

Ag Spokesman honored

Peach marketing clinic held

MORRESTOWN, N.J. - Gail McPherson, New Park, Pa., recently received the trappings of the Agriculture Spokesman of the Year Award, which had been announced last February. The New Jersey Peach Marketing Clinic provided the forum for the award as well as an update on the peach crop situation across the nation.

In Pennsylvania, frost and drought are expected to cut the Commonwealth's crop by 14 per cent, but, in general, the crop looks good, and with some rain, will be excellent, reported Paul McPherson, past president of the National Peach Council. Hail has only been spotty, and with Michigan and Ohio shipping west, the market for the Commonwealth's crop should be good.

Tony Rubino, Blue Goose Growers, Inc., Md., reported dry conditions still in

Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland.

"Not even three inches will make the Red Havens," he stated. Missouri has been hurt by frost, but Arkansas has the best crop in years. He predicts that Michigan will market to near points. West Texas was a fiasco, in his words.

The New Jersey report from Ernest Christ, Rutgers University, was much brighter, Irrigation has helped size, and the state expects a good crop.

Crop reports for other parts of the nation find the South nearing an end of peach production, having had a poor weather year with drought and extreme heat which affected size and quality as well as volume. G. Ansel King, Market Information Center, Clemson, described Georgia's situation as dire due to disease and hail damage.



Elayne Holland, general chairman of this year's Craft Market and Exhibit, works with enamel wave craft.

Craft show slated

LANCASTER - The 30th annual Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen State Market and Exhibit will be held this Summer on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; August 5, 6 and 7 at Franklin and Marshall college here.

This year's Market and Exhibit, which annually attracts more than 12,000 visitors, will bring together 200 of Pennsylvania's finest craftsmen from all over the state. They will display, demonstrate and sell a wide variety of contemporary and

traditional crafts, which only a show of this magnitude and quality can provide.

All 20 Guild chapters will be represented at this year's three day State Market and Exhibit. Numerous demonstrations will be scheduled daily giving visitors an opportunity to watch the craftsmen at work, talk to them about their crafts and examine individual, one-of-a-kind examples of their work.

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Gail McPherson, Agriculture Spokesman of the Year 1976, received a bronze plaque, \$250 check, and framed certificate, trappings of the award, at the New Jersey Peach Marketing Clinic, Moorestown, N.J. Presenting the honors was John Henszey, with Douglas Zee, New Jersey Peach Promotion Council, looking on.

Field day set

MYERSTOWN - Lebanon County Holstein breeders will meet here next Thursday evening, 7 p.m., to hold their annual field day. A judging contest will highlight the activities, with Jack King of Kinglea Holsteins,

Mayland, officiating. A calf will be given away. It's noted that the Lebanon Holstein Show will be held at the Lebanon Fair on August 11.

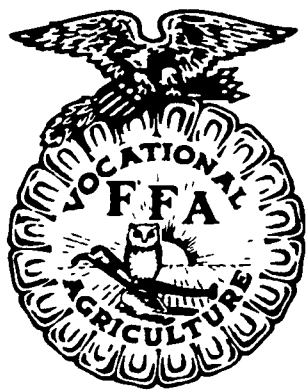
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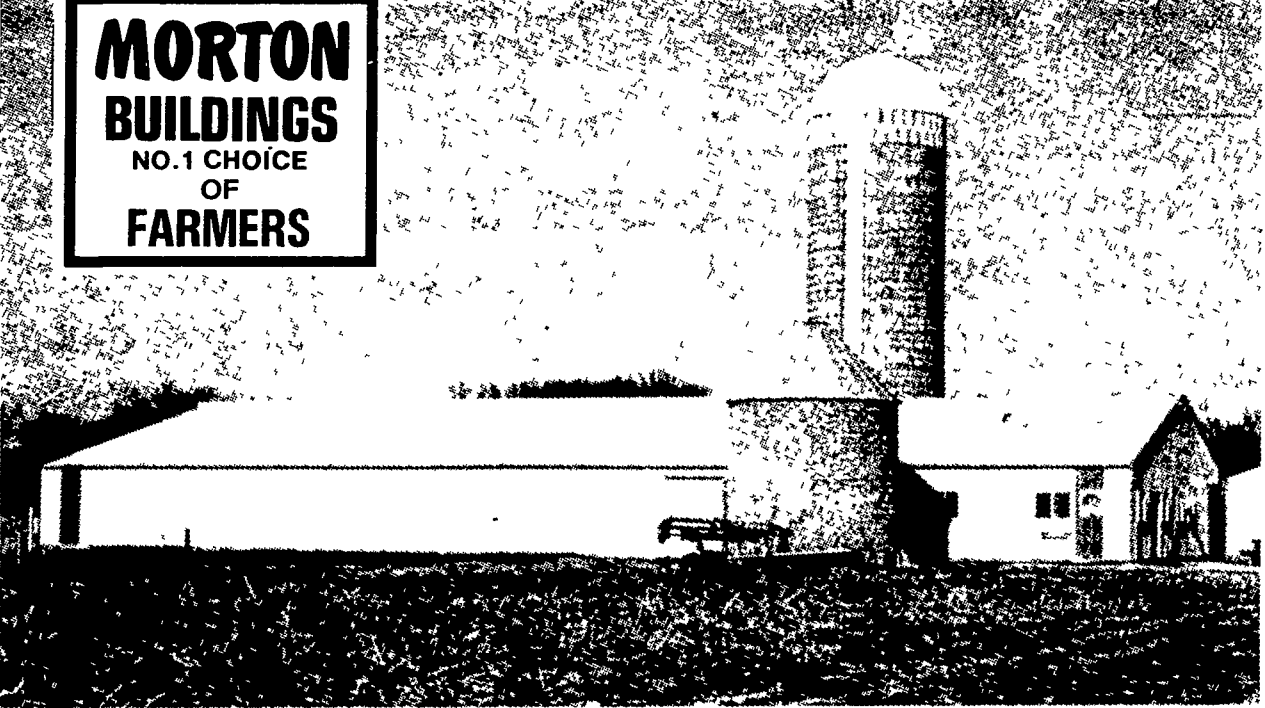




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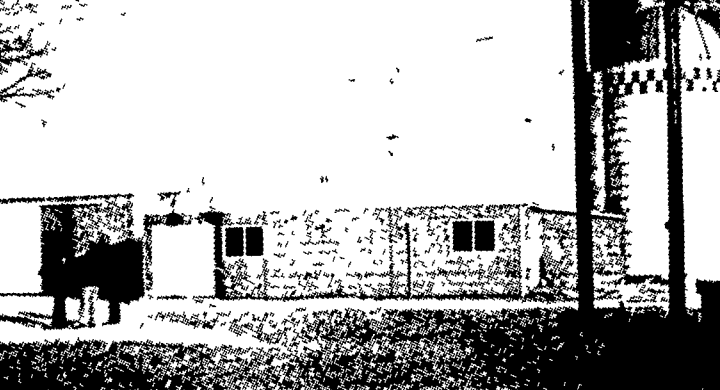
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