

Energy conservation required for rural electric financing

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Alex P. Mercure, assistant secretary of agriculture for rural development, has directed the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) to draft regulations that would require rural electric cooperatives to include energy conservation plans in all applications for future REA loans.

The assistant secretary said the policy was needed "because our studies show the sharply higher cost of new electric generation, transmission and distribution facilities coming into service now and in the near future could result in doubled or even tripled rural electric rates in the 1980's."

Mercure said he had also asked the National Rural Electrification Cooperative Association (NRECA) to help develop an aggressive and effective energy conservation program and to help local electric Cooperatives develop their own programs. "NRECA and its members have many times rallied around programs which were in the best interest of the country,"

he said. "This is another of those times."

Mercure said the proposed regulations would require rural electric cooperatives "to dedicate a reasonable amount of money and personnel to energy conservation programs."

Also required, he said, would be a description of current conservation efforts by the cooperatives and board of directors' resolutions mandating conservation.

After the draft policy is released by REA in an estimated 90 days, a formal comment period will be announced. However, immediate comment and recommendations are encouraged, Mercure said.



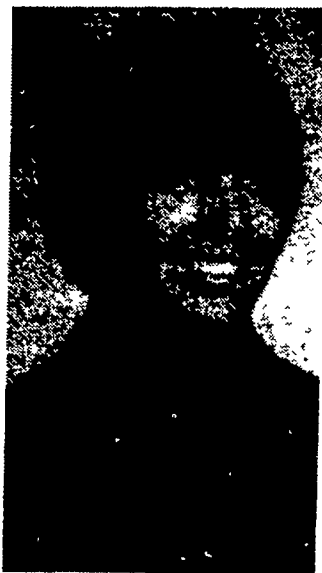
Judging winner named

CHAMBERSBURG — John W. Moore, of the Franklin County A team, was the first place individual in the recent Penn State Dairy Science Club dairy cattle judging contest. Winning score was 448 of a possible 500, with a sixth placing in oral reasons.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Moore, Chambersburg R2, he farms with his parents. He is a member of the Northern 4-H Dairy Club, the Chambersburg Chapter of Young Farmers, and the Pa. Jr. Guernsey Breeders Association.

John owns 12 Reg. Guernseys and shows them, including entering the Pa. Farm Show and the All-American Dairy Show. He works at the Ni-Crete Farms, Chambersburg, and is a part-time DHIA tester.

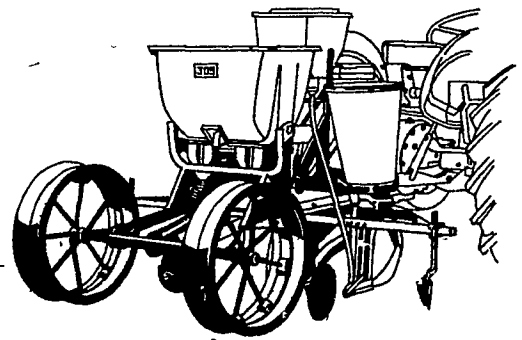
The Franklin County A team placed seventh out of 26 teams overall. Other members included Kirk and



John Moore

Randy Christman, and Tim Donough, all from Chambersburg R5.

The team was accompanied by their coach Richard Crider, Chambersburg R5.

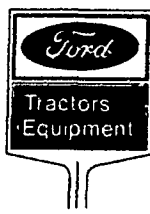


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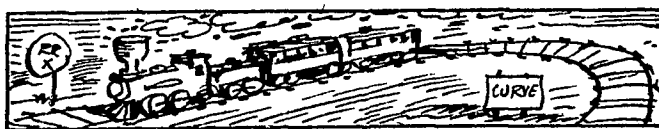
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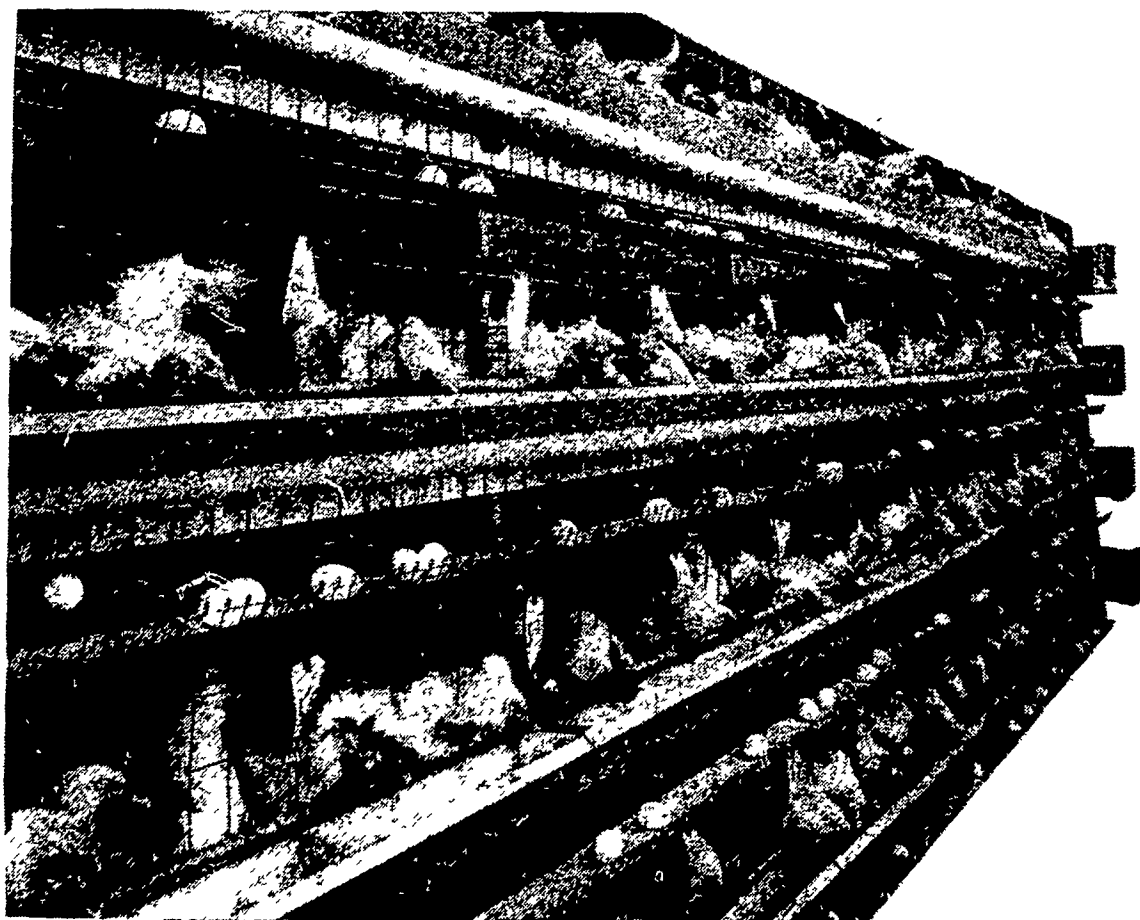
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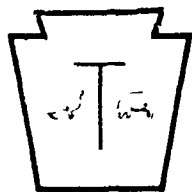
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