



## Dauphin conservation

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Junior Conservation School, sponsored by the Dauphin County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. Each year Bob donates a week of his vacation to conduct the school.

To date, over 450 young adults have learned about natural resources as the week long schools. Stoneylawn Farm in Londonderry Township, operated by Howard, Ron and Jay Kopp, received the "Outstanding Conservation Farmer" Award. The Kopps have continuously demonstrated their commitment to soil conservation by installing various conservation practices on their farm. They have helped others in the agricultural community by hosting many conservation demonstrations to promote the wise use of our soil and water resources.

Bruce Cutler, a local Newspaper Reporter, from Newberrytown, York County, received a special "Environmental Reporting" Award. Over the past year Bruce has written articles concerning soil conservation, non-point source pollution, acid rain, a Susquehanna River feature and many other timely natural resource issues.



George Moore, left, Millersburg, receives a Distinguished Service Award for his 32 years of volunteer service to the Dauphin County Conservation District. Dauphin County Commissioner Horman Hertrick makes the presentation.

## Housing procedure changed

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farmers Home Administration is preparing new housing regulations to implement changes in the housing act passed by Congress and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Nov. 30.

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block said, "Many of the changes will simplify housing assistance from the federal government by requiring the Farmers Home Administration, the Federal Housing Administration and the Veterans Administration to operate under laws and regulations that are applicable to all."

Charles W. Shuman, administrator of Farmers Home Administration, said many of the new provisions will make it possible for the agency to help more of the most needy persons in rural areas to obtain safe, decent and adequate housing.

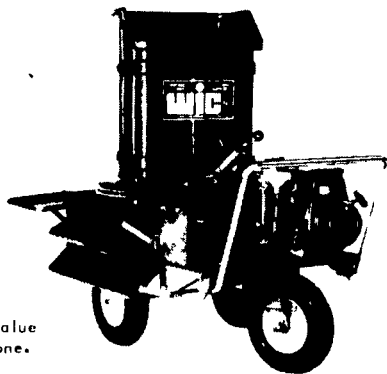
Shuman said amendments passed last month to give the Farmers Home Administration several new authorities to make housing assistance available to low income borrowers, including:

- single family mortgages of up to 38 years — five years longer than current payment periods;
- loans for manufactured housing units, including the lots on which they are located;
- A new program of housing preservation

grants to eligible organizations and units of government to rehabilitate single and multi-family housing.

Farmers Home Administration, the rural credit service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, makes loans for single family housing, rural rental housing, farm labor housing, self-help housing, and building site loans. The agency is providing assistance through more than 1 million housing loans. The agency also makes full range of farm loans, community facilities loans and business and industry loan guarantees.

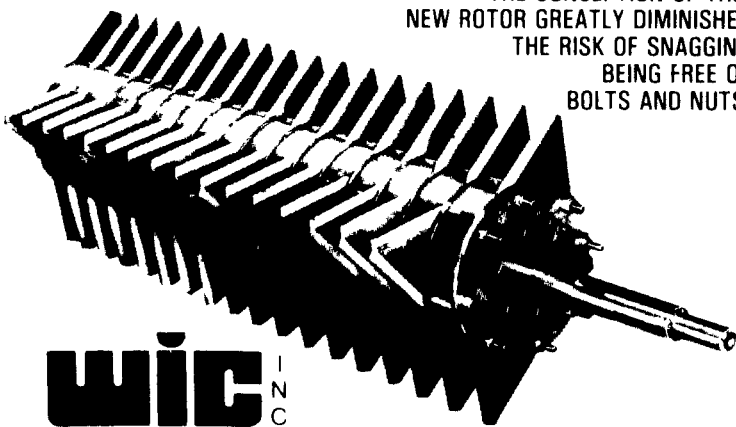
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