

## NFU president

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family corporations with fewer than 10 members.

Neither law has been declared unconstitutional, and the courts have upheld them, he said. That is a state right, not federal, he maintained.

Development is a different sort of problem. Stone pointed out that Oklahoma City has the greatest land area of any city in the United States. Many farms are within city limits.

Zoning, he said, is the only solution to the problem of urban encroachment.

But, he warned, zoning regulations must be kept local, no higher than a state level at worst.

Keep the federal government out of zoning or it'll be the biggest bureaucracy you ever saw, he warned.

Stone also said NFU is supporting relief from inheritance taxes for farmers who transfer land which is kept in agriculture.

Stone also spoke about the coming Reagan Administration and the lot of agriculture under Carter.

It was bad, he said about the four years under Jimmy Carter. Generally speaking, policy was poorly administered. I was disappointed by his actions.

He is more positive about Reagan's appointment of John R. Block as the new Agriculture Secretary.

I met him briefly and he is a nice guy, Stone said, adding that so far his only other contact with Block has been by phone.

He indicated he will withhold his judgment of the Reagan administration until he sees some action.

One positive sign, he said, would be if Reagan im-

mediately ended the grain embargo. But, Stone added, if Reagan waits several weeks before taking any action, he will then show he is waffling on his campaign promises.

Stone said he thinks it would be well if a restriction were put on beef imports.

There is no beef coming in now, he pointed out, so nobody would be offended.

U.S. farmers could rebuild beef herds knowing the market would be secure, not given to foreign producers.

Both the U.S. consumer and the beef industry would benefit by a strong domestic market, he said.

It bothers me that there is no planning being done for the future's food production, he said.

Stone, who grew up on a family farm in McClain County and attended Oklahoma Baptist University, always has been close to farm research.

While farming in Oklahoma, he served as a director for the Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation, a farmer-sponsored research group.

You'll get more for your research dollar if the program is farmer handled, Stone said.

We are ahead of the world now, but all varieties change, droughts come, and other changes arise so we can't afford to stop our crop research programs now.

Livestock research is the same way, he continued. That is why we are so productive as a farming nation.

How does Stone see NFU in the coming years?

NFU basically is in tune with farmers' attitudes and our positions on the issues.

## Dauphin to run conservation meeting

HARRISBURG — The Dauphin Conservation District, in conjunction with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, will be conducting a Conservation Planning Meeting on Wednesday, January 28 at 1 p.m.

The Lower Dauphin High School Vo-Ag Department will be the location for this meeting.

All farmers interested in information on developing a conservation plan or constructing conservation practices are welcome to attend.

Conservation District and SCS staff will be providing farmers with free technical assistance. This assistance can be outlined in a Conservation Plan, which is developed by utilizing the specific needs, goals and

should do both us and farmers good, he said.

He noted the organization's philosophy is to work with anyone with whom they agree.

He pointed out the close association NFU had with Farm Bureau, the Grange and other groups in working out the Farm Credit Bill. He said there are several other cases on a national level.

John Block is a Farm Bureau, NFU, and National Farmers Organization member, Stone said, adding, We all must work together.

Top priority for Stone in the coming months will be to get farmers cost of production plus a reasonable return for their farm products. Good loan levels, good price supports, and an end to living off the increasing land values are a further goal of Stone's programs.

The future is bright, he concluded, only if all farmers work together.

erosion problems of the farmer to determine how to best conserve soil and water on the farm.

Practices that the District and SCS can help plan and/or design include non-structural practices such as no-till farming, strip-cropping and crop residue management.

The District and SCS can also survey, design and supervise construction of structural practices such as grass waterways, diversions and terraces.

Cost-sharing through the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service is available to help defray the

costs of constructing these conservation practices.

Controlling soil erosion and conserving water not only results in sustaining crop yields year after year, but also benefits the farmer by keeping lime, fertilizer and herbicides on the farm where they are needed.

Reducing soil loss as well as runoff of these other factors also improves the water quality of our waterways.

The Dauphin Conservation District has helped develop over 1500 conservation plans on farms throughout Dauphin County and continues to assist farmers,

landowners and local governments in conserving and protecting our natural resources.

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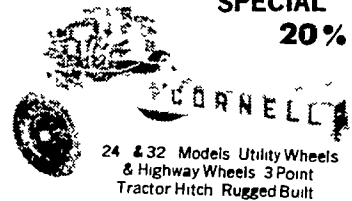
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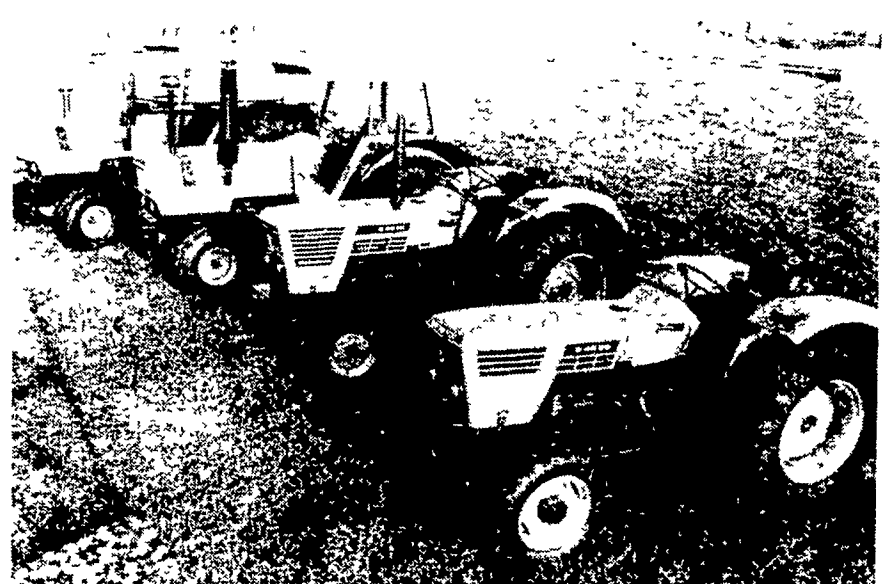
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