

Ellenberger to retire from Lehigh post

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ALLENTOWN — S Glenn Ellenberger, Lehigh County Agricultural Agent for the past 29 years, will retire July 15 and conclude a 34-year association with the Cooperative Extension Service.

He joined Extension in 1946 as an assistant agent in Somerset County. Five years later he came to Lehigh County to succeed the late Al Hacker who had held the post of county agent since 1917.

In 1975 Ellenberger was named to a newly created rank of Senior Extension Agent.

"I've been thinking about this for some time," he said. "I'm in good health and this seemed like a good time to stop. I'll find something else to do but I won't be putting in 12 hour days any more."

"I would like to work part-time, possibly in public relations or writing," he said.

When Ellenberger came to Lehigh County in 1951 there were about 1300 farms. Today there are less than 800 with about 100,000 acres under cultivation, including some of the better land in the state.

"When I first came to the county I dealt primarily with farmers but over the years there was a growing



S. Glenn Ellenberger

pressure from urban people. They wanted answers, too."

Today the farm population of the county is about 4000 compared with 250,000 non-farm.

An adjunct to his extension work, Ellenberger writes popular weekly columns in the Allentown Morning Call and Sunday Call-Chronicle newspapers, giving rural, suburban, and urban readers advice on caring for home gardens, flowers, trees, and lawns.

He also conducts garden clinics in the city and suburbs.

"I made a strong effort to cement urban and rural residents," Ellenberger said.

He developed farm-city programs in the county,

arranging annual farm-city feasts, open-gate visitations to farms, service club programs on agriculture, and 4-H youth programs in which club members would spend time in the city or on the farm.

He was the organizer of the Farmerama, a popular attraction at the Allentown Fair for over 15 years.

In 1975 Ellenberger received the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives' Master Educator Award for "outstanding teaching and leadership in the areas of

general agriculture and cooperative business programs."

In 1978 the Allentown Chamber of Commerce gave him their distinguished service award for his work in improving relations between city and farm residents.

He was born and reared in Warriors Mark, Huntingdon County, where he worked on his father's farm. In 1940 he received a B.S. in Agronomy from Penn State and served five years in the Air Corps.

He and his wife, the former Leha Steel, are the parents of three sons.

Conrad Weiser Young Farmers to meet

ROBESONIA — Conrad Weiser Adult Young Farmers meeting will be held Monday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Conrad Weiser high school here.

tation on corn management. He will also update anyone's pesticide certification permit for those who haven't already done so.

Corn management for higher yield potentials in 1980 will be the topic. Steve Fisher from FMC Corporation will be present with a slide and movie presen-

There will also be a diesel injector tester demonstration in the ag shop. For additional information contact Donald R. McNutt, Conrad Weiser High School 215/693-3121.

NEDCO, Cleona dairymen discuss CNI

STOUCHSBURG — A special milk meeting, open to all dairy farmers, will be held at 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 26, at Risser's Restaurant (formerly Blue Star Diner), Route 422, Stouchsburg.

The meeting, under the sponsorship of Northeast

Dairy Cooperative Federation, in cooperation with Cleona Milk Producers Cooperative, will feature a discussion of the role of cooperatives in maintaining a stable dairy industry and federal market order system. Recent threats to future industry stability by the Community Nutrition

Institute will also be on the agenda of topics for discussion.

Speakers will include James Beaver, Bellefonte, Director of NEDCO; and Ralph D. Smith, Syracuse, N.J., NEDCO's Director of Education.

Chairman of the meeting will be William Moore,

Myerstown, Secretary of Cleona Milk Producers Cooperative.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for all milk producers to become better informed about our changing dairy industry.

Refreshments will be served.

Goodling to address Cumberland farmers

BOILING SPRINGS — The Cumberland County Farmers' Association has scheduled its fifth annual Spring meeting for Monday, March 24 at 7 p.m.

The affair will be a family-style ham dinner served at the South Middleton Fire Hall in Boiling Springs.

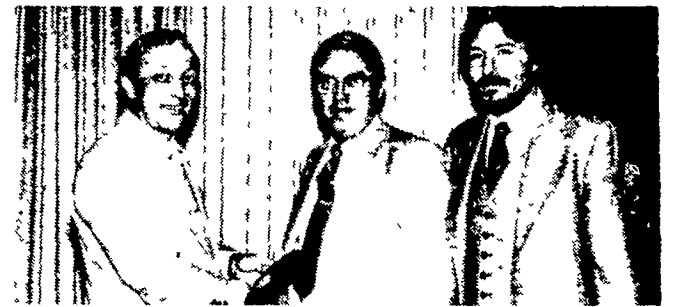
Congressman William Goodling is scheduled to deliver the keynote address at the meeting.

Comme Harness, Chief of Rural Services and Promotion for the Depart-

ment of Agriculture, will provide the entertainment. Harness is a former Miss Pennsylvania.

Reservations for the meeting can be made with any Cumberland County Farmers' Association member. Dinner tickets are \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children 12 years and under.

In other Cumberland Association activities, Vaughn Hunter, Carlisle, was recognized recently for his outstanding sales achievement.



PFA Administrative Secretary Richard Newpher, left, presents outstanding achievement award to PFA Insurance Agent Vaughn Hunter as insurance service regional manager, Roger Bohn, Dauphin County, looks on.

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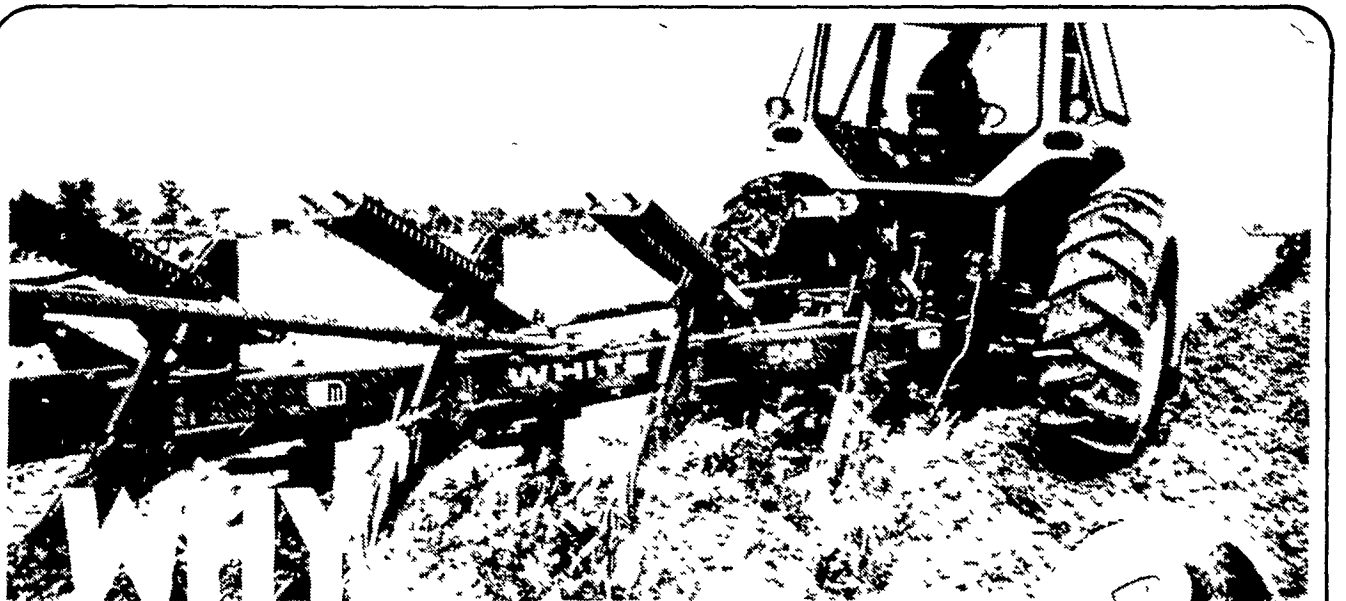
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