

County agents to see hay, forage seminar

ROCK SPRINGS - IH's Agricultural Equipment Group has announced it will sponsor a two and one-half day hay and forage seminar in cooperation with the National Association of County Agricultural Agents on August 19 to 21, 1980, during Ag Progress Days at Penn State University.

IH is the first agricultural equipment manufacturer to sponsor a study tour seminar for county agents in cooperation with NACAA. The seminar is designed to help county agents become more knowledgeable in the production, handling and



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management of forage crops.

IH said it is sponsoring the seminar because the company shares a commitment with county agents to help the farmer improve efficiency and productivity, according to Flanders.

"The county agent is an important link in production agriculture," he said, "and we look upon him as a partner. Our business is highly technical and ever changing and we welcome this opportunity to help further the knowledge of those who will attend the seminar. We, in turn, expect to learn from the participants. In that way, both county agents and IH will be better able to assist the farmer in the area of hay and forage."

Williams said the seminar program will include visits

to farms with outstanding forage programs, a visit to an IH XL dealership, attendance at Ag Progress Days for the observation of field demonstrations, forage research plots, forage handling equipment, and the hay and silage show.

It will also include a visit to the Penn State forage and soil testing laboratory, computer dairy feeding program and milk testing laboratory. Discussions will focus on hay and forages in the 80's, hay as a cash crop, hay packaging and preservatives, farm equipment now and future.

"Seminar leaders will include IH, agri-business, and Penn State authorities," Williams said

For the seminar, NACAA has selected 15 participants from a 12-state area in the Northeast, including Virginia, NACAA's Firth

said. Selection was based on winning entries submitted by eligible members of NACAA describing their responsibilities involving forage production in their county or area, their forage marketing program and plans to use information from the seminar in their work. The number of winning entries was limited to 15 agents from the northeast, or 2 percent of the total NACAA membership for that region, Firth added.

The participants in the seminar are. Edward L. Swecker, Co. Extension Agent, Leonardtown, Md.; Lester Bough, College Park, Md.; Bruce Barbour, Co. Extension Agent, Newton, New Jersey; Harold L. Lockhoff, Co. Extension Agent, Huntingdon, Pa.; James R. Grove, County Agent, Madison, Va., and Chapman L. Huffman, Area

Farm Management, Fencastle, Va.

Also, Glen K. Wildes, Extension Agent, Alfred, Me.; Paul E. Rogers, Area Farm Management, Harrisonburg, Va.; Harold N. Repair, Co. Extension Agent, Somerville, NJ; Bruce P. Tellapough, County Agent, Warsaw, NY

Also, Kenneth R. Maxwell, Co. Extension Agent, Mercer, Pa.; Dr. H. John Gerken, Jr., Blacksburg, Va.; Bruce A. Marriott, County Agent, Laconia, NH; William L. Coffindaffer, Co. Extension Agent, Clarksburg, WV; and Tom McConnell, Co. Extension Agent, Kingwood, WV

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stop cancer cells from growing and helps halt leukemia. He also talked on preventing radiation damage with herbs.

At the meeting there also were displays of solar power and a talk by former Pennsylvania State Climatologist James Rahn, Camp Hill, on planning and working a farm around and with the weather.

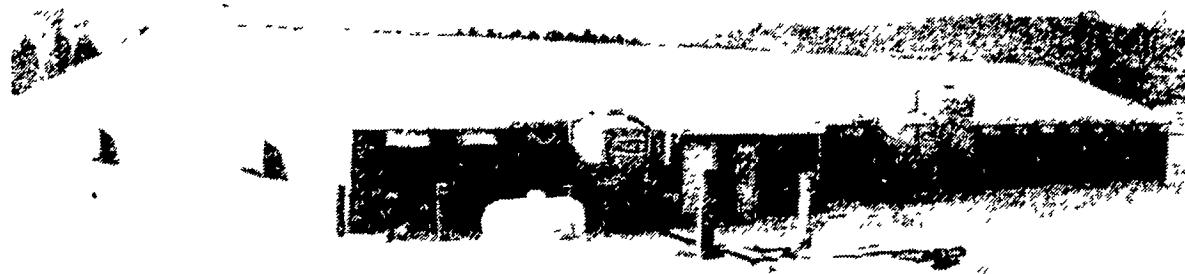
Glenn Eshelman, a Lancaster County photographer, concluded the three day program with a slide presentation "America the Beautiful."

Among other activities were all-natural food lunches and dinners, an aerobic bouncing program in the Messiah gym, and several commercial exhibits which offered natural foods and homesteading tools.—CH

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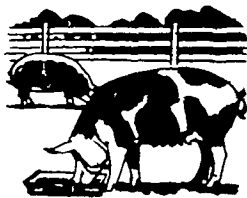
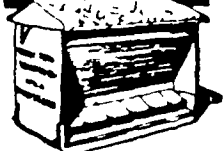
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