

Stop federal paternalism, says Grange Master



John Scott

DENVER, COLO. - John W. Scott, master of the National Grange, strongly defended the need for strengthening and maintaining the country's family farms during an address here Monday following the opening of the Grange's 112th annual session. Scott said America cannot afford to lose the rural values that would be lost with the demise of the family farm. He warned that government farm programs and tax policies favor larger farms and high income investors. He called for a change in federal farm support programs and tax and credit which could assist family agriculture, not hasten its death.

Scott said inflation is placing farmers in a difficult cost-price squeeze. He said two-thirds of the retail price of food is determined by off-

farm costs and farmers do not have any profit protection. During the past 11 years, farm costs have increased 130 per cent while prices received by farmers increased only 114 per cent.

He said inflation is caused by excessive demand created by the government in its misguided efforts to budget deficits and by the expansion of the money supply. He said Americans must end the era of federal paternalism and return government to its proper role. Scott called for a balanced budget, an end to deficit spending, a drastic reduction of our dependency on foreign oil and increased productivity as the major means to control inflation.

Scott said another serious concern affecting farmers is agricultural-transportation service. He feels the quality of service would be improved if competition were encouraged and backhaul opportunities expanded. He said more regional and local planning is needed and that agriculture should be represented in all policy matters relating to transportation. He also recommended better utilization of rail cars and more emphasis on agricultural transportation research.

The over-regulation of business by the federal government is leading to a no-growth economy, diverting private investment from productive uses to non-productive uses, lowering productivity and adding to inflation, warned Scott. He supports the President's announcement to create a Regulatory Council. The Council will coordinate duplicate or overlapping regulations and develop a list of all federal regulations explaining their cost, objectives and why they must be issued. In addition, he recommended that those responsible for issuing regulations should not be in a position to justify the need for those regulations. He also said an economic impact statement should accompany all regulations that affect a given industry and that the review panel should look into de-regulations as well as additional regulations.

Scott said excess taxation with representation is just as bad as taxation without representation. He said to cut taxes without spending at the federal level only leads to deficit spending and increased pressure on inflation. He also said state and local tax reduction is meaningless without reform

at the federal level because money saved at the low level is subject to taxation by Washington.

Scott said two major factors will influence conservation programs in the future. The change in overall priorities and program funding reductions. He

expressed concern about the government's plans to classify more government land as wilderness areas.

The U.S. imports nine million barrels of oil a day at a cost of \$40 billion a year, said Scott, which is a major contribution to inflation and the weakening of the dollar

abroad. He said the Grange should take an active role in formulating additional national energy policies. He strongly recommended continued support for energy research to develop technologies to supplement and replace non-renewable energy sources.

\$\$ ATTENTION \$\$

LIQUID MANURE TANKS DISCOUNTED NOW FOR BIG DOLLAR SAVINGS

2250 & 3000 Gallon Slingers,
All Sizes Vacuum Tanks, Agitator
Filler Pumps, and Plowdowns Available.
Don't miss this one-time offer to buy the
top quality tanks at discounted saving\$..

PH: 717-263-3505

THE SYSTEMS PEOPLE

AGSTAR The Quality ...

- ★ LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT
- ★ ENVIRONMENTALLY CONTROLLED BUILDINGS FOR
 - Farrowing • Fattening • Growing
 - Nursery • Gestation
- ★ CALF AND VEAL CASTLE
- ★ PITLESS OR SELF-CONTAINED

AGSTAR BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

- A Modular 24-ft wide farrowing finishing, & gestation buildings
- B Modular 12-ft wide farrowing nursery & gestation buildings.
- C Lot or pasture fountains.
- D Hog lot gates & partitions
- E Heavy duty hog & cattle waterers
- F Big capacity feeders
- G Ventilation equipment
- H Round feeders.
- I. Feed delivery systems
- J. Galvanized vertical pen partitions
- K. Hog troughs.
- L. Porcelainized Steel slats
- M. Rotary feeders.
- N. Porcelainized watering cups
- O Baby pig feeders
- P Farrowing stalls & pens
- Q Pig heaters
- R Nipple waterers
- S. Space-saver nursery feeders
- T Flex auger systems & feed bins
- U Gestation stalls & buildings.

- ★ We Sell, Service & Install.
- ★ Full Line Parts Department.

■ AGSTAR ENVIRONMENTALLY CONTROLLED BUILDINGS ARE
ONE OF THE MOST COMPETITIVE COST PER ANIMAL SYSTEMS
AVAILABLE ON THE MARKET TODAY!

EMHERR

EQUIPMENT, INC.

RD3, Sprecher Road
Willow Street, PA 17584
Lancaster Co.
717-464-3321

Please send me more information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____