

Churches to celebrate soil stewardship week

LANCASTER, Pa. - County Conservation Resource or Soil Stewardship Week, a nationwide observance which emphasizes man's responsibility to protect and conserve soil, water, and other natural resources, will be May 15-22 this year, Aaron Z. Stauffer, chairman of the Lancaster County Conservation District, announced this week.

"This year's theme, 'When We Care', will help each to examine his own motives and actions in the conservation of God's manifold gifts," said Stauffer.

Among the churches in the district that are scheduling special soil stewardship services are: Mechanics Grove Church of the Brethren, St. Mark's Methodist Church of Mt. Joy, Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren, Cedar Grove Presbyterian Church, East Fairview Church of the Brethren, Bethel Mennonite Church, the First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg, and the Hinkletown Mennonite Church.

"We hope," said Stauffer, "that during Soil Stewardship Week, millions of Americans will pause for a moment to consider their responsibilities for the protection and proper care of the Lord's earth."

J. Everett Kreider is chairman of the Lancaster

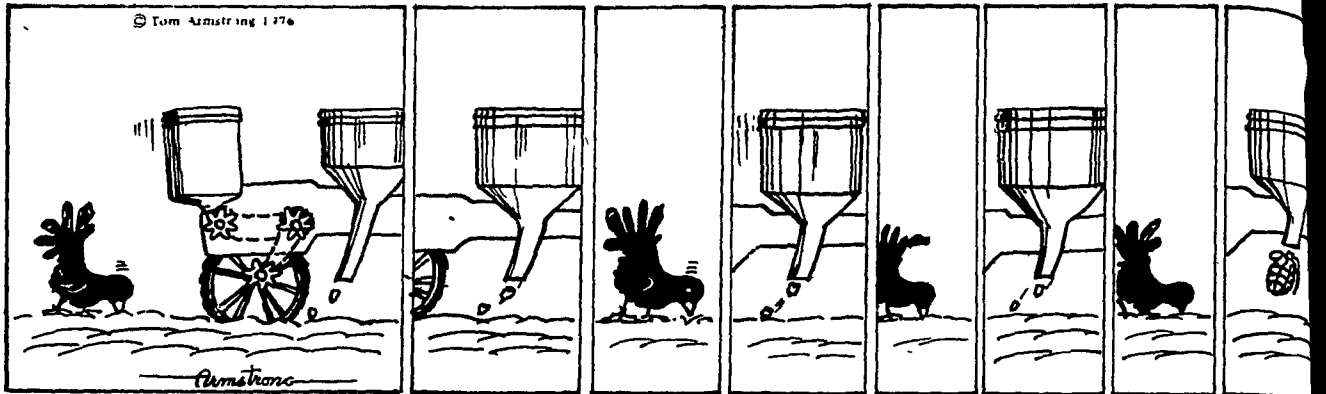
County Conservation District's soil stewardship committee.

The District, upon request, did provide local churches with a reference booklet, bulletins, bulletin inserts, and other materials designed for this year's observance. The material was prepared by the Soil Stewardship Advisory Committee of the National Association of Conservation Districts. The advisory committee is composed of churchmen of various faiths.

This is the 23rd consecutive year that the National Association of Conservation Districts, along with almost 3000 local districts throughout the nation, has sponsored Soil Stewardship Week. The custom of setting aside special "Rogation Days" for this purpose began more than 1500 years ago in France, when French peasants prayed for help after crop failures had brought widespread hunger.

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By Tom Armstrong



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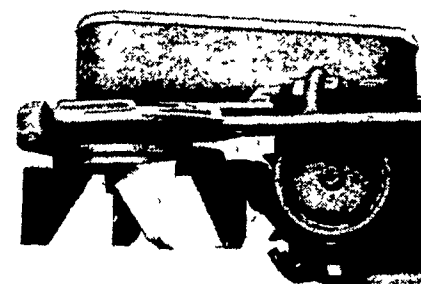
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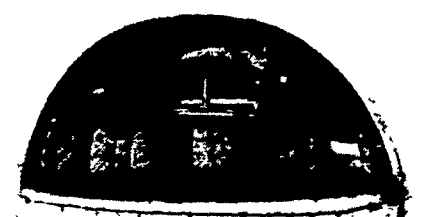
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