

## Pesticide recertification due for 30,000 state farmers

UNIVERSITY PARK — If you are certified to handle restricted-use pesticides, you may have to be recertified in 1980.

The Pennsylvania Pesticide Act of 1974 requires all private, commercial, and public applicators licenses to be renewed every three years to be valid.

Most of the 30,000 applicators in the state were certified in 1977 when the Pesticide Act became effective—all those certified that year must renew their license this year.

"There are 28,000 private applicators, mostly farmers; over 2000 commercial applicators; and more than 300 public applicators in the state," according to Edwin Vallis, Director of Plant

Industries, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. His office is responsible for issuing all licenses within the state.

Wallis says, he is attempting to make the process effective yet as painless as possible, although he emphasizes that applicators will not be able to buy or use restricted-use pesticides without valid certification.

"A certified applicator can either attend a training program or take another examination," says Winand K. Hock, extension pesticides specialist at Penn State.

"Preferably, an applicator will elect to attend a training program," notes Hock, "because training provides new insights and better

management of pesticides as well as highlights new development in the agrochemical industry."

The Bureau of Plant Industry is preparing a card to mail to all private applicators, explaining the recertification process. All applicators should receive their cards by the end of March.

More information is available from county agents, the Bureau of Plant Industry in Harrisburg, or one of the seven regional offices in Tunkhannock, Meadville, Williamsport, Gibsonia, Altoona, Summerdale, or Lansdale.

The expiration date is printed on the license that all applicators must possess to purchase and use restricted-use pesticides.

## Lancaster Co. hosts cattlemen



Close to 175 cattlemen visited Lancaster County on Thursday from three neighboring states. A tour was sponsored by the Maryland Cattlemen's Association and the Lancaster County Extension Service's Executive Committee of four different beef operations. Three feedlot operations were seen, along with a cow-calf farm, producing purebred Simmentals.

## American Simmental Assoc. elects West

RENO, Nev. — Albert West, II, general partner of Rio Vista Farms of San Antonio, Texas, has been elected to the presidency of the American Simmental Association.

West, who served during the past year as the organization's vice-president, was elected during the ASA's annual convention held in February at Reno, Nevada, succeeding M.D. Shepherd of Hyannis, Nebraska.

West took office immediately and will serve as president and chairman of the Board of Trustees through the 1981 Convention.

West, in taking the gavel raised Shepherd for his diligent work as president. "We all owe Shep a vote of thanks for the hard work and time he expended on our behalf," he said. "His

dedication and high ideals should stand as a standard for all of us."

In his farewell remarks, Shepherd charged ASA members to maintain the "same high levels of performance and integrity that have marked the association since its beginning."

"We must not tolerate manipulation of ASA's rules and by-laws," he said. "All members will benefit if we continue to place the good of the entire breed above the welfare of individuals."

West, is a past president of the Texas State Simmental Association, and has been active in the Simmental breed since its introduction into the United States. He has previously served as ASA Hearing Committee Chairman, as Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee, and as a

member of both the Rules and Finance Committee.

Elected to the post of vice-president was Bob Dickinson of Gorham, Kansas, while John B. Collier, IV, of Stephenville, Texas, has been named to the treasurer's position. Ron Baker, of Hermiston, Oregon, and Dr. Harry Furgeson of Anaconda, Montana, were elected to the five member executive committee which also includes the president, vice-president, and treasurer. Dr. Earl B. Peterson serves as ASA's executive secretary, a non-elective position.

Other members of ASA's sixteen member Board of Trustees are Emmet Butcher, Lewistown, Montana; Mary Garst, Coon Rapids, Iowa; Miles Davies, Deer Trail, Colorado; Fritz Kieckhefer, Paris, Kentucky; Jacque Glenn, Ramsey, Indiana; Roy Meek, Draper, Virginia;

Colville C. Jackson, Gloster, Mississippi; Ward Merrick, Ardmore, Oklahoma; Bob Stevens, Albany, Missouri; Jim Nickeson, Veblen, South Dakota; and Dick Tetherow, Valentine, Nebraska.

Collier, Baker, Furgeson, and Butcher were all recently re-elected as Trustees, while Tetherow is the lone newly-elected member, succeeding Shepherd, while Tetherow is the lone newly-elected member, succeeding Shepherd, whose second three year term expired simultaneously with his year as president.

Record attendance, exceeding 800 persons, marked the annual meeting and convention, which was held in the MGM Grand Hotel in Reno. The 1981 Annual Convention is scheduled for Denver, Colorado, January 19-21 in conjunction with the 1981 National Western Stock Show.

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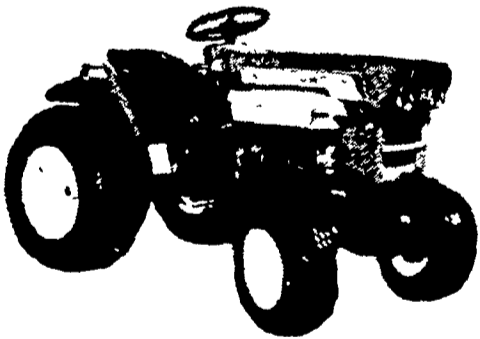
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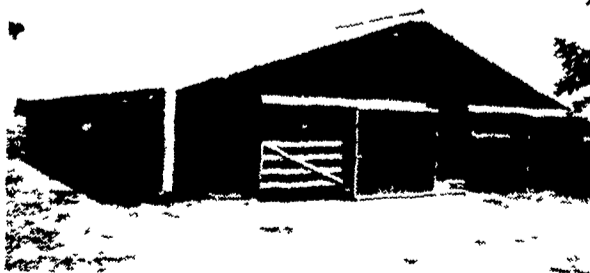
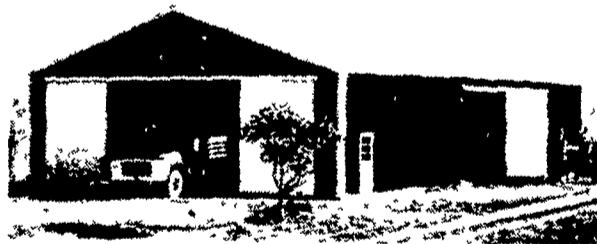
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