

Adams Co. DHIA

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your test sheets in the current program. So you can see we need to improve our testing accuracy for those cows we previously considered to be free of problem mastitis. "This program provides the dairyman with a real opportunity to improve milk production."

Heald defined his own job as heading more into the field of extension education and said he feels what the DHIA program needs

is a general manager. Plans are underway to hire an assistant for Dean Emig who also could handle the meter testing procedures which would free the present fieldmen to get out to the county level more often.

Time is often lost on returning test sheets to the dairyman due to errors which are made on the barn sheets and then must be corrected at the lab, Heald pointed out. He said he feels the fieldmen could do a better job of educating the

supervisors if they could get out to them more often.

High on Heald's list of priorities is revising the present DHI report forms received by dairyman — tailoring them to meet the farmer's needs.

Also with the advent of more on the farm computers, DHI needs to keep its programs relevant to any herd size regardless of any mechanization used in conjunction with managing that herd. This will probably necessitate hiring someone who is specialized in the

computer field to work with the formulation of programs, stated Heald.

In summarizing, Heald conceded that this will all cost money. Rates for check testing in DHI herds will be raised, the cost of testing meters will be raised, and the cost of testing itself will probably increase. "However, Pennsylvania still has lower testing rates than do neighboring states and we can be proud of the progress of our

dairyman and the DHIA program," he concluded.

During the annual meeting new Association officers and directors were elected. Elected for a three year term as directors were: Ray Dutterer, Larry Wilkinson, and Wayne Rodgers. Officers elected by the Board of Directors were: President Larry Wilkinson, Vice President Vance Lobaugh, Secretary Ray Dutterer, and Treasurer Marcia Brown.

Denison is Farm Manager member

CAMP HILL — Richard Denison of 211 Walnut Street, Shiremanstown has been elected into professional membership of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.

Membership in the Society is for those who are engaged in some phase of professional farm and ranch management or rural appraising and who meet the Society's rigid membership requirements.

Denison manages the Farm Management Service of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association. Farm Management Services provide a full-scale farm management, farm accounting, farm business analysis, farm tax planning and farm tax preparation to more than 4,000 Pennsylvania farmers.

The American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers



Richard Denison

was founded in 1929 and has over 3,700 members throughout the United States and Canada. The Society's national office is in Denver, Colorado.

Society

elects

Gast

president

ATLANTA, Ga. — Robert G. Gast, professor and head of the Department of Agronomy at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, became president of the Soil Science Society of America yesterday at the society's annual luncheon and awards program. He succeeds B.A. Stewart as head of the 6,000-member scientific, educational organization.

Gast's principal interests are in the area of soil physical chemistry and mineralogy. Recent emphasis has been on the base surface chemistry of clays, oxides, and hydroxides in soils, and the movement and loss of nutrient elements from soils.

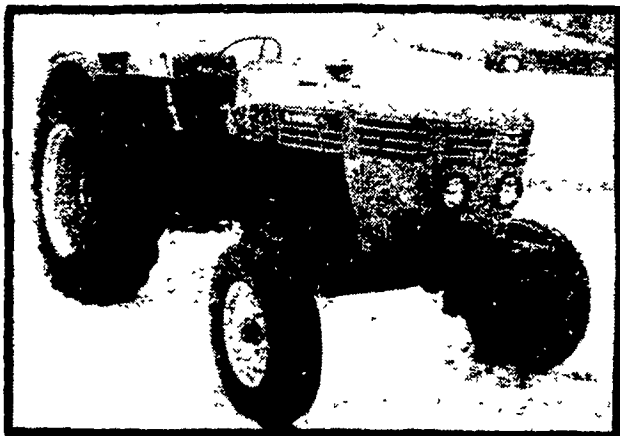
The results from his research have been applied toward the solution of practical problems such as the movement of radionuclides in soils, application of waste material to land, and the movement and loss of nutrients from soils.

He has been active in developing early guidelines for the application of municipal waste on land. A past editor of the Journal of Environmental Quality, he has served on the American Society of Agronomy board of directors.

A Fellow of ASA (1977), he received all three degrees from the University of Missouri.

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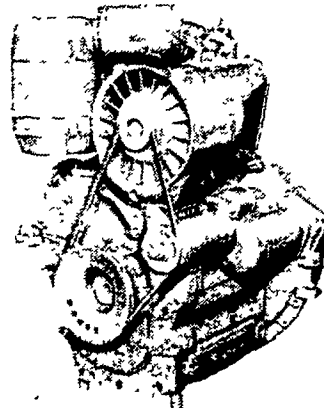
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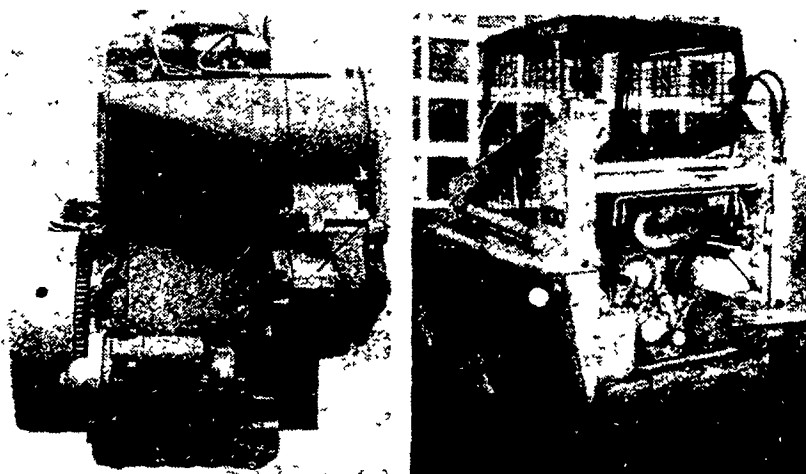
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