

# Montgomery honors outstanding conservation farmer

NORRISTOWN — The Montgomery County Conservation District recognized several individuals for their consistent achievements in soil conservation at their December meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi C. Alderfer, who operate a 115-acre farm in Franconia Township, have installed considerable conservation practices on their farm including grassed waterways, terraces to reduce sheet-type soil erosion from 10 to 2 tons per acre, and many more practices. Alderfers received the award for 1981 Outstanding Conservation Farmer of Montgomery County.

John H. Mack, an earthmoving contractor near Perkiomenville has placed special emphasis in aiding landusers in the construction of soil and water con-

servation practices. Through his timely efforts, many high quality conservation practices have been constructed in the county. Mack received a Distinguished Service Award for his efforts.

"In the past few years, soil conservation practices have steadily been on the increase in Montgomery County," reports District Conservationist Ed Brzostek. "Farmers and landusers are becoming more aware of the costly losses caused by top-soil washing off their land.

"Numerous individuals have been doing an excellent job of soil conservation in the County, and although awards were given only to two, many others are to be commended on the fine work they have done," he concluded.



Montgomery County conservation awards were presented by Chairman Duane Clarke, center. Recipients were: left, Mr. and Mrs.

Levi C. Alderfer, Outstanding Conservation Farmer; and, right, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Mack, Distinguished Service.

## Late small game, deer seasons due

HARRISBURG — Small game and deer hunters will take to the fields and forests for the final times in 1981 when the late small game and archery and flintlock whitetail deer seasons open Saturday, December 26.

Small game species which may be hunted from December 26 through Saturday, January 9, include pheasants of both sexes in northern Pennsylvania, and cottontail rabbits, squirrels and grouse statewide.

Daily and possession limits for the small game species are: pheasants, two and four; cottontail rabbits, four and eight; squirrels, six and twelve; and grouse, two and four.

There will be a seven-day season for hunting snowshoe rabbits (varying hares), opening Saturday, December 26, and closing Saturday, January 2. The daily limit on snowshoes is two, with a season limit of four.

Deer of any age or sex will be

available from December 26 to January 2 during the winter archery and flintlock muzzleloader deer season.

Both archers and flintlock hunters will be able to hunt statewide during the winter seasons. The late archery season in recent years has been statewide, but prior to 1979 the flintlock season had been confined to designated publicly-owned lands.

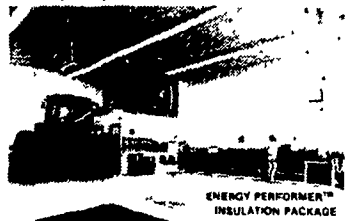
A separate archery license and/or a separate flintlock muzzleloader license, available from county treasurers, local issuing agents and Game Commission field division offices, must be displayed on the regular hunting license during the winter deer seasons.

The only firearms that may be used during the muzzleloader seasons are single barrel flintlock ignition long guns .44 caliber or larger propelling a single ball. Telescopic and peep or aperture sights are prohibited.

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