

# HUD urges flood insurance purchase

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Housing and Urban Development Regional Administrator Russell Byers recently urged homeowners to consider buying federally subsidized flood insurance as soon as possible.

"The ice in the rivers and all the snow on the ground must go somewhere when the weather gets warmer," he said. "We are very concerned about the possibilities of serious flooding this spring."

Byers explained that HUD offers federally subsidized flood insurance that affords homeowners in flood-prone areas the opportunity to protect themselves from severe flood losses. Flood damage is not covered by usual homeowners' policies.

The Flood Insurance program is administered by the Federal Insurance Administration, a part of

HUD. The program enables individual property owners to acquire insurance coverage at affordable rates. The rate for residential coverage is only \$.25 per \$100 of value. Thus, to protect a home valued at \$20,000, for example, would cost a homeowner only \$50 per year. This low rate is made possible by a federal subsidy.

Owners of single family homes can obtain up to \$35,000 in flood coverage plus \$10,000 on household contents. The policy covers residential, farm, and business structures and contents, but does not cover automobiles.

To be eligible for this insurance protection, a community must apply to HUD; show that flood control procedures are in effect, and be accepted into the program. After a com-

munity qualifies for the flood insurance program, policies may be purchased from any licensed property and casualty insurance agent or broker.

Byers urged that people contact their local insurance agent and apply for coverage well before the Spring thaw. "Coverage is effective 15 days after the date ap-

pearing on the completed application, provided that a check has been forwarded to the National Flood Insurance Association," he said.

Further information can be obtained from an insurance agent, from HUD in Philadelphia (215) 597-9581. A toll free number is 800-424-8872.

## Grange week is approaching

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Over 5,500 local chapters of the nation's oldest farm organization, the National Grange, will celebrate Grange Week, April 24-30.

Organized in 1867, the Grange has been a steadfast spokesman for family farmers. During its 110 year history its base has broadened to include both rural and suburban interests. It is the country's only fraternal farm group and was the first organization of any kind to admit women on an equal basis with men.

In reviewing Grange history, National Master John W. Scott, said the Grange is best known as a family organization. He said the Grange has consistently supported the family farm concept which has achieved unparalleled efficiency in the production of agricultural products.

Among the Grange's first major accomplishments was obtaining cabinet level status for the Secretary of Agriculture and the subsequent establishment of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Also initiated by the Grange were federal anti-trust laws, rural free mail delivery, agriculture extension service, Farmers Home Administration and it was one of the original supporters of the Interstate Highway System. It is the only general farm organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Currently the Grange is seeking further legislation to fully utilize the efficient productivity of family farmers and at the same time assure consumers reasonable and stable prices and farmers a reasonable and stable income. The Grange will also be active in other legislative and regulatory areas such as land use planning, tax reform, food stamp program, communications, conservation and transportation.

Local Grange activities scheduled during Grange Week will include radio and television shows, open houses, displays and special community programs to emphasize their current activities and future plans.

## What's new

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# Goat club expands

The Del Mar Penn Dairy Goat Club has launched into its 1976-77 year with new officers and expanded membership. The organization continues to be dedicated to its original aim which is to be instructive. Monthly gatherings begin with covered dish supper for families followed by brief business meetings and then instruction on the scheduled topic. Members come from four states including those people with no goats or small herds to large herds. The dairy goat of today is becoming increasingly popular in the United States while we continue to discover its assets. As our populations expand and there is more competition for land, dairy goat numbers increase as they have in most other countries of the world. The animals are ideal for the small rural dweller and produce besides superb milk, cheese, butter, meat, mohair and leather, says Mrs. John A. Smith, a club member from Townsend, Del.

Anyone interested in joining should contact one of the following: Joyce Bohmier, New London, Pa. 19360, (302) 368-7542 and (215) 869-2449 or Mary Smith at (302) 653-7132 or Joyce Kamka at (301) 557-7191

# Recipe themes

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May 28 -

"Berry desserts"

On the last Saturday in May, we will forget about diets and concentrate on utilizing the various berries that come into season. These can be jams, pies, short

cakes, or any other type or recipes you know that put this food to use. Deadline is May 18.

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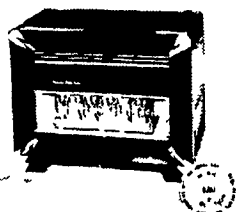
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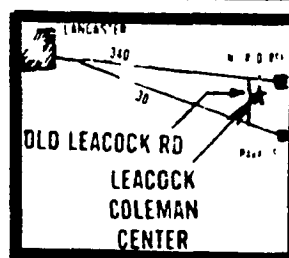
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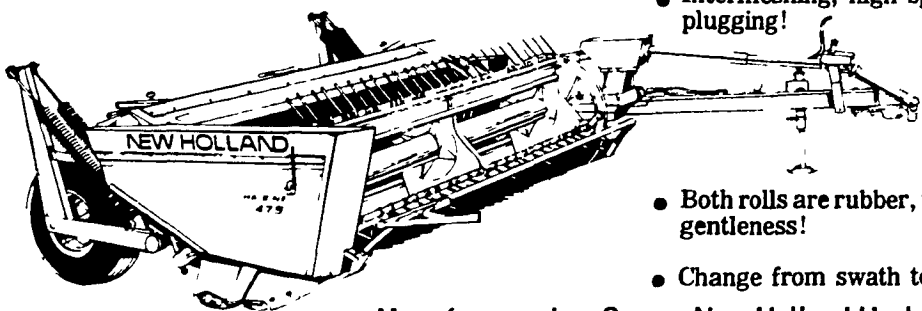


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