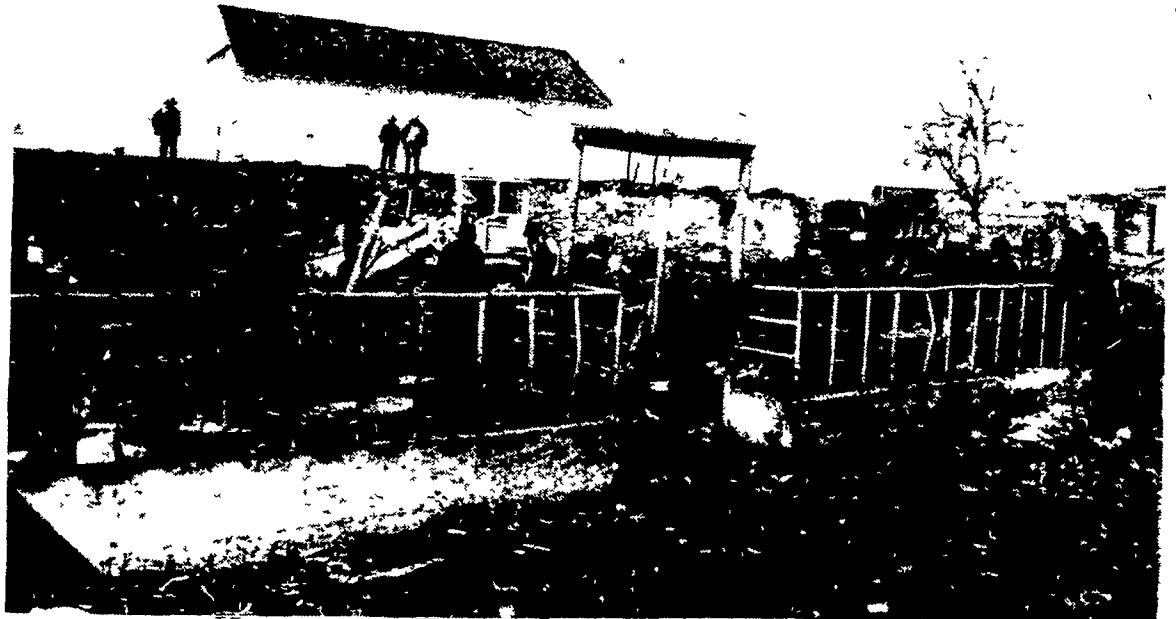
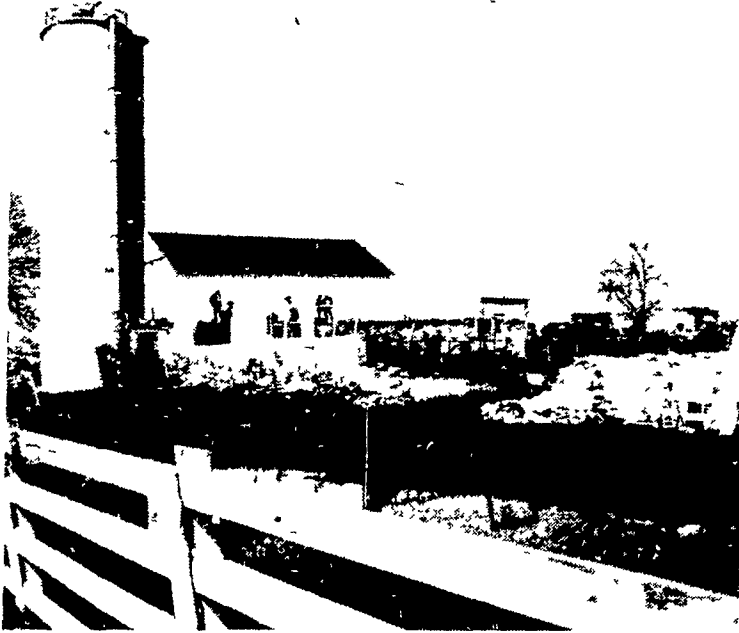


Fire causes \$100,000 damage



Neighbors and friends rallied to help Elam Petersheim, Belmont Road, Intercourse, after a fire caused \$100,000 in damage to his large barn and killed a number of animals. Although

over 100 firemen from local companies battled the Monday night fire, Petersheim's neighbor to the north slept through the entire commotion.

New SCS Conservationist named for Western Md.

MIDDLETOWN, Md — G Paul Edwards has been appointed U S Soil Conservation Service area conservationist for the 11 counties west of the Chesapeake Bay, Gerald R Calhoun, state conservationist, announced Tuesday. Edwards will be responsible for administrative and technical supervision of SCS field offices and for coordinating USDA programs relating to the wise use of soil, water and related natural resources. He will be stationed at

the area office located in Frederick. Formerly area conservationist for Southern Maryland and the Eastern Shore, Edwards began his career with the agency in 1956 as an engineering technician at Hagerstown, Md. He served in various positions throughout the state including in Montgomery, Cecil, Wicomico and Frederick counties. A native of Charlie, Tex., Edwards graduated from Texas Tech

in 1951 with a degree in agronomy. He is active in church and civic organizations including the Ruritan, Little League and Soil

Conservation Society of America. In 1979, he received the USDA's prestigious superior service award and SCSA's outstanding service

award. Edwards resides in Middletown, Md., with his wife Penney. They have four children.

Broiler placements drop one percent

HARRISBURG — Placements of broiler chicks in the Commonwealth during the week ending March 21 were 2,376,000, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. The placements were one percent below the corresponding week a year ago but two percent above the previous week. Average placements during the past nine weeks were three percent below a year earlier.

Placements in the 21 key poultry producing states were 86,163,000, one percent above the previous week and four percent above the same week a year earlier. Average placements in the 21 key states during the past nine weeks were two percent above a year ago. Broiler-fryers slaughtered in Pennsylvania under federal inspection during the week ending March 11 totaled 1,918,000, with an average liveweight of 3.93 pounds.

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