permitted for at least 4 to 5 hours prior to the milking period. The feeding of hay and silage should be continued while becoming acclimated to the new pasture growth.



**AWARD WINNER**  
Amos Funk, well-known Lancaster County farmer and soil conservationist, recently received recognition in the 1975 "Spokesman of the Year" contest, sponsored annually by the Chevron Chemical Co. and "Farm Chemicals" magazine. Funk was one of the second-place winners.



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The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced that a total of 300 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation-owned nonfat dry milk has been made available for donation under Title II of the Public Law 480 Program, according to B. Snavely Garber, Chairman of the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

Approximately 100 million pounds of the milk, valued at an estimated \$67 million, is budgeted for use through September 30, 1976. Another 200 million pounds, valued at about \$134 million, is programmed for use from October 1 through September 30, 1977.

A primary goal of the Title II Donations Program is combatting malnutrition in less developed countries through aiding small children and pregnant and nursing women.

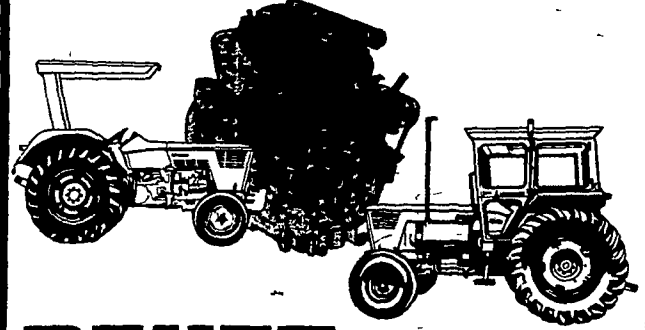
The U.S. government is currently discussing with officials of the World Food Program and private U.S.

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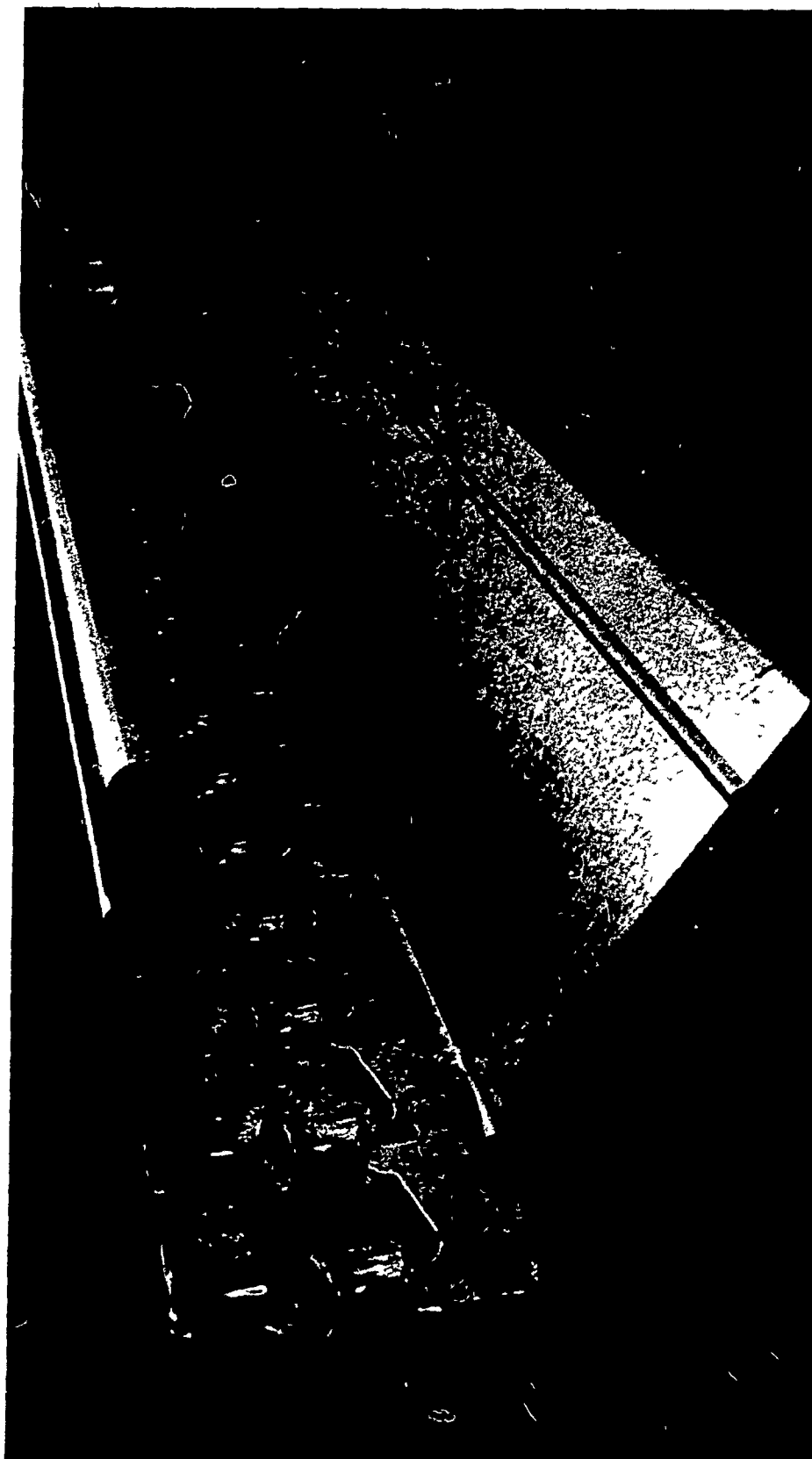
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