

Small farmer

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Examples are everywhere. But the trend in agriculture is toward bigness. There is the general feeling that a farmer must get bigger or

get out. Depending on the method he chooses for getting bigger, that may not be the answer. In a dry year when low crop prices prevail, the big farmer may

be worse off than the small, diversified farmer who's getting his income from a variety of enterprises, including livestock.

My dairy farmer friend near Reading, Pa., who has dairy cows, fruit trees and a strawberry patch is considered by some to be a

small farmer. But right now he's not worrying about low corn and soybean prices. He feeds the crops he produces and supplements the milk check with a substantial income from strawberries, apples and peaches. Last year was a pretty good year for him. In fact, most years are pretty good with that kind of diversification. His is a complicated farm to run, requiring some outside labor, year-round work, and long days during certain times of the year. His progress has been steady with a minimum number of disaster years.

There is a place for the small farmer — small in acres but big in management know-how and big in the willingness to operate a complicated agricultural enterprise.

Robert Walker will speak at conservation dinner

LANCASTER — The annual banquet of the Lancaster County Conservation District is scheduled to be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 16, at the Good 'n Plenty Restaurant in Smoketown. Tickets are now available at the District Office at the cost of \$5.00 each.

The guest speaker will be, U.S. Representative, Robert S. Walker.

Seeking re-election for a second term in Congress, Walker intends to be only a part time candidate in his campaign. His first job he says is to be a full time

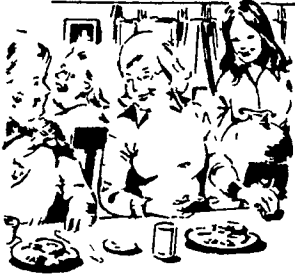


Robert Walker

congressman throughout the year. He won his first term as the 16th District congressman in 1976. During his first bid for office, he faced 11 other opponents in the Republican primary. To date, no other candidate has declared to oppose Walker.

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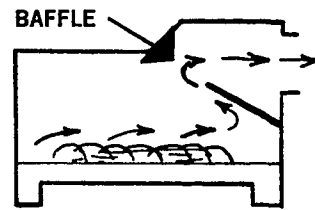


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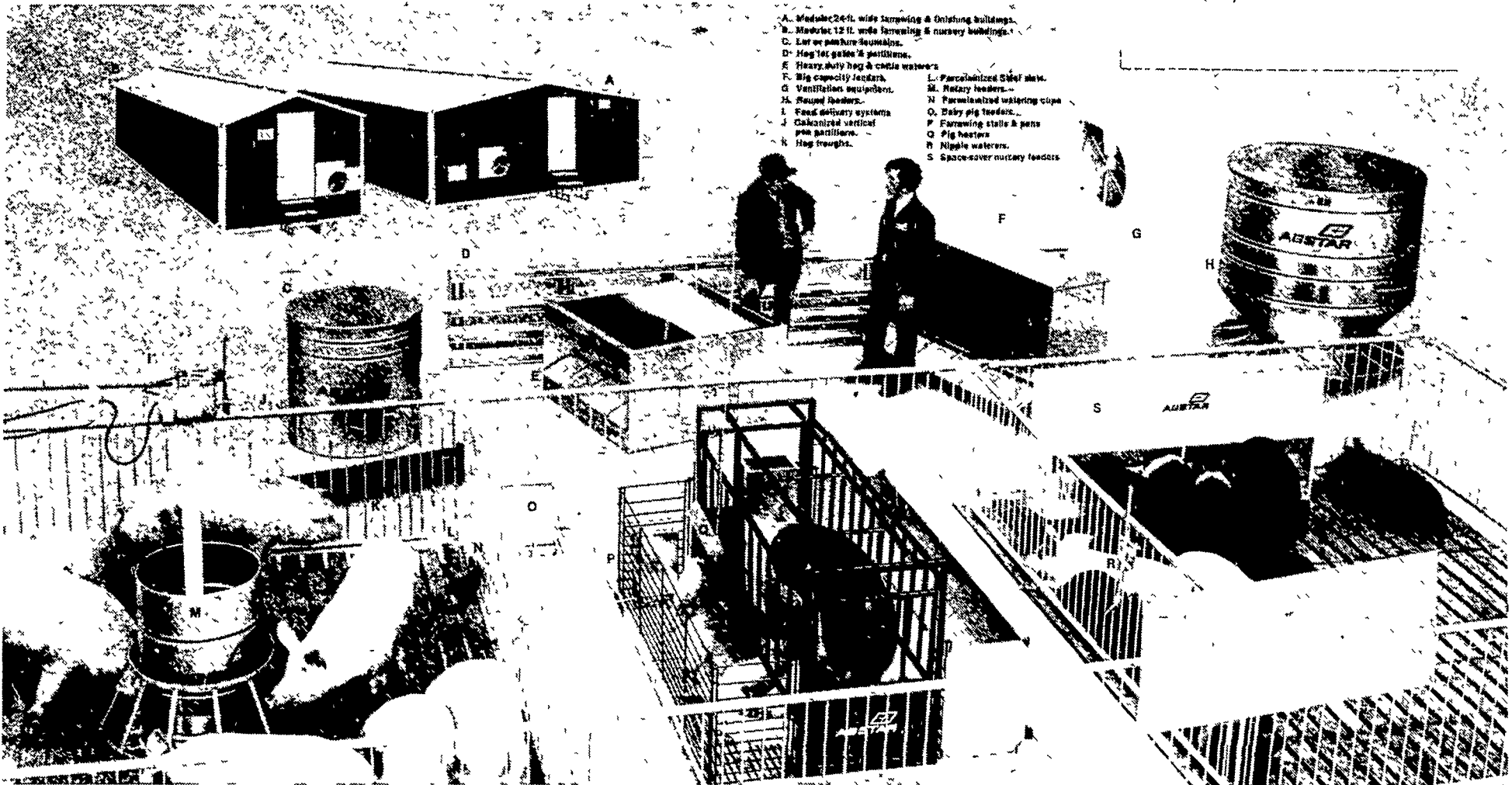
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