

Senatorial candidate wants farm assistance program

Jack W. grew up on a farm in Pennsylvania. When it came time for him to start out on his own, his natural choice was to follow in his father's footsteps and set himself up - something small, he was willing to work hard. He was a farmer.

But Jack W. was out of luck. When he started looking for land in his county he found most of it had been grabbed up housing developments, factories and roads. What was left was priced way out of his range. Everywhere he turned it was the same story.

"That burns me up," says

George Packard, U.S. Senatorial candidate. "I was born on a farm. I milked cows and brought in the hay. I know first hand that farming is hard work. We're lucky to have young people who want to go into it. If these young men and women are thwarted this way, it's going to be a tragedy for this country."

"It's an outrage - Federal tax laws are unfair - they're really an abuse of the men and women who made this country great - the farmers who continue to feed Americans despite rising costs that threaten their own survival."

Packard says he'll go to bat for the farmer in several ways. He wants to see comprehensive land use planning.

"If we don't do something, by the turn of the next century, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has estimated there will be fewer than one million farms in

this country. Federal funds should be made available to states and municipalities to be used to formulate effective land use patterns based on the needs and desires of local citizens. But zoning decisions must remain at the township level.

"We must do something for people like Jack W., who want to get into farming on their own, but are unable to because of high start-up costs."

Packard is calling for the creation within the Department of Agriculture of a Federal Farm Assistance Corporation.

"The corporation would lease family-sized farms to qualified new farmers who lack the necessary capital to enter farming. At the end of the lease period, the established farmer would buy the farm from the corporation.

To aid farmers who wish to pass their land onto their children, Packard called for

Boy Scouts to study animal science

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Recently, in Gloucester County, N.J., a fifth herd of swine was found to be infected with hog cholera. The herd, which consisted of some 2,000 pigs,

a substantial increase in the current exemptions under the Federal Estate and Gift tax.

"The personal exemption should be raised to \$200,000 and the marital deduction to \$100,000, plus 50 percent of the estate."

Packard opposes restrictions on exports of U.S. farm products. He also called for greater fairness with regard to imports of foreign agricultural products. To maintain the competitive position of U.S. farmers, countervailing duties should be imposed on imports from countries that subsidize their agricultural production, according to Packard.

brought the death toll of infected swine throughout that county to 8,000.

During 1974, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates, 6.1 million head of cattle, and 6.8 million hogs died that year. Some 1.4 million sheep also met their fate during 1974.

Each year the livestock death rate increases to such great proportions that there is mounting concern on Capitol Hill. Last year farmers and livestock producers lost millions of dollars to such livestock diseases as brucellosis (Bang's disease), enterotoxemia, swine dysentery, and equine abortion.

Agriculturalists, farmers, and the Boy Scouts of America contend that such livestock losses could be averted, provided timely, preventive, and controllable measures are taken.

In part, to combat the problem, the Boy Scouts of America has published a new, 48-page Animal Science merit badge pamphlet for Scouts.

The booklet serves as a guide to Scouts preparing to earn the BSA's new Animal Science merit badge, as well as a major reference tool for parents, merit badge counselors, and animal husbandry students.

Illustrated with black and white photos and drawings, its pages contain in-

formation on everything from the seven major breeds of horses (there are some 10 million horses in the United States), to such lineage of cattle as Holstein, Guernsey, and Jersey, the 12 major breeds of sheep and hogs, to various livestock diseases and treatment, and a subchapter on livestock management and careers. There is also a five-page bibliography recommended jointly by the American Library Association's Advisory Committee for Scouting and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as well as merit badge requirements.

Animal Science will not only be a valuable asset to the farm-oriented Scout, but to the urban-oriented Scout as well.

The booklet, which costs 55 cents, can be obtained through the local council office, official Scout distributor, or the Supply Division of the Boy Scouts of America, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902. Please refer to pamphlet No. 3395 when ordering.

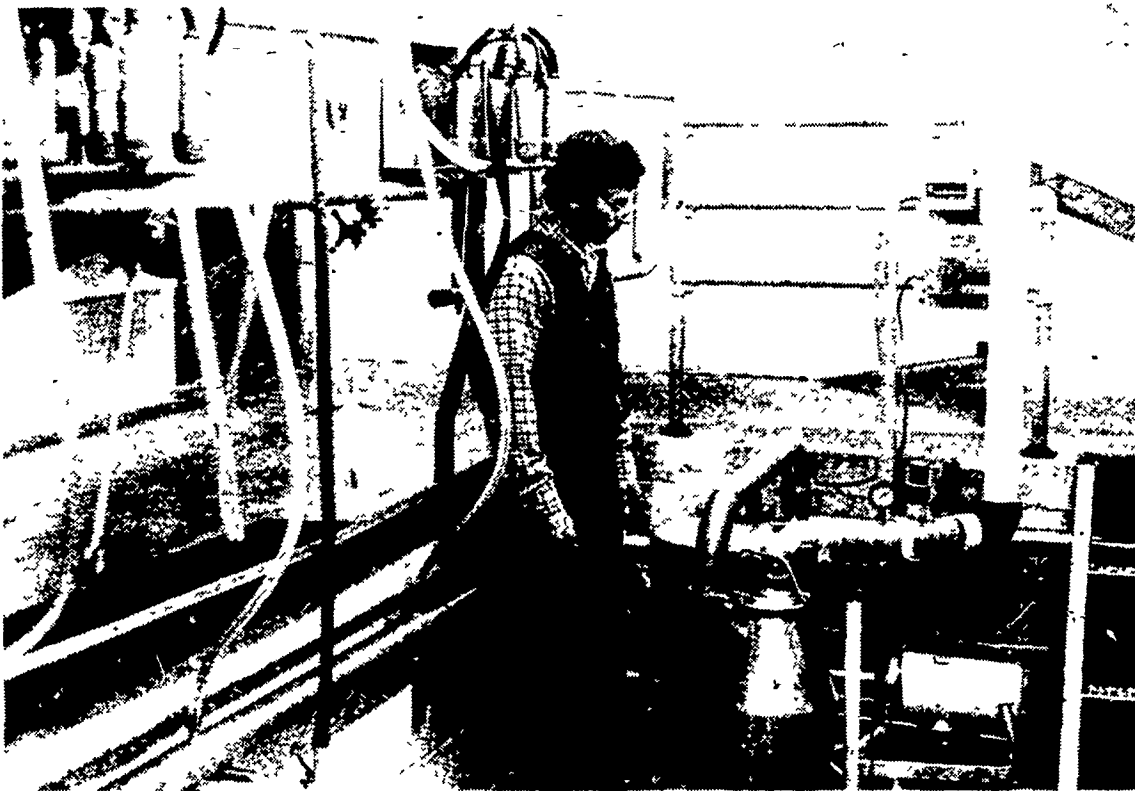
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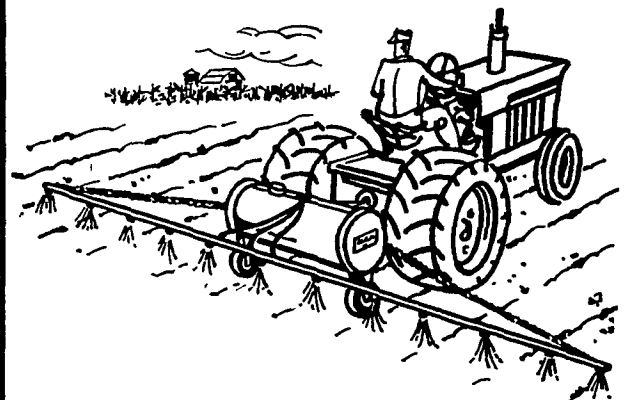
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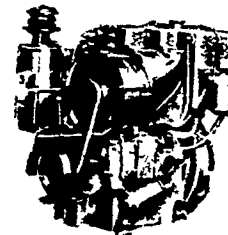
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