

State District president forecasts water as limit in food production

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CARLISLE — "Water will be a limiting factor in agricultural growth in the future," said George Wolff, president of the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation District at the Annual Banquet of the Cumberland County Agricultural

Stabilization Conservation Service and the Conservation District.

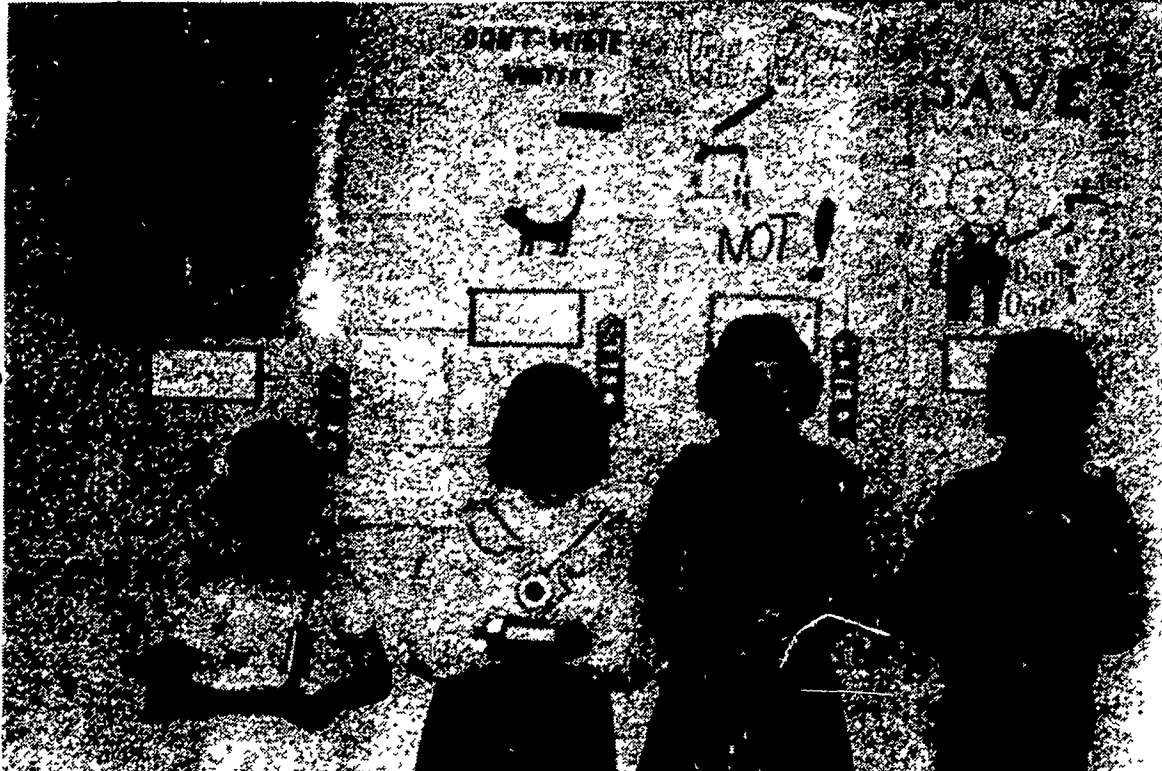
Wolff stressed water will be more of a limiting factor than land to the growth of food if measures aren't taken to prevent the shortage. Water conservation measures are being discussed all over the country, he said, but the groups are talking about con-

servation at the spigot. And as he pointed out the spigot is not the only or major cause of limited water resources.

He stated, "I don't have all the answers or know all the causes for the problem, but I do believe that everyone has to start looking at water conservation in a different light. Water and soil conservation



Wayne Baker, chairman of the Cumberland County Conservation District, left, presented Marlin Rook with the 1981 Outstanding Cooperator Award during last week's Annual ASCS and Conservation District Banquet.



The 1981 "What Water Means to Me" Poster Contest winners were: from left, first prize, Stephanie Pawich, 3rd Grade, Monroe Elementary; second prize, Dawn Rock, 3rd Grade, Highland Elementary; second prize, Lorie Black, 5th Grade, Plainfield Elementary; and first prize, Steve Foster, 5th Grade, Plainfield Elementary.

should work hand-in-hand."

One farming method that practices this hand-in-hand conservation measure is contour chisel plowing. Wolff reported this is one method the farmer can use that will benefit him as well as add to the ground water supply. He explained that contour chisel plowing creates a "well" or drainage spots in the ground where the water can seep through, and in turn prohibits erosion of the quality top soil.

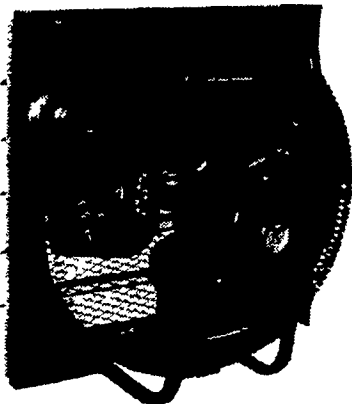
"Another soil conservation measure we have to start thinking about is recycling waste," said Wolff. Today, he said, everything is hooked up to sewage treatment plants and the land is losing valuable nutrients. One way to prevent this loss is for the municipalities and farmers to work together, Wolff suggested.

"Let the municipalities dump sewage waste on the fields and in return you will have the security of

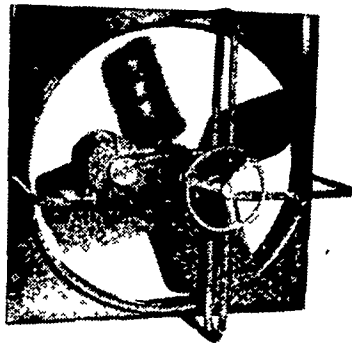
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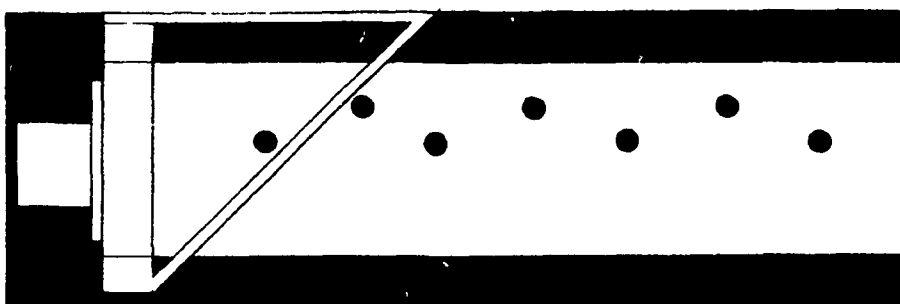
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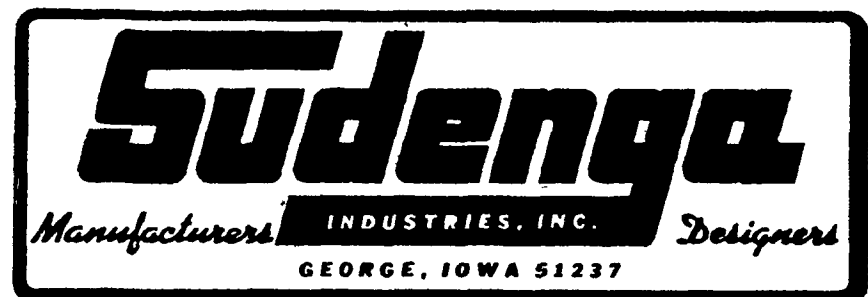
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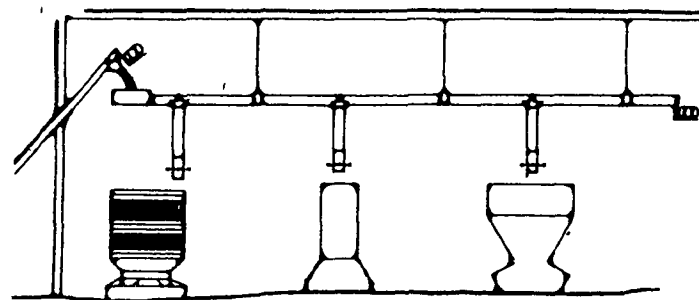


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