



Donald W. Parke, right, executive vice-president of PennAg Industries Association, received a number of awards of recognition on behalf of the association during its 100th annual convention. With Parke is Robert F. Skinner, executive vice-president of the Iowa Grain and Feed Association, who presented awards to PennAg on behalf of the Agricultural Association Executive's Council and the Illinois Grain and Feed Association.

PennAg Celebrates

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Eban, Israel's former foreign minister and U.N. ambassador. Eban, now a member of the Israeli Parliament and president of the renowned Weitzman Institute, spoke eloquently and hopefully of the situation in the Middle East. He received a standing ovation from the luncheon guests.

Two of Pennsylvania's leading political figures also addressed the convention. Outgoing Governor Milton J. Shapp delivered the convention keynote address on Wednesday morning, while former U.S. attorney and Republican gubernatorial hopeful Richard L. Thornberg was the luncheon speaker on Thursday.

There were 37 commercial exhibits on display in the grand ballroom of the Penn Harris Convention Center for the duration of the convention. The focal point of the exhibit area was a display of association records along with milling tools and other memorabilia covering the 100 years of PennAg's existence. The exhibit had been especially

commissioned for the annual get-together. It was executed by MarkeTechs, Inc., a design firm from York, Pa. MarkeTechs also recently completed a milling exhibit for the William Penn Museum in Harrisburg. The Museum arranged a special preview of that exhibit for PennAg members at the convention.

Demonstrations of old milling crafts were conducted in the historical exhibit area. Charles Howell, North Tarrytown, N.Y., demonstrated stone dressing and millwrighting, while Benfer Zechman of Potts Grove, Pa., showed old flour milling techniques.

The banquets, receptions and golf tournament which are a traditional part of PennAg conventions were very well attended. For the first time in many years, the convention committee did not plan a separate program for ladies in attendance. The program was designed to be general enough and interesting enough to appeal to all who attended.

During the convention, Donald W. Parke, PennAg's executive vice-president,

accepted a number of honors on behalf of the association. Recognizing PennAg's 100 years of existence with plaques were: Agricultural Association, Executives' Council and the Illinois Grain and Feed Association, presented by Robert F. Skinner, executive vice-president of the Iowa Grain and Feed Association; the American Feed Manufacturers' Association, presented by Gerald Karstens; and the National

Grain and Feed Association, presented by Alvin E. Oliver.

On September 21, a panel of presidents led off the program with a look at the future of the agribusiness industry. Ed Wheeler, president of The Fertilizer Institute in Washington, D.C., told the group that the world's food production capacities would have to strain in the next 75 years to keep up with what he termed mind-bogling population growth.

"In the next 50 years, there will be no major shift from the U.S. as the world's

biggest and most dependable supermarket," Wheeler said.

The biggest change on the near horizon of the fertilizer industry, he said, is the swelling demand for custom application as government environmental regulations become more stringent. He predicted that within five to 10 years, rates of nitrogen application will come under regulation, just as the use of most pesticides is today.

The problem of fertilizer supply will now ease up in the foreseeable future, he said, as the U.S. runs out of phosphate rock and con-

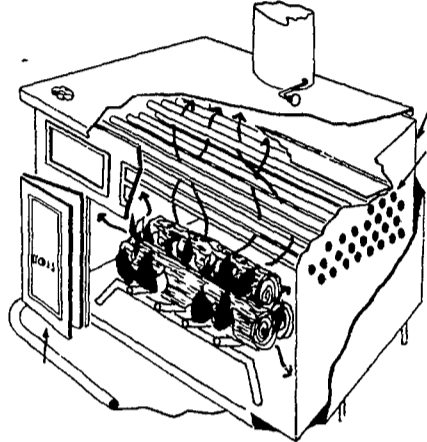
tinues to import vast amounts of natural gas feedstocks for the production of ammonia based fertilizers.

Robert Graybill, president of Pennfield Corp., one of Pennsylvania's leading feed manufacturers, gave a nod to the problems facing agribusiness in the years ahead. Government regulation was chief among them. But the growth of animal agriculture in the Northeast, Pennsylvania's favorable disposition toward agriculture and its supporting industries, and

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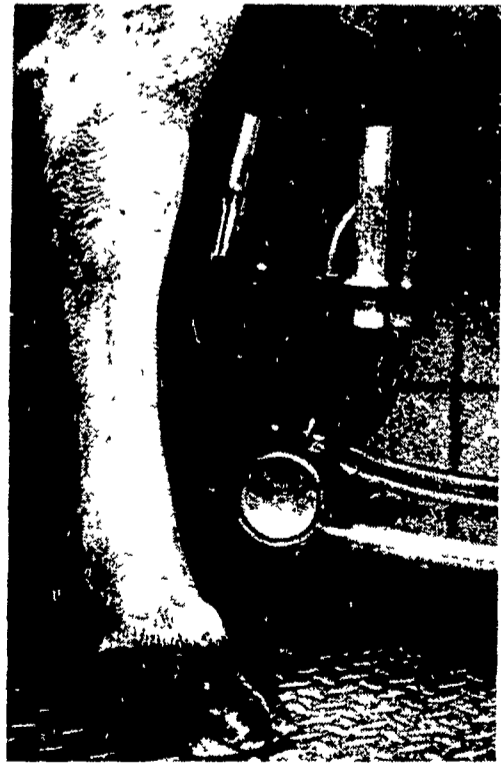
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