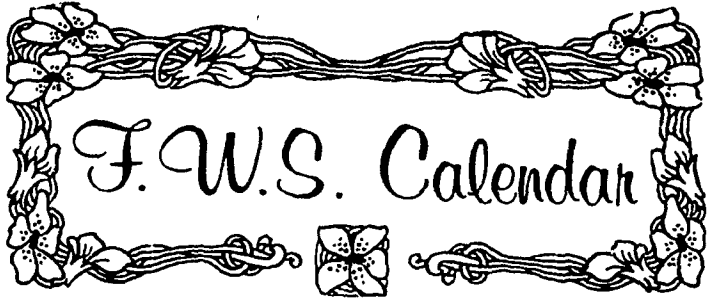


# Are your soils ready for '82

FAIRFAX, Va. — Although we are still experiencing winter conditions, thoughts of the 1982 cropping program are in the minds of many farmres.



## F.W.S. Calendar

**Saturday, February 27**  
Lancaster Society 4 meets for a self image program by Betty Lou Kauffman

**Thursday, March 4**  
Lancaster Society 20 meets for a program by dairy princess, Charlene Rohrer

Lancaster Society 17 meets to visit

Evans Candy Shop and for lunch at Willow Valley

**Saturday, March 6**  
Lancaster Society 10 meets to hear Sam Wiest from Medical Service at Nepal Music

Lancaster Society 23 meets for a banquet with husbands at Holiday Inn East

Plans are being made. But what was done or not done last fall may have a major effect on the success of 1982 crops, one of which was liming.

Did you test your soils for lime needs last fall? If lime was needed, was it applied? If the answer in both case is yes, your 1982 crop season is off to a good start. If the answer is no, your crop season may be in trouble.

Soil acidity is one of the major factors limiting crop production on many farms. Most crops do best on well-limed soils. Natural fertility is more available in well-limed soils, and pesticides are more effective on well-limed soils.

Should you change your cropping plans if you failed to lime last fall? Maybe. You may feel safe if lime

## York-Adams Pomona Grange

The Red Lion Grange was host to the February session of the York-Adams Pomona Grange, 40 on Saturday, February 13.

Entertainment for the evening was applied three or four years ago, but soil acidity can build rapidly. Certain practices, such as heavy applications of nitrogen, creates acidity. Soils that were in the mid-sixes on the pH scale can drop into the fives in two or three years.

was provided by the Bell Ringers from St. Paul's United Methodist Church from Red Lion.

Member Dorothy Reichart presented J. Luther Snyder a plaque for his years as PA state grange master.

The next visitation night will be at the Biglerville Grange Hall on April 2.

The PA state grange will hold the last in a series of area meetings at the Perry Valley Grange Hall, Saturday, Feb. 20.

## USDA studies farm women's roles

BELTSVILLE, Md. — Women play important

emotional and financial roles in the maintenance of small, family-operated farms, according to Kathleen K. Scholl, a consumer economist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

At a recent Agricultural Research Service symposium, "Research for Small Farms," Scholl discussed the contributions, both negative and positive, of family members to the small farm and the farm family.

Emotional support of the family members can be an asset to both farm and family, helping the family to cope with the stress of farming," said Scholl. However, if the family members do not have strong supportive relationships with each other, both the family and the farm may suffer, said Scholl, of USDA's Family Economics Research Group.

Among 130 occupations rated in the incidence of stress-related diseases, farming ranks tenth, according to a 1978 study by National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

Women usually contribute to the financial stability of the farm a great deal. A 1980 USDA study of farm women shows that their off-the-farm income is usually greater than their farm income, said Scholl. At the time of the study, almost one-third of the farm women received income from off-the-farm employment. Over half of the working farm women said that they worked off-the-farm because of financial needs; and farm expenses were mentioned as one of the financial reasons.

Eugene Wilkening at the University of Wisconsin, in a recent study of husbands and wives on Wisconsin farms, found an increased contribution of farm labor by the wives since 1962, said Scholl. This was not matched by the husband's involvement in additional household tasks. This additional farm work by women is an asset to the farm, but it is a liability to the household if less time is devoted to the care of the family and the home.

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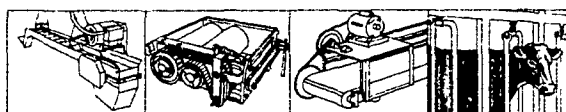
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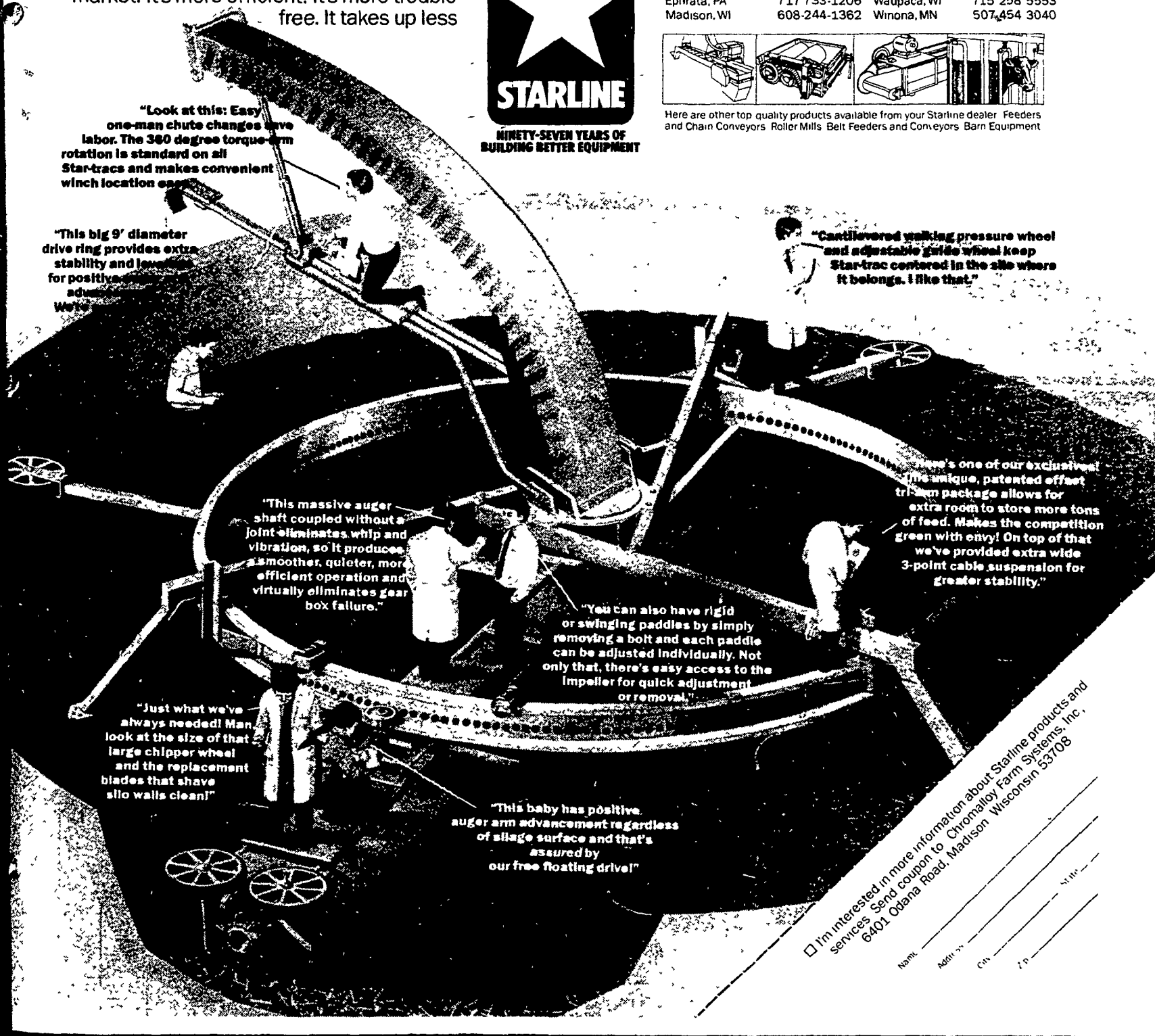
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