

How to complain about pothole problems

HARRISBURG — Having problems with potholes? The State Transportation Department would like to hear from you.

Beginning Tuesday, April 1, and continuing for one month, motorists in nine South Central Pennsylvania Counties can call Harrisburg toll-free to report troublesome potholes on state roads.

A special "Pothole Hotline" at 1-800-932-0634

will operate seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Calls can be made from anywhere in Adams, Franklin, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry and Juniata Counties, officials say.

Department of Transportation maintenance personnel in Harrisburg will man the special number.

Alfred F. Lyng, District Engineer, explained that operation of the hotline will

coincide with the Department's Spring pothole offensive. "Now that the annual spring thaw has arrived, all our road maintenance personnel stand ready to devote full attention to the pothole problem. 35 specialized "pothole crews" and 400 pieces of equipment will be mobilized districtwide for a concerted one month road repair effort, Lyng said.

Other crews and equipment will be added if needed. Lyng noted that with 6425 miles of state road in nine south central Pennsylvania

counties, the hotline will be helpful in alerting his field personnel of localized trouble spots requiring attention.

All calls will be logged and reported directly to road crews responsible for state road maintenance in each county.

Lyng said that top priority in scheduling repairs will be given to the primary routes, those 20% of the roads that carry 80% of the traffic.

Potholes reported along these routes should receive attention in two days or less, Lyng said.

On secondary and low volume roads, response time will range from three days to one week.

Hotline callers can help speed repairs by furnishing the state an accurate location and description of the pothole.

Traffic route numbers, local road names (including the Legislative Route Number if known), should be given along with an approximate distance from a

nearly intersection, bridge or other recognizable landmark.

Such information will assist crews in locating repair sites and scheduling work.

As a second option, the Department reminds motorists that pothole and maintenance complaints will continue to be taken at local county maintenance offices during normal working hours.



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Farmers advised to apply for ASCS loans now

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Farmers who intend to apply for ASCS on-the-farm storage facility loans should do so as soon as possible.

U.S. Congressman Tom Harkin, a member of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee, said the Carter Administration intends to boost interest rates for the storage facility loans from the current 10.5 per cent to nearly 14 per cent in the near future.

Harkin said the rate that will apply to an individual loan will be the rate in effect when the application is filed.

"By submitting an application now, before the interest rate hike, a farmer can secure the lower interest rate now in effect," Harkin said.

Applications should be filed at the local county ASCS office.

Harkin is the author of legislation which sought to lower ASCS storage facility loan rates to no more than eight per cent. That legislation was approved by both the full U.S. House and U.S. Senate, earlier this month but was scuttled by a veto threat from President Carter.

Farm Business News

Named firm's top U.S. salesman

EAST GREENVILLE — Glenn F. Yoder, of East Greenville, has been honored as most outstanding salesman in the nation by the Agricultural Group of Allied Chemical Corporation.

Yoder was presented with the company's top honor, the President's Award, and was cited for achievement in two other award categories during Allied's annual dealer meeting held recently in San Diego.

According to Dick Ashley, president, Chemicals Company, the award was given "in recognition of Yoder's singular record of superior performance in the

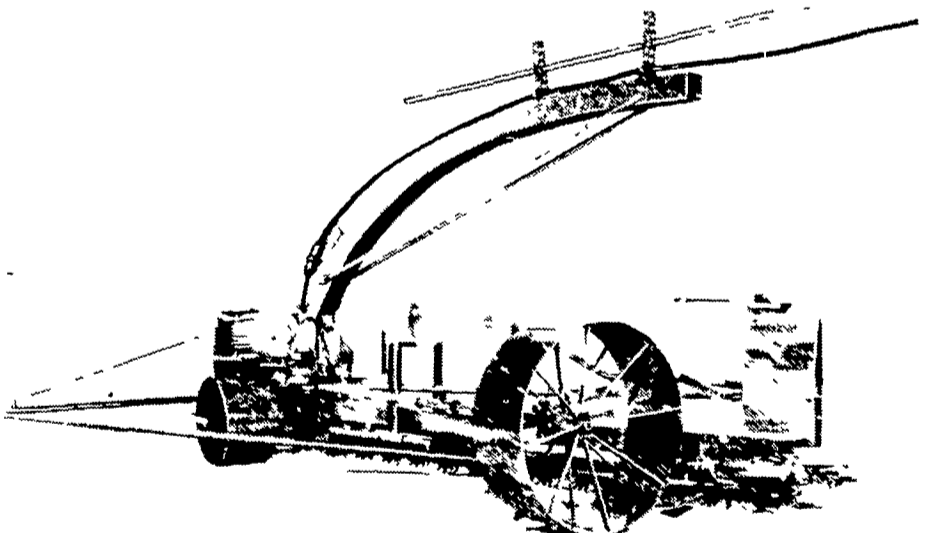
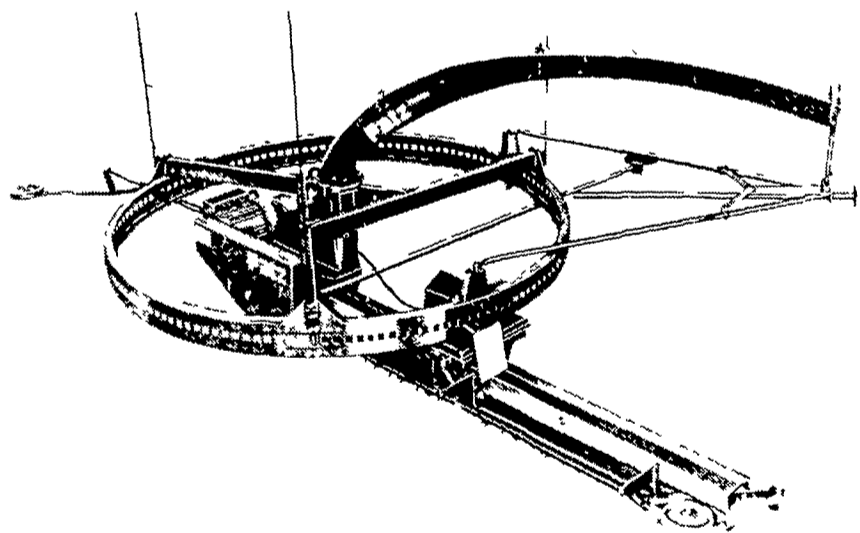
sale of Allied fertilizer products."

Yoder also received the Atlantic Area Sales Award based on the amount of products sold, new business development and maintaining customer relations.

He was also cited in the Individual Product Awards category for sales of Folan foliar fertilizer in the Eastern Zone.

Yoder has been with the major supplier of fertilizer products since 1965. He resides at 502 Washington Street with his wife, Ruth, and children, Pam, 21, Kathy, 17, and Paul, 18.

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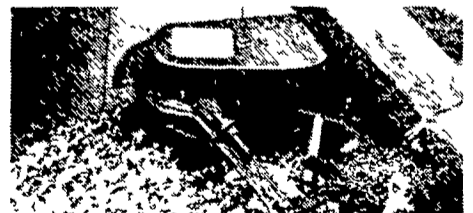
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