### Maryland takes two National Grange awards



Jenny Gobusky, Wallalla, S.C. (left) is the director of the Grange's national women's activities. Katharine Naylor, Md. women's director participates as Mrs. Mary Riley, Jarrettsville Grange, Monkton, Md. receives a check for placing first in the nation. Riley had an outstanding women's recognition program. M. Rodman Myers, Maryland State Grange Master looks on.

## Hazardous waste bill introduced in U.S. congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. -"The release of hazardous waste substances into the environment across the country is becoming a problem of such magnitude that the time has come to take necessary corrective action. In my district alone, three hazardous waste sites have already been identified and studied," Congressman Bob Walker said Monday as he announced his cosponsorship of the Hazardous Waste Response Act of 1979.

The bill, with 35 cosponsors, would establish a compreshensive system of notification, emergency government response, enforcement and liability at inactive and abandoned waste disposal sites.

As part of a year long investigation into hazardous waste management, a Subcommittee of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee conducted a survey of active, mactive and abandoned hazardous waste disposal sites of the 53 largest chemical companies in the United States.

Three Chester County sites, two in Coatesville and one in Honey Brook, were included in that study which resulted in this legislation.

"This proposed remedy solicits the aid of the owneroperator of a waste disposal site, and state and federal governments to deal with the problem of hazardous wastes in protecting our environment," the Pennsylvania lawmaker commented.

"It holds the owneroperator liable for any illegal releases from inactive and abandoned sites, while authorizing the government to act only when those responsible fail to take the necessary actions," he said.

Specifically the bill would: require owners or operators of hazardous waste sites or others who might contribute to hazardous waste releases to notify the government if a release takes place.

It empowers government to respond promptly to releases at mactive and abandoned sites.

It prohibits releases from inactive and abandoned sites. Persons responsible for a release would be required to take remedial actions. Government action is authorized when responsible parties fail to take necessary response actions.

The bill would establish liability without fault to enable persons and governmental agencies to recover from responsible parties.

And it enlists the aid of the states by authorizing the federal government to enter into cooperative agreements or contracts with states to respond to releases at sites.

#### Single Tax

British economist Henry George promulgated his 'single tax'' theory in 1887 It asserts that public revenues should be obtained by taxing land only - irrespective of the improvements upon it According to George, this should be the only tax levied

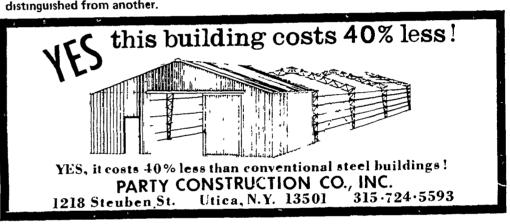
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The National Junior Grange Director, Patty Carncross of Lansing, Michigan presented the National Junior Grange award to the Thurmont Junior Grange. Accepting the award is Alan and Ethel Brauer. The Brauer's were also named the Junior Grange Leaders of the nation.



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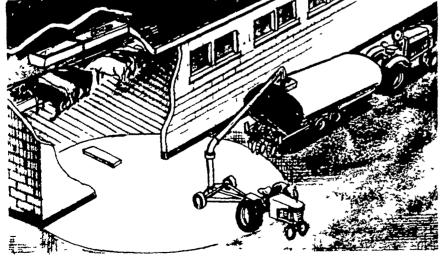
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