

## Dillner

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he works on an individual basis with each farmer, planning a management system to suit the farmers needs.

Fred remarked, "It is very satisfying to work with a young couple, help them develop a management system, or discuss ways of expansion and improvements and then see the operation blossom and grow." That is just one reason why this ag teacher enjoys the young adult program compared to classroom teaching. He said, "With farming couples, you aren't working with hypothetical problems, you're working with the real thing. And these real agriculture problems need real answers, so it is quite a challenge."

Fred's learning never ends. He remarked that he has to keep abreast of the new equipment, new farming techniques, the money market, and the list goes on and on. "I am here to help the farmer and that means knowing as much as I can about factors that will effect the farmer whether it be good or bad."

To keep on top of everything,

Fred attends numerous in-service training sessions at Penn State. He also works with agri-business people in Cumberland County and attends workshops they talk about new products and methods of farming. And Fred also reads informative manuals and professional magazines for current news and updates about the industry.

In addition to his job, Fred is devoted to community work. For 18 years he has been treasurer of the Shippensburg Fair, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, past director of the Soil Conservation District, and, along with his wife, Rose, has organized a Shippensburg Farmers Market that has now been open for four years.

At the state level he is on the Agriculture Farm Management Advisory Council and an active co-chairman of the Co-op Couples Program.

Other awards he has received over the years for all his community services are a Master Educator Award of Farm Cooperatives, Conservationist of

the Year, and Conservation Educator of the Year.

Fred remarked that his family has been a supporting force behind his involved career. He said that Rose, has been a great help in encouraging young farm couples when they needed that little nudge and knowing that someone cared. And his sons, Jim and John, now both working away from home, were always encouraging and helpful, as was daughter, Jodi, who is a sophomore at Shippensburg High School.

Fred hasn't deviated from his love of the farm life much, even in his and his wife's hobby of antique collecting. Rose collects all types of household antiques while Fred collects and restores early American and primitive farm tools. And all of these farm antiques fit very nicely into their old stone home, built in 1754 by one of the first 15 settlers of Shippensburg who was a tax collector for the Queen of England.

The Dillners have restored the home to its original appearance, inside and out, and it is now registered with the National Historical Registration Association.

## DeBoer to speak in Hunterdon

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Roy DeBoer, Cook College professor, will address the Hunterdon County Conservation District's annual gathering on Friday, following a 7 p.m. dinner, at Quakertown Fire House.

His topic will be "Housing, Growth and Farmland Preservation."

Professor DeBoer has a deep interest in the area of "more realistic zoning," also in the preservation of our good

agricultural land and agriculture, as well as, being an advocate of "balanced housing".

In his presentation, he will discuss growth in communities, the need for housing to accommodate this growth, respect for the physical environment as an area develops, and the need to retain a viable agriculture. He will show how his concept of balanced housing can be compatible to farmland preservation efforts.

## Glen Rock 4-H schedules meeting

GLEN ROCK — At the March meeting of the Glen Rock 4-H Club in York County, members selected projects and signed up for committees.

The club's next meeting is scheduled for April 8 at the Susquehannock School Administration Building. For more information, call 428-3732.

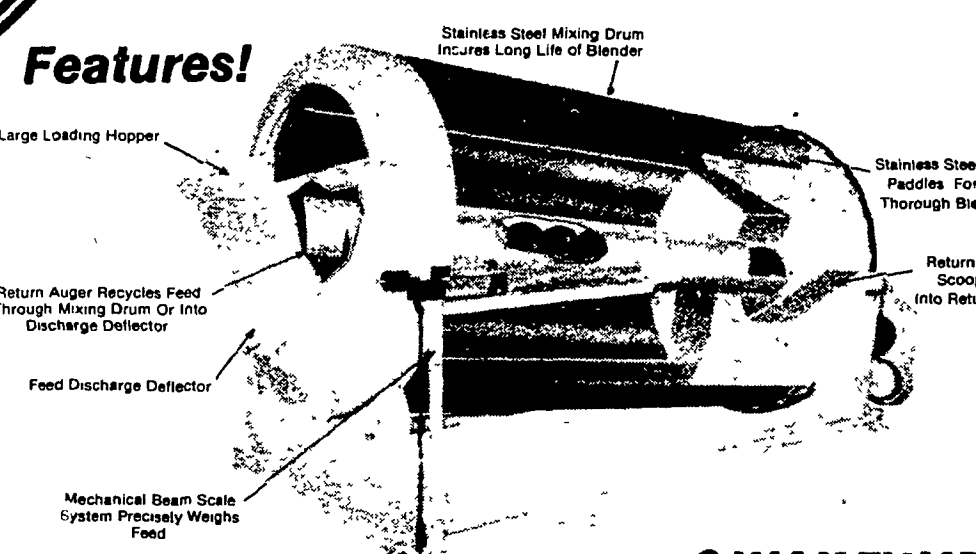
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