

## Chester Conservation District offers crown vetch seed

**WEST CHESTER** — The Chester County Conservation District announced that sample amounts of Crown Vetch seed will be made available to non-profit and public agencies, gave support to a demonstration program for the use of a no-till planter by Chester County farmers, expressed concern about excess drainage from the Pa. Turnpike damaging farm land and accepted new cooperators at its recent meeting.

Limited amounts of Crown Vetch seed will be available to non-profit and public organizations on a first-come, first-served basis. The seed was obtained through a cooperative effort with the Bureau of Soil and Water Conservation and PennDOT. Two, four, or six-pound packages of the seed will be available by placing an order and paying \$3.75 per lb.

Retail quantities of the Crown

Vetch seed are normally available in only 50 and 100 lb. quantities.

"These smaller quantities will permit schools, churches, watershed associations or townships to seed critical areas," Harold R. Kulp, Pottstown, Chairman of the District, said.

"Municipalities should be using vegetative protection when they rebuild highways. The highway departments should be using Crown Vetch and other mulching methods to protect road shoulders during and after the construction period," Kulp said.

A no-till corn planter is being made available by Stoltzfus Farm Service of Cochranville, for farmer's trial use this spring, Marshall Haws, Executive Conservationist, told the Directors.

"This will permit farmers to try no-till planting on 25 acres or less," he said. They will be able to judge

for themselves whether or not they will want to plant additional acres next year."

Farmers are invited to a meeting at the Stoltzfus Farm Service at 7 p.m. Monday to learn more about no-till, study the planter and reserve its use.

The Conservation District is advocating the use of no-till and minimum-till conservation systems to reduce the amount of soil movement on a farmer's fields as well as reduce or eliminate the soil loss to neighboring property.

Kulp appointed a committee of Elbert Wells, Harry Barnett, Robert Hodge, Charles Harris and Ralph Heister to select a county farmer that has an outstanding conservation program on his farm.

"We want to recognize those farmers who exhibit resource

stewardship for their property," Kulp said.

Kulp reported that Paul Hanum's property in West Pikeland Township is being damaged by run-off from the Pennsylvania Turnpike. He said that this is only one example of water damages caused by the Turnpike, as well as PennDOT roads. Directors

recommended that other counties traversed by the Turnpike be contacted. Problems would be compared and, hopefully, by combined effort, corrections can be made. Property owners along the Turnpike should contact the District to determine how many run-off problems exist in the County.

## Franklin ASCS banquet Tuesday

**CHAMBERSBURG** — Rev. John Peace, member of the faculty of Mercersburg Academy, Chairman of the Religion Department and resident of Mercersburg, will address the 19th Annual ASCS Banquet Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at

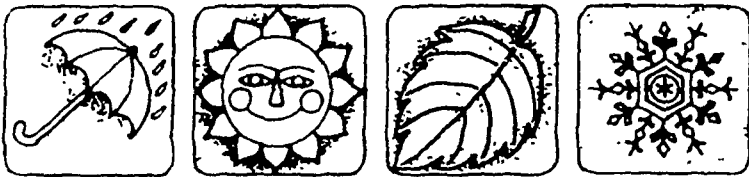
the Kauffman's Ruritan Building. Rev. Peace has spoken at many area civic, social and educational events throughout his career. He is recognized as one of the leading humorous lecturers in Central Pennsylvania.

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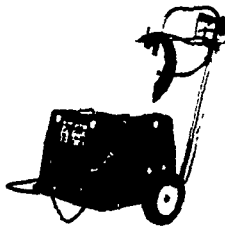
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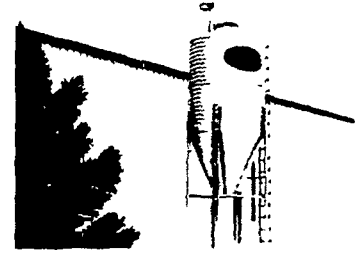
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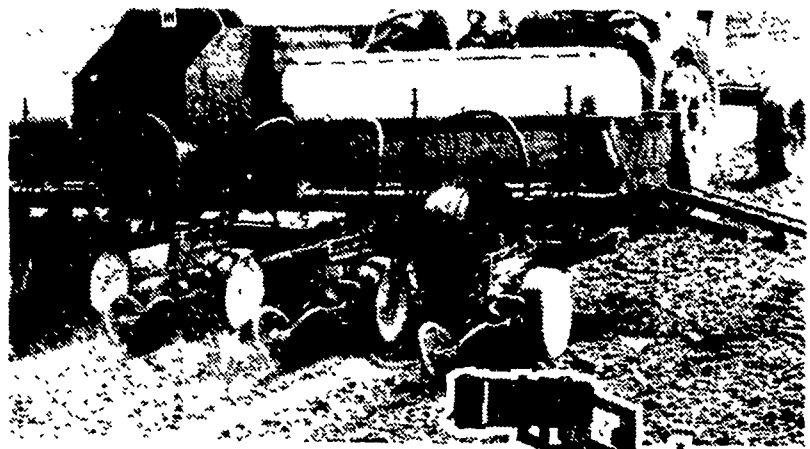


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