

Stauffer, Tate named to new posts at Weaver

NEW HOLLAND — Victor F. Weaver, Inc. recently announced the appointments of Harold S. Stauffer, Lancaster, to the position of employment and training manager in the personnel department, and Allen E. Tate, Lancaster, has been promoted to the position of public relations manager of the New Holland food processing firm.

Tate, a graduate of Elizabethtown College, has been with Weaver's since 1969. An active member in civic affairs, Tate's new position will include management of Weaver community affairs activities, corporate communications and public relations, press relations, employee relations, and other public relations activities.

Stauffer, a graduate of



Harold S. Stauffer



Allen E. Tate

Franklin and Marshall College, joined the Weaver staff in 1976. In his new position, Stauffer will be responsible for managing

personnel and employment activities, corporate training programs, and other personnel activities.

Various alfalfa pests studied

UNIVERSITY PARK — Control of insects in alfalfa can yield greater benefits than meets the eye, says Dr. Kenneth T. Leath of the U.S. Pasture Research Laboratory at Penn State. He claims the interaction of insects and diseases are not apparent immediately.

Dr. Leath and associates have found that Winter kill of alfalfa, for example, can be traced to stress on plant roots from too frequent harvesting or from insect injury. Both lead to root rot among weakened plants and can result in Winter kill. Pasture Laboratory scientists conduct research for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"Our experiments show

that stand appearance after final harvest in the fall may lead to the conclusion that all is well when this is not the case. Poor growth of alfalfa in the Spring may result from hidden problems the previous year," he affirmed.

Crown and root rot of alfalfa, for example, product the most disease when the plants are under stress of some kind. When alfalfa is harvested too frequently, root rot can become more severe than otherwise.

"Perennial forages such as alfalfa are subjected throughout their lives to a series of stresses that occur sometimes simultaneously, sometimes sequentially, but always cumulatively," Dr. Leath declared.

He said a very serious stress on alfalfa is caused by the feeding of leafhoppers, aphids, and other insects on the leaves and stems. The effects are obvious on the tops of plants but are not obvious on the roots.

"The interaction of insect feeding with root and crown rot is important, because it

points out the possible error in considering insect infestations and disease as separate, distinct problems," Dr. Leath observed.

Aphid and root rot experiments were carried out in controlled-environment chambers by Dr. Robert A. Byers, entomologist with the U.S. Pasture Research Laboratory, and Dr. Leath. Aphids were caged on individual plants, the roots of which were inoculated with a fungus causing root rot.

The amount of root rot development was compared with that growing in inoculated roots of plants not subjected to the stress of aphid feeding. The most severe root rot developed when plants were inoculated and under stress from aphid feeding.

Later experiments featured a field insectary used to test the impact of leafhopper injury on root rot development. Plants subjected to both root rotting fungi and insect injury developed the most root rot.

Adams Co. sheep producers meet

CROSS KEYS — A crowd of 55 enthusiastic sheep producers attended the First Annual Adams County Sheep Producers Association Dinner recently held at the Cross Keys Diner, Cross Keys.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Jarred Tyson and John Schwartz for their assistance to the association.

Newly elected officers for the year 1979 are President, Wallace Murdoch; vice president, Mrs. Wallace Murdoch; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Frank Darcey, Jr.

An excellent film, The American Sheepman—A Way of Life narrated by Jim Davis (now starring in the TV series Dallas), was shown and door prizes were awarded.

A count was taken and with those present, they represented ownership of approximately 800 head of sheep in the County.

Anyone wishing further information about joining this progressive organization may contact Wallace Murdoch or Becky Darcey.

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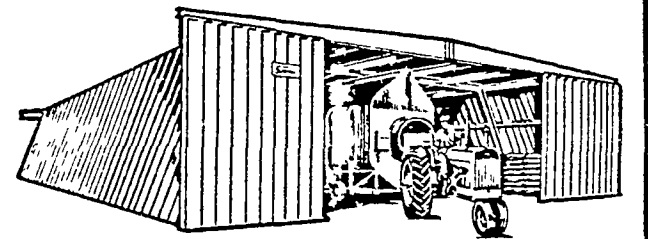
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