

William Matson Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association

Agri-women

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licensing fee. By comparison, the federal government grants such on-farm distillate permits for the fee of \$25. Lamm sees the state's exorbitant licensing fee as the most formidable barrier holding up do-it-yourself farm fuels for machinery usage.

Several bills are in the Harrisburg legislative hopper that are designed to lower that fee. One such bill would set the fee at \$25 and limit the production to five thousand gallons.

Another energy alternative that is feasible, says Lamm, are "low head dams." Designed mostly for use on good-sized streams, the dams have a breast of only 15 to 25 feet in height. Allis-Chalmers corporation's turbine division in York is interested in working toward the development of small-water-supply hydro plants. Lamm says he sees this energy source as having great potential in the mountainous northern sections of the state.

Rural electric representatives Bill Matson told the Agri-Women audience that, although several alternate forms of energy are possible and receiving lots of public moral support, systems using solar and wind energy, and small hydro plants still need back-up generating facilities. He is personally not an overwhelming advocate of nuclear installations. However, Matson sees them as the only answer, at the moment, if our American highest-in-the-world standard of living is to continue.

"New systems will not deliver energy to your homes overnight," he emphasized. "It takes distribution systems to get that power to you."

Two new state officers were installed during the afternoon business session. Mary Brown, Shoemaker-ville, fills the position of vice-president and Christine Heeter, McClure, is the state group's new secretary.

Several new policies were adopted by the ag women. Efforts will be continued toward developing educational programs for public and private schools. Efforts to expand the use of puppetry in commodity and nutritional promotion were also discussed. Available films, speeches and speakers will be consolidated into a Speaker's Bureau. Agri-Women will have speakers available to talk to interested public service groups. The women will also participate in the Heartbeat program sponsored by the Agriculture Council of America.

Penn's Agri-Women will host the 1980 convention of American Agri-Women at Hershey; several members will be attending the upcoming San Diego confab from October 1 through November 3.

Individuals and groups interested in participating in the plans and programs of the November 9 - 13, 1980 meeting are asked to contact convention chairman Gail McPherson, New Park R1, or state Agri-Women president Mrs. Harold Gross, Manchester R2.

Elevation to appear on national TV

PLAIN CITY, Ohio - Film and sound footage which includes the great Holstein bull, Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation, will be aired on CBS television Tuesday, October 30.

The special program called "The Baby Makers" will be broadcast at 8 p.m. The show will relate

primarily to human aspects of reproductive engineering.

However, the CBS producers recognized how far advanced cattle breeding is due to application of scientific principles associated with such practices as artificial insemination.

Elevation was chosen because of his great in-

fluence on the Holstein breed.

Select Sires says the interview centers around the fact that in his lifetime Elevation produced enough semen to breed more than 500,000 cows, and Elevation offspring can be found in all 50 states and in an estimated 100 foreign countries.

Elevation died a little over a month after CBS made its film. So, this show will have some of the last footage of the great sire who now is buried at Select Sires headquarters entrance.

The Elevation footage is about one minute long.

During filming, some crew members were heard to remark they would not want to be a bull at Select Sires. The reason: no cows around.

That off-the-cut remark may be just what "The Baby Makers" is all about.

The show will be listed in local television schedules.

USDA calls for public opinion

HARRISBURG — The public participation phase of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil and Water Appraisal and Planning Program is presently underway. According to Graham Munkittrick, State Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), public comment will greatly affect the future of USDA soil and water conservation programs.

As provided for by the 1977 Soil and Water Resource Conservation Act (RCA), the USDA has completed an appraisal of the Nation's soil and water resources. This appraisal, entitled "Appraisal 1980 Review Draft Part 1", was developed through the cooperation of the public and numerous local, State and Federal agencies. It is now available for public comment at local SCS offices. It is also available for comment at Agricultural Stabilization

and Conservation Service offices that are not located in the same building as an SCS office.

Intended primarily for persons who have a great deal of interest in either resources or future USDA programs, the 500 page document is only the first of three major documents to be released by the USDA for the RCA project. In addition, a summary will be released for persons wishing to read a condensed version of the documents.

The second document that USDA will be releasing for the project is an appraisal of current trends in soil and water resource use. The third document will offer alternative programs to deal with soil and water conservation problems. All three major documents and the summary will be

available for public comment in early 1980.



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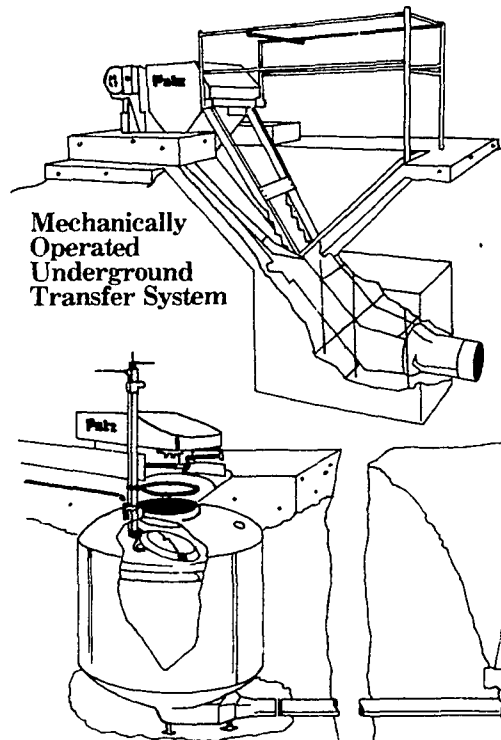
FLEMINGTON, N.J.— The Sifting Stitches 4-H Club's summer activities included a picnic at the Delaware Township school, and programs on working record books. The arts n crafts project was making eyeglass lens pins.

Barbara VandenBerghe of Sergeantsville and Margie VanDuyne of Stockton were delegates to the 4-H State Fashion Revue in September. Miss VandenBerghe was elected 4-H Queen for Hunterdon County.

Linda Bond, Ringoes; Nancy Heater, Stockton; Elaine Kuhl, Ringoes; Barbara VandenBerghe, Sergeantsville; Margie VanDuyne, Stockton; and Heather Willever of Stockton all received excellents on their clothing. Barbara VandenBerghe won the county award for clothing and the unit first class award. Margie VanDuyne won a second place unit award for clothing.

In arts and crafts, Margie VanDuyne won Best-Of-Show for her original watercolor trapunto pillow. Karen Bond received an Honorable Mention for her mouse house. Jeff VanDuyne also received an Honorable Mention for his original porcelain clown.

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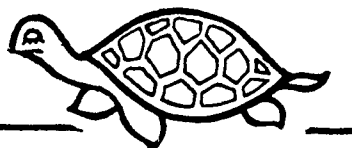
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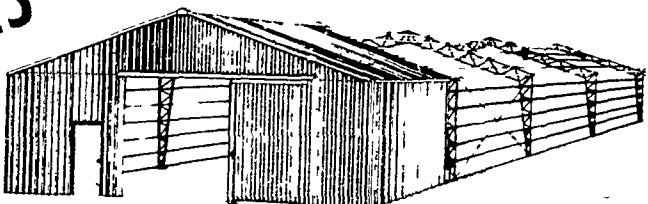
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