

Terrace plow to be demonstrated

LANCASTER — Terrace plow demonstrations in limestone soils are scheduled this month in lower Dauphin County and in Lancaster County.

The Dauphin County demonstration is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 14, on the Mylin Messick Farm.

It will be followed one week later with a scheduled demonstration on Wednesday, April 21, on the grounds of the Elizabethtown Farm Show.

Both demonstrations will begin about 10 a.m.

The AMCO Terrace Plow, which is being provided by Hamilton Equipment, Ephrata, was first demonstrated last fall on the Paul Clugston farm, near Halifax.

Last year's initial demonstration was successful on the lighter shale soils of northern Dauphin County, according to Joel Myers, of the Dauphin County SCS Office.

This month's demonstrations are designed to provide a test of the plow on heavier limestone soils.

The Mylin Messick property is located along Rt. 441, just north of Rt. 283. For additional information on the April 14 demonstration, contact Mylin Messick at 944-3500 or the Harrisburg Field Office of the Soil Conservation Service at 652-7035.

The Elizabethtown demonstration on April 21 will be held on the fair grounds where the agricultural events and displays of the Farm Show are held, north of Elizabethtown High School. Further information on the Elizabethtown demonstration is available at the Lancaster Soil Conservation Office at 299-1563 or from Bill Erikson, of the high school vocational agriculture department at 367-1521.

The Elizabethtown demonstration will also include the use of a Hay-Buster no-till hay drill provided by C.B. Hooper, Inc., of

Intercourse, according to Tom Johnston of the Lancaster SCS Office.

The drill will be used for the reseeded of a waterway that is located on the fair grounds. The terrace plow demonstration will be utilized in the area where the vo-ag students carry out various cropping projects.

Due to the current economic conditions and the limited

availability of conservation funding, the terrace plow is being studied as a cost-effect alternative in the construction of terraces, diversions and waterways when field conditions are suitable, according to conservation officials.

In the event of rain on April 14 or 21, the demonstrations will be held on the first acceptable days following the planned events.

Publication looks at dimensions of Delaware ag

NEWARK, Del. — How important is Delaware agriculture? What public policy decisions must be made to keep the agricultural industry viable? These questions are addressed in a new publication, "Dimensions of Delaware Agriculture," by University of Delaware source economics specialist Gerald F. Vaughn.

Vaughn notes in the publication that Delaware is ideally situated for food production. "We're located along a major transportation corridor, close to the vast consumer markets of the Northeast," he writes. "Our cropland is fertile and level, our climate moderate, and our water supplies generally adequate, though competition for water is increasing.

"About 680,000 acres, or over half of Delaware's total land area, is in farms, according to the 1978 Census of Agriculture. But conversion of farmland to nonagricultural uses is taking a steady toll. Farm acreage has fallen from 86 percent of total land

area in 1880 to 53 percent in 1978, and is projected to decline to only 35 percent by the year 2000 unless action is taken.

"With over 30,000 workers in agricultural supply, production, processing, and wholesale and retail distribution, agribusiness rivals the chemical industry as Delaware's leading private employer.

For a free copy of "Dimensions of Delaware Agriculture," contact: Gerald F. Vaughn, Department of Agricultural and Food Economics, Agricultural Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19711.

NEW HOLLAND — Delaney Associates, of New Holland, with David R. Delaney, president and owner, has been named to membership in the Manufacturer's Agents National Association, it was announced today by James J. Gibbons, MANA President.

MANA is a 35-year-old organization of both Manufac-

turing and Marketing Agencies representing more than 35,000 professionals working together for better understanding of the Manufacturer/Agency relationship. The Association's headquarters are located at 2021 Business Center Drive, Irvine, Cal. 92715.

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Land improvement contractors elect

LEWISBERRY — William K. Traver, of Lewisberry, has been elected president of the Land Improvement Contractors of America. LICA is a 4,000-member association of contractors engaged in land improvement and conservation construction work. The group is "dedicated to the professional conservation of soil and water" and has active chapters in over 35 states.

An active member in LICA for several years, Traver has served on numerous state and national committees of the association. Prior to his election as president, he served the organization as a regional vice president and national vice president.

Traver operates a construction company in Lewisberry. More than 90 percent of his work is related to agriculture. The firm constructs waterways, ponds, lagoons and drainage systems, as well as providing stump removal. Some trenching and roadwork is also performed by the firm, which has been in business since 1948.

In addition to his participation in LICA, Traver has also been an active member of the Methodist Church and the Grange. He is also a 32nd degree Mason. He and his wife, Ruth, reside at 518 Pleasant



William K. Traver

Valley Road, R2, Lewisberry.

The Land Improvement Contractors national office is located at 1300 Maybrook in Maywood, Illinois. Membership is open to any contractor performing land improvement services. Information on membership or the organizations activities may be obtained by contacting the National Office.

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