

N.J. voters to decide Farmland Preservation's future

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — On November 3, 1981, New Jersey voters will be asked to pass or reject the Farmland Preservation Bond Act.

Approval of this act will provide 50 million dollars for appropriation by the Legislature for grants to continue and municipalities for up to 50 percent of the cost of the acquisition of development easement on farmland, and for grants to landowners for up to 50 percent of the cost of soil and water conservation projects. Both types of grants would only be made with respect to land devoted to farmland preservation under programs established by a board, committee or other public body specifically authorized by law to do so.

For the purposes of this act, a development easement represents the interest in land which enables the owner to develop that land for agricultural purposes.

The bond issue is part of an on going search to assist in the maintenance of a viable

agriculture in New Jersey. It is one of a series of legislative proposals developed by the report entitled, "Grass Roots: an Agricultural Retention and Development Program for New Jersey," October 31, 1980.

Other legislative proposals include: voluntary agricultural districting; right to farm programs; and a constitutional amendment to provide a moratorium on the assessment of taxes on new farm buildings.

The bond issue can serve as a conscience for the state to a commitment to agricultural development in the future. It can also serve as a needed precedent to establish the validity of the restricted solely to agriculture, states, Richard E. Wagner, Huntingdon Co. Extension agent. It can also provide counties and municipalities with the rudiments of a structure to emphasize agricultural development within their jurisdiction by establishing agricultural development boards.

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Help trim the Governor's Christmas tree

HARRISBURG — Governor and Mrs. Thornburgh have invited Pennsylvania farm youth to design ornaments for the mansion's Christmas tree, using all natural materials.

The Women's Committee of the York County Farmer's Association is one of the area organizations accepting entries for the county-level competition.

According to Women's committee chairman Kay Taylor, Airville, ornaments must be constructed of natural materials, and individuals may submit an unlimited number of entries.

Entrants must be 18 or under, and must be members of youth ag organizations, such as 4-H or FFA, or whose parents are producers of agricultural products.

Top winners will be selected in three categories, prettiest, most original, and best use of natural materials, and will be forwarded to

the state level. Three additional awards will be made at the county level. All ornaments not sent on to state competition will be offered to the county's Pleasant Acres complex for use in their holiday decorating.

Winners whose ornaments are selected to decorate the Governor's family's tree will be invited to the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the mansion on December 13.

County entries are due by November 2 to the following committee members: Bess Hutchenreuter, R2 Airville, 862-3365; Kathryn Landis, R1 Brodbeck, 717/229-2548; Donna Lecrone, R1 Seven Valleys, R1, 717/229-2439, or Rosemary Huntsberger, R1 Ebers, 717/938-2012.

Each entry should be accompanied by the creator's name, address, telephone number, and age.—JB

Delaware Co. plans horse care meeting

MEDIA — Horse owners throughout Delaware County are invited to a meeting on hoof trimming and corrective shoeing on Tuesday evening, October 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Delaware County 4-H Center in Rose Tree County Park, Route 252, north of Media.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Extension service of Penn State in cooperation with the Delaware County 4-H Horse and Pony Club. There is no admission fee.

David Kumpf, an experienced farrier from West Chester, will be the guest speaker for the equine foot care session. He will demonstrate proper foot-trimming to overcome faults in foot and conformational structure. He will also demonstrate proper shoeing.

The entire meeting, including the trimming and shoeing demonstrations on live horses, will be held inside the new 4-H Center meeting room.

To reach the 4-H Center, travel north on Route 252 toward Newtown Square from Rt. 1. After passing through the traffic light at Rose Tree Road, turn right into the first entrance to the Rose Tree County Park. Go straight back the driveway, around the Old Hunt Clubhouse, to the rear parking lot and the 4-H Center.

Membership in the 4-H Horse and Pony Club and other 4-H Clubs throughout Delaware County is open to boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 19. The 4-H program is under the direction of the Extension of Penn State.

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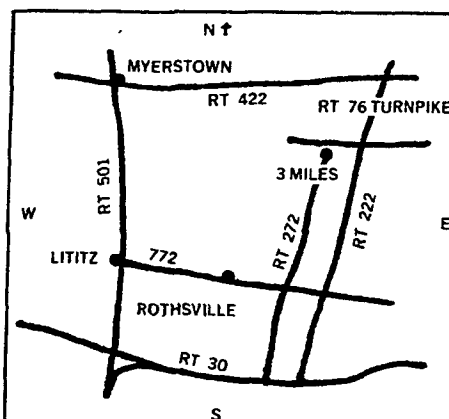
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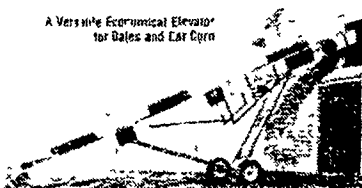
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