

## Noah Wenger named vice chairman of house agriculture committee

HARRISBURG — State Rep. Noah W. Wenger has been appointed by House Speaker H. Jack Seltzer to serve as vice chairman of the Agricultural Committee.

In announcing the assignment, Seltzer praised Wenger for his years of work with the agricultural community.

"He will be a definite asset to the Agricultural Committee since he has had farming experience himself and is aware of the needs and problems of the farmers in the Lancaster area," Seltzer said.

"Noah Wenger is the type of representative who believes in rolling up his sleeves and getting the job done, whether it's fighting for legislation on the House floor, representing Pennsylvania's best interests in committee meetings, or helping his constituents with state-related problems."

According to Wenger who has served on the committee for the past two years, he



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### Fertilizer plant to be built

FORT MADISON, Iowa - Chevron Chemical Company has awarded the D. M. Weatherly Company, Atlanta, Georgia, a contract totaling \$14.5 million for construction of nitric acid and nitrogen solutions facilities at its Fort Madison, Iowa, fertilizer plant.

Construction of the new facilities is scheduled to begin in June, 1979.

Completion is scheduled for mid-1980.

Chevron, a subsidiary of Standard Oil Company of California, is spending in excess of \$50 million to meet the growing demand for fertilizer in the Midwest. The current expansion will make Fort Madison the company's largest producer of fertilizers

expects to continue a distinctly bi-partisan approach to common problems affecting farming and rural affairs.

"I am very pleased to be appointed Vice Chairman of the Agricultural Committee. Since Lancaster County is the leading farming area in the Commonwealth and I am a farmer myself, I feel especially close to the concerns of those involved in this industry," Wenger said.

"I can't emphasize enough

how important this committee is to each one of us. After all, everyone is concerned that we have an adequate supply of wholesome and nutritious food on our tables each day."

He explained that the Agricultural Committee studies and proposes legislation dealing with farm problems and the conservation and preservation of Pennsylvania's farm and forest lands.

Wenger said that many of

the issues dealt with in the last two years will continue to confront the Agriculture Committee in the future. These include preservation of prime land; support for a new Farm Show complex; regulation of migrant labor; health inspection of farm animals, environmental restrictions on fertilizers and farm odors; and financing farm enterprises.

The 99th District legislator, beginning his second term as a state

representative said he anticipates several other issues will be on the committee's agenda in 1979-1980. These are the high cost of unemployment compensation and workmen's compensation as well as contracts with processors on perishable fruits and vegetables.

"From the pressure and support building in the farm and rural communities across the state, the Agriculture Committee would almost certainly

consider measures for improving rural highways as well as conflicts in the new motor vehicle regulations," he said.

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