

Berks conservation

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"Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year", was E. Daniel Leatherman of Perry Township. A full-time dairy farmer with a 60-cow herd, Leatherman moved to his current set-up in 1976. Following development of a conservation plan in 1976, Leatherman installed cropland terraces, diversions, grassed waterways, tile drainage, contour stripcropping, hayland management, an animal waste facility, and an animal waste system. "He is receptive to using newer and better ideas as they are developed", stated Duncan as he presented the plaque.

For outstanding forest management, the "Maurice K. Goddard" award went to George

Balthaser, Wernersville. Balthaser's wildlife contributions have included placing out feeders, retaining apple and autumn olive trees, sowing buckwheat in tree planting areas, and saving brushpiles for wildlife habitat. Balthaser also sponsored the 1981 Berks County Equipment Operator's Workshop, and donated the use of his land as a landing zone for the DER's Gypsy Moth Spray Program.

Honorable mention awards for their contributions to conservation on their farms went to Marion A. Buchta, Centre Township; Franklin L. DeCosta, Tilden Township; Herbert H. Moyer, Tulpehocken Township; and Ray W. Seidel, Windsor Township. Each was presented with a BCCD

farm sign.

Honored for their efforts as "Volunteer Roadside Trash Collectors", were Ruth Troutman, R1 Bernville, and Harold Weaver, Main Street, Bernville. Each volunteer was presented with a BCCD hat and T-shirt.

Chairman of the Board of Directors of the BCCD, Mary Ann Rimby, stated that "since its establishment in 1947, the Conservation District has dedicated

itself to the conservation of all natural resources in Berks County". She recalled the areas of emphasis in 1982 as including: recycling information, erosion and sediment control, stormwater management, energy resources, urban development, prime farmland preservation, solid waste management, and education.

The BCCD received 123 erosion and sedimentation control plan

reviews in 1982. Thirty-five new requests for conservation farm plans were also received.

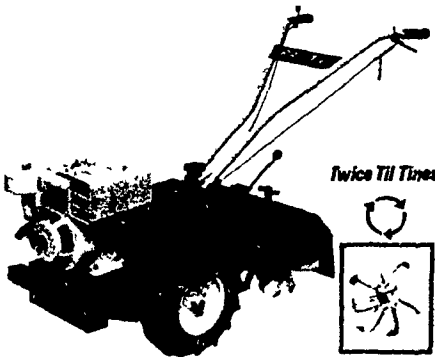
Rimby outlined the accomplishments of the BCCD for 1982. They included joining the Soil Conservation Service in planning and implementing the 21st Annual Equipment Operators Workshop, distributing educational cartoon books and teachers guides in

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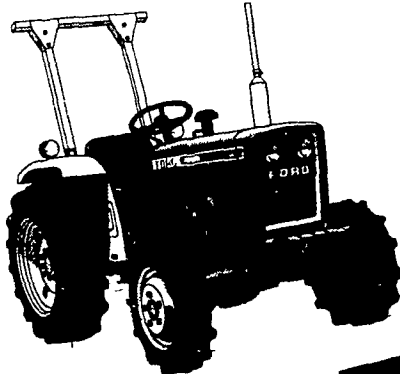
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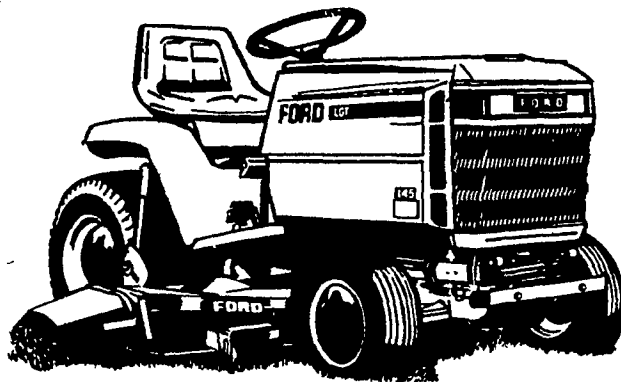
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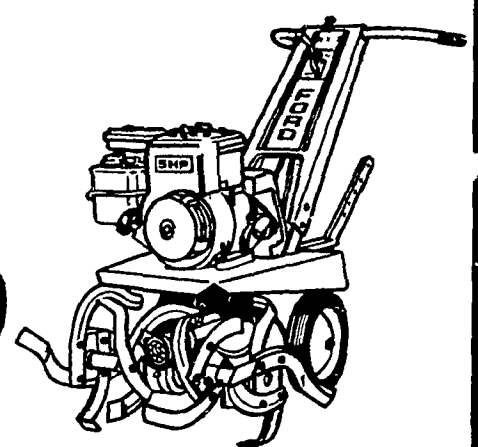
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