

## County farmers attend co-op meeting

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Local farmers were among the 5,000 persons that attended the 15th annual meeting of Agway, Inc. in the Onondaga County War Memorial in Syracuse, New York.

Representing the Garden Spot Agway stores in the two day sessions were Mr. and Mrs. William Arron, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Delong, Mr. and Mrs. John Groff, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Landis, Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Pownall, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rohrer, Mr. and Mrs. Amos H. Rutt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shenk, Mr. and Mrs. John Myers, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Souders, Mr. and Mrs. John Sangrey, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Livingood and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Zook.

Agway, Inc., a farm supply and food marketing cooperative, owned by 123,000 member stockholders, serves agriculture in 12 northeastern states.

Reports of the past year's operation were given by Chairman of the Board, George Steele of Pocopson, and General Manager, Ronald N. Goddard.

An open forum session, where members had the opportunity to make comments and suggestions and ask questions from the floor, followed the business meeting.

Member stockholders elected six directors to Agway's 18 member board.

Nominees for the three year posts were selected at district nominating meetings earlier in the year.

Three one hour seminars were featured on Thursday, October 25. The seminars, "Energy Alternatives, Facts and Myths, Nutrient Conservation and Energy for Profit" and "Managing Farm Assets, A Key Success," were held in Hotel

Syracuse and the Everson Museum.

The annual farm show, one of the largest such indoor shows in the northeast, were held both days on the lower level of the War Memorial. Current developments in Agway products and services, farm produce and prize winning animals were highlighted in the exhibits.

## Velvetleaf hangs tough

WASHINGTON, D.C. - After suffering through two plowings per year for 5 years, an experimental velvetleaf plot still contained 8 percent of the original seed, about 85 ungerminated seeds per square foot.

Two research agronomists used an experimental field that had been planted to velvetleaf for several years to evaluate the effects of seven tillage and cropping systems on the velvetleaf population.

When they started the project in 1974, soil samples showed about 53 million velvetleaf seeds per acre or more than 1,200 per square foot. During the 5-year project, plants not controlled by cultural practices were removed by hand so that no new velvetleaf seeds were produced on the plot.

The seven cultural

systems and the percentage of ungerminated velvetleaf seeds still left in the soil were: continuous alfalfa, 39, chemical fallow without cultivation, 27; corn soybean rotation with pre-emergence herbicides and fall plowing, 18, continuous fallow with fall plowing, 13; continuous oats with post-emergence herbicides and fall plowing, 12; continuous corn with pre-emergence herbicides and fall plowing, 8; continuous fallow with two plowings, 7.

The scientists, William E. Lueschen and Robert N. Andersen, say their study demonstrates the extreme difficulty of eradicating a velvetleaf infestation.

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture says net farm income should reach about \$30 billion this year, up from \$27.9 billion last year.



Lancaster County's Anthony Eberly, R.D. 2 Denver, smiles as he accepts the Outstanding FFA Youth Award from Stan Gates. Tony is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Eberly.

## Denver youth

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FFA award was Kevin Brown of Klingerstown. He raises hogs and dairy cattle, and is treasurer of his FFA chapter.

Darlene McConaughy, of Smucksburg, received the outstanding youth award for 4-H. She has been attending shows and sales since she learned to walk.

Darlene stated that she enjoys working with young 4-H members. She loves to see their smiling faces after she helps them on their way to winning blue ribbons.

She raises Southdown and Suffolk sheep and was the State 4-H sheep winner. She will be competing in Chicago at the end of this month.

Second to Darlene was

Rochelle Karschner of Danville. She was the State 4-H swine winner, and raises her animals on her parents' farm near Benton.

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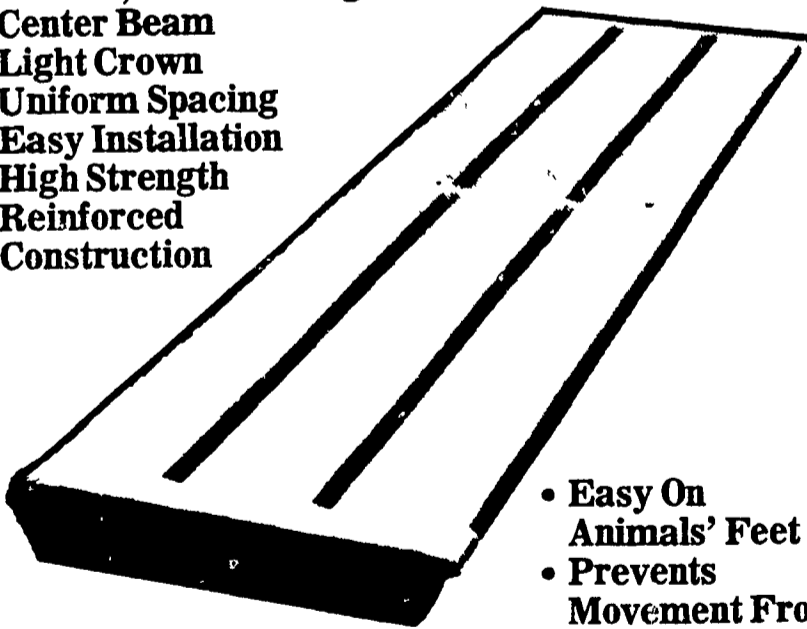
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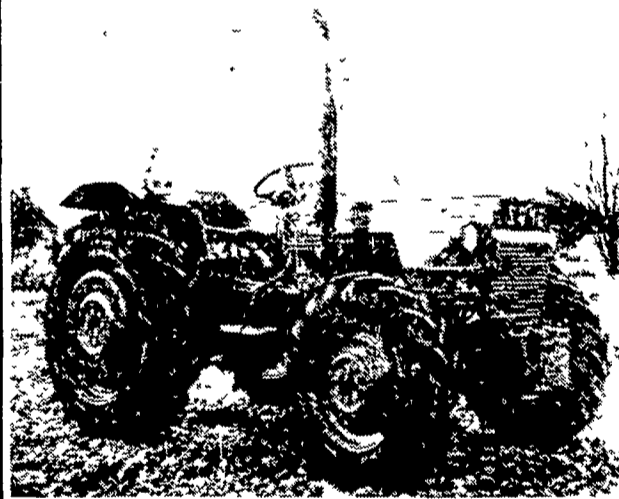
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