

Kaufman to head ASCS

HARRISBURG, Pa. - Carl L. Kaufman has been temporarily named Pennsylvania Director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS). This position is subject to appointment of a Pennsylvania State ASC Committee.

In this position, Kaufman will direct the operations of the Pennsylvania ASCS activities in Harrisburg. In addition, he will direct the State-wide operations of ASCS through 66 County ASC Committees who maintain 58 county offices throughout Pennsylvania.

ASCS administers agricultural programs authorized by federal law. Among programs administered by ASCS are the Agriculture Conservation Program, Price Support Programs, Wool Incentive Program, Disaster Assistance for Feed Grains and Wheat, and USDA Emergency Programs.

Carl L. Kaufman has replaced Kenneth H. Boyer who resigned on April 22. Boyer has retired and will remain active in his farming operations at Selinsgrove, Pa.

Strasburg opens mini bank



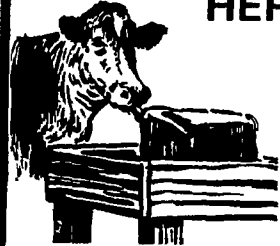
The First National Bank of Strasburg officially cut the ribbon to open a mini-bank in Lampeter on April 27. The office offers walk-up and drive-in services daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pictured above are, left to right, William Musser, Jr., chairman of the board; John E. Burkholder, chairman of the bank's building committee; A.F. Witmer, honorary director; and John W. Jones, president.

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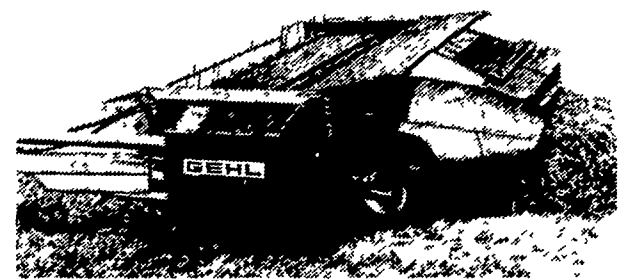
years ago, were preserved by applying salt and removing natural moisture through drying or aging under natural climatic conditions. The new standard defines products like "country style ham" or "dry cured pork shoulder" as uncooked, cured, dried, smoked or unsmoked meat products coming from a

single piece of ham or shoulder. These items, which must meet specific preparation requirements, also must be capable of being distributed without refrigeration and weigh at least 18 per cent less than before curing. To allow processors time to adopt new processing techniques, get new labels approved, and market their current stock, the new standard won't be required until July 1, 1978.



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