

Lebanon extension members meet legislators

LEBANON — Lebanon County Extension members met with state legislators at a banquet in Harrisburg as part of the fourth annual State Capital Day.

Alletta Schadler, County Extension Director said that the banquet, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Council of Cooperative Extension Associations, gave committee members the opportunity to visit with legislators and discuss the impact of Extension programs carried out across the state and at the county level.

Lebanon County delegates who took part in the day's activities were Warren Bucher, Claire Geroerich and Victor Zeigler.

State Capital Day is an annual event that provides PCCEA the chance to thank legislators for their support. The organization is comprised of representatives of county Extension executive committees who serve in an advisory capacity to local Extension programs.

In Lebanon County and across the state, PCCEA functions primarily to provide advice to Penn State so the extension service can develop programs that will improve the quality of life for Pennsylvanians.

At the Legislative banquet, Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Penrose Hallowell, welcomed the committee members and read a statement sent by Governor Dick Thornburgh.

The Extension Service of Penn State University provides valuable information and educational programs in the areas of agriculture and natural resources, family life, and 4-H youth and community development," said Hallowell quoting from the Governor's message.

"Last year, over two million citizens were the direct recipients of these services which provide information that can benefit all Pennsylvanians.

"Capital Day provides an opportunity for legislators to become further acquainted with the vital work of the Cooperative Extension Service in the hope that even more citizens will take advantages of its programs during the coming year," Hallowell concluded.

Hallowell thanked the legislators for their enthusiastic support and stressed the important role Extension plays in Pennsylvania agriculture.

The Secretary was introduced by Mary Grim, mistress of ceremonies, and PCCEA representative from Adams County. Other speakers on the program included Christy Bail, Washington County state 4-H public speaking winner, Ernie Sage, chairman of the Legislative Committee of the PCCEA and Edward Herring, President of the organization.

The program also included a slide show entirely narrated by PCCEA members.

While in Harrisburg the Extension executive committee members also met informally with the legislators in their offices to discuss Extension accomplishments and concerns.



Lebanon County's representatives to the meeting included, left to right: Rep George Jackson, Warren Bucher, Clair Gerberich, Senator Clarence Manbeck, Victor Zeigler, Rep. Nicholas Moehmann.

Vegetable garden meeting set

TERRE HILL — The Eastern Lancaster County Adult Farmer Program will sponsor a meeting on the Home Vegetable Garden on Thursday evening, March 12 at the Union Grove Alternative School. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

The home garden can supply much of the food needed to nourish our families when managed properly.

Arnold Lueck, Lancaster County

Extension Agent, will be the speaker for the evening. Lueck, an avid gardener himself, will be discussing gardening from fertilizer, to selecting varieties, to controlling pest to ensure an abundant quantity of top quality vegetables.

All interested gardeners are invited to attend the Home

Vegetable Gardening meeting to be held at the Union Grove Alternative School on Thursday evening, March 12 at 7:30 p.m.

The school is located two miles north of Route 23 on Route 625 between Blue Ball and Bowmansville. More information can be obtained by calling Bob Anderson at 215/445-5041.



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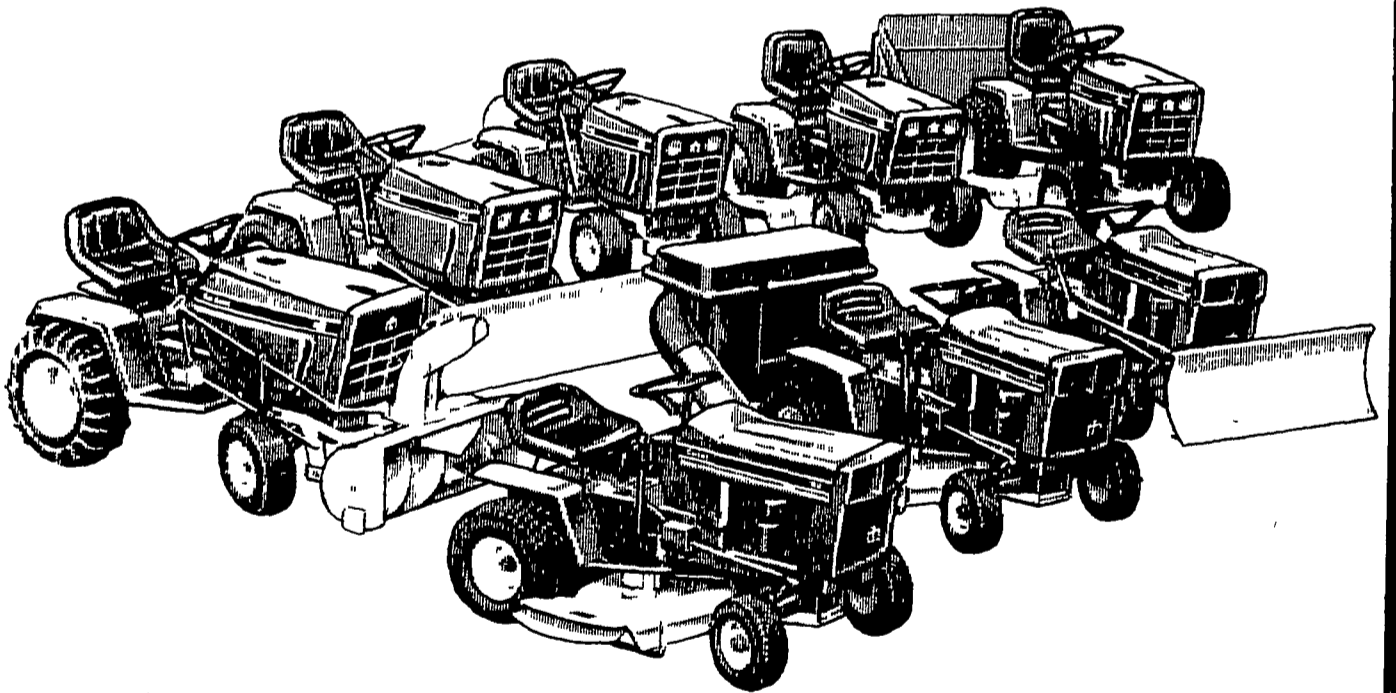
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