McKean extension director to retire

SMETHPORT — C.E. Craver, McKean County Extension on Penn State's Extension Service staff, will retire December 31 with over 31 years of service.

A native of Cherry Tree, Cambria County, he was appointed to the Extension Service staff in 1949 as assistant Lancaster County agent. Several years later he transferred to Blair County agent and was promoted to McKean agent in 1956.

In 1978 he was named senior Extension agent, the highest rank attained in county extension work.

Craver earned two degrees from Penn State; a bachelor of science in 1949 and master of agriculture in 1964. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force

The retiring extension agent conducted a five-year study to compare the use of 40 different lime and fertilizer application rates on McKean County soils.

The study, conducted in cooperation with Penn State agronomy specialists and the Soil Testing Laboratory, measured the effects of crop production at various fertility levels

Craver initiated a McKean County mastitis survey to determine the prevalence of the disease in cow herds. This was followed by an intensive educational program on mastitis control.

The extension agent assisted numerous farm families with aspects of farm and home financial management. He also assisted dairymen with manure management problems and barn remodeling plans.

He has been on the staff of the All-American Dairy



Clarence E. Carver

Show and Pennsylvania Farm Show He served the Extension Service on various district, regional, and statewide committees in the areas of agricultural and natural resources

Craver has effectively used radio programs, newspaper articles, and newsletters to report agricultural information to

residents of northcentral Pennsylvania His public relations efforts have earned him numerous awards in the Pennsylvania Association of County Agricultual Agents Information Awards Contest.

In 1972 he was winner of a Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents for his service to McKean County's agriculture.

Craver is a member of the Pennsylvania and National Association of County Agricultural Agents, Masons, and Epsilon Sigma Phi, Extension honorary society.

He is married to the former Polly Rockey, of Petersburg. They are the parents of a son and daughter.

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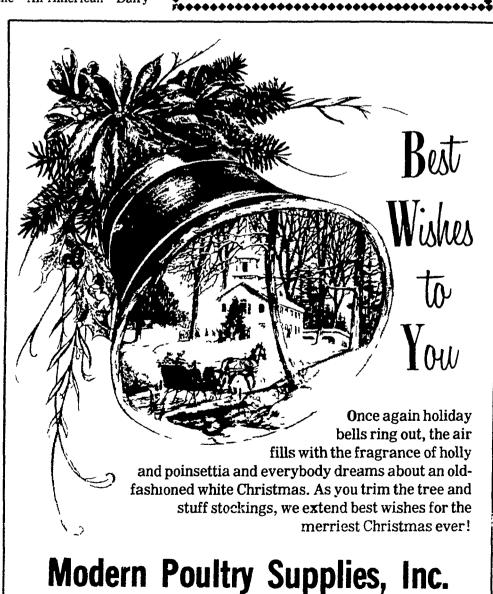
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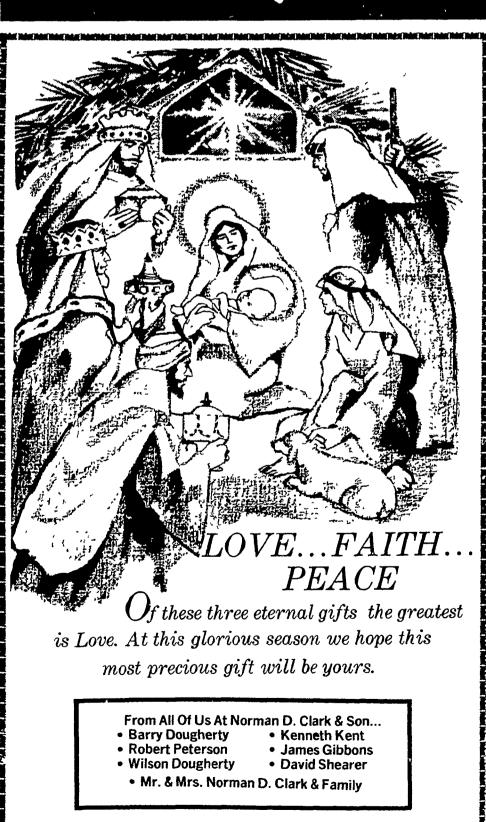
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