

# Glenn Ellenberger honored by ag community

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ALLENTOWN — More than 600 friends, colleagues, and well-wishers from across the Lehigh Valley and across the state gathered Sunday to pay tribute to S. Glenn Ellenberger who will retire July 15 after serving 29 years as Lehigh County agricultural agent.

Ellenberger has long established himself as a partner in the agricultural community, but his efforts in bridging the gap between rural and urban people has gained him enormous popularity in many sectors of the community.

The feeling of warmth and friendship was mutual.

"I wish I could tell you by getting into a B-17 and writing I love you in the sky," Ellenberger said. (He was a captain in the Army Air Corps during World War II.)

Ellenberger is only the second agent to serve in the county succeeding the late Al Hacker who held the post from 1916 to 1951. Prior to taking the Lehigh position, Ellenberger was an assistant agent in Somerset County for five years.

Lee Bull, former Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, praised

Ellenberger for his "outstanding work" especially in the farm-city week and open-gate programs which consistently bring large crowds of city dwellers to county farms.

Bull also noted that Ellenberger's cooperation with the news media has promoted the agricultural viewpoint far beyond the farming community. Ellenberger has appeared on many television and radio programs and writes weekly columns in Allentown Morning Call and Sunday Call-Chronicle newspapers.

Thomas King, associate director of the cooperative extension service, describes Ellenberger as "unique" and "one of the good strong agents in the state."

"He never backed down from a problem or issue. We have a deep appreciation for his efforts and accomplishments."

"Few academicians could draw this large number of people to a retirement salute," King added.

Also making remarks were David K. Bausch, Lehigh County Executive; Marion Deppen of the national extension fraternity; Paul Reber, Montgomery County agent and regional director of the



Paying tribute to the Retiring Company Agent S. Glenn Ellenberger, second from left, David Bausch,

Rev. F. Lewis Walley, Lee Bull, and Carl Snyder.

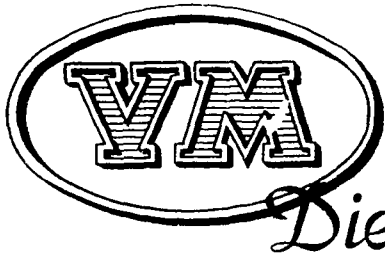
Pennsylvania Association of Agricultural Agents; and representatives of the Lehigh County Farmers Association, Potato Growers, Fruit Growers, and the Allentown-Lehigh County Chamber of Com-

merce. Ellenberger was also given a citation from the Pennsylvania Senate and one from the House of Representatives personally delivered by Rep. Joseph Zeller.

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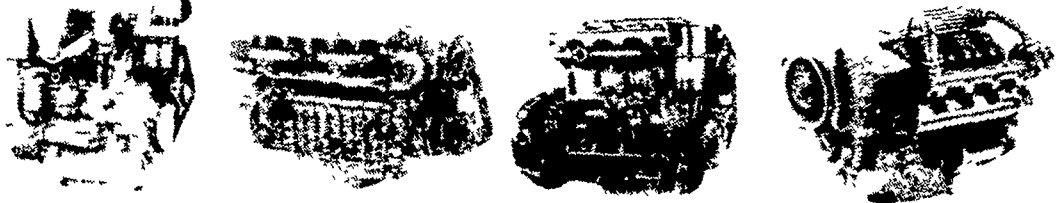


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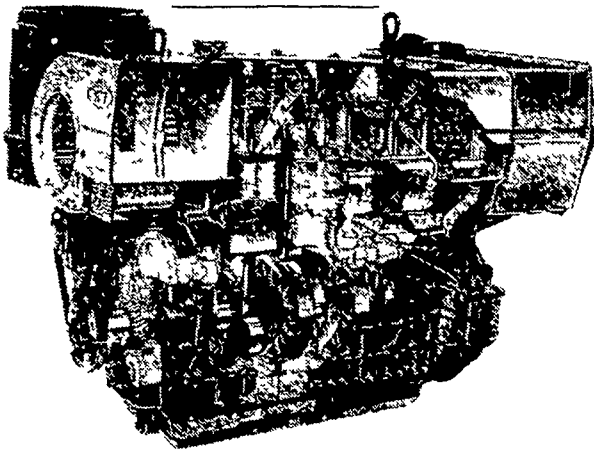
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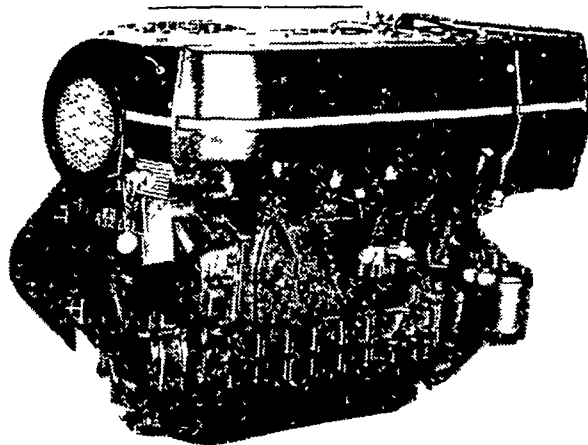


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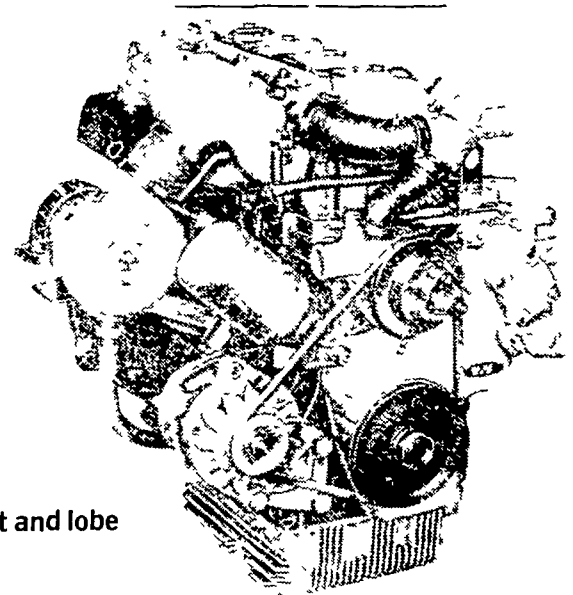
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