

## Friends gather to honor Don Ace

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UNIVERSITY PARK — Milk and cheese, two of the dairy industry's finest products, were in abundance last Friday afternoon when friends and associates of Donald L. Ace gathered for a reception in honor of his retirement from Penn State's Cooperative Extension Service.

For Ace it was the conclusion of a career that began on a dairy farm in Susquehanna County and spanned 30 years in the dairy industry, almost all of which was in the dairy extension program.

For his friends it was the opportunity to express their gratitude for Ace's professional contributions to the dairy industry and for his personal friendship.

In his "Ode to Don Ace," P. J. Wangsness, head of the department of dairy and animal science, correctly summed up the feelings of those at the reception. He said, in part, "His friendship to us is the best gift..."

It was his friendship that was cited by every speaker as they wished Ace and his wife, Lil, well on their retirement.

Bob Hetrick, speaking as president of the Pennsylvania County Agents Association, said, "He has left a mark on all of us with his wit, wisdom, knowledge and insight." And he remarked that though Don will be replaced, "We will not fill those shoes so admirably."

Danny Harter, president of the Pennsylvania Goat Association, spoke on behalf of the dairy goat owners who appreciated the advice and assistance Ace provided to them throughout the years.

Speaking for both the industry and the dairymen of the state, N. Alan Bair, Atlantic Breeders Cooperative, thanked Don for his immeasurable contribution in raising the standard of living for Pennsylvania's dairymen, and for his friendship which was extended to and valued by all he met.

Les Burdette, president of the

Extension Professors Association, presented Ace with a certificate, and Wayne Hintsch, associate dean and director of extension, added his good wishes and thanks.

Ace became a professor of Dairy Science at the University in 1971, was named acting chairman of dairy extension in 1974 and was appointed coordinator of dairy extension programs in 1976. In 1979 he was named Interim Head of the Department of Dairy and Animal Science, returning to his extension duties when the new head was appointed.

Acting as toastmaster for the event, Bill Folwell said, "We are here to honor Don Ace - Superstar." There was much joking about his other deep interest - winemaking.

Having the last word at the reception, Ace said, "It's been fun. The most striking thing that remains with you is the people. Lil and I deeply appreciate all the things Penn State has done for us. I

would cast my lot with the Extension Service at Penn State again."

Ace's contributions remain a

factor in the successful dairy industry in Pennsylvania today, and the success of the industry is a tribute to his dedication.



Don Ace and his wife, Lil, listed to many tributes upon his retirement from Penn State Dairy Extension.

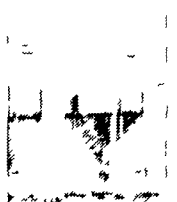
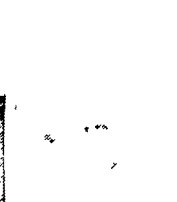





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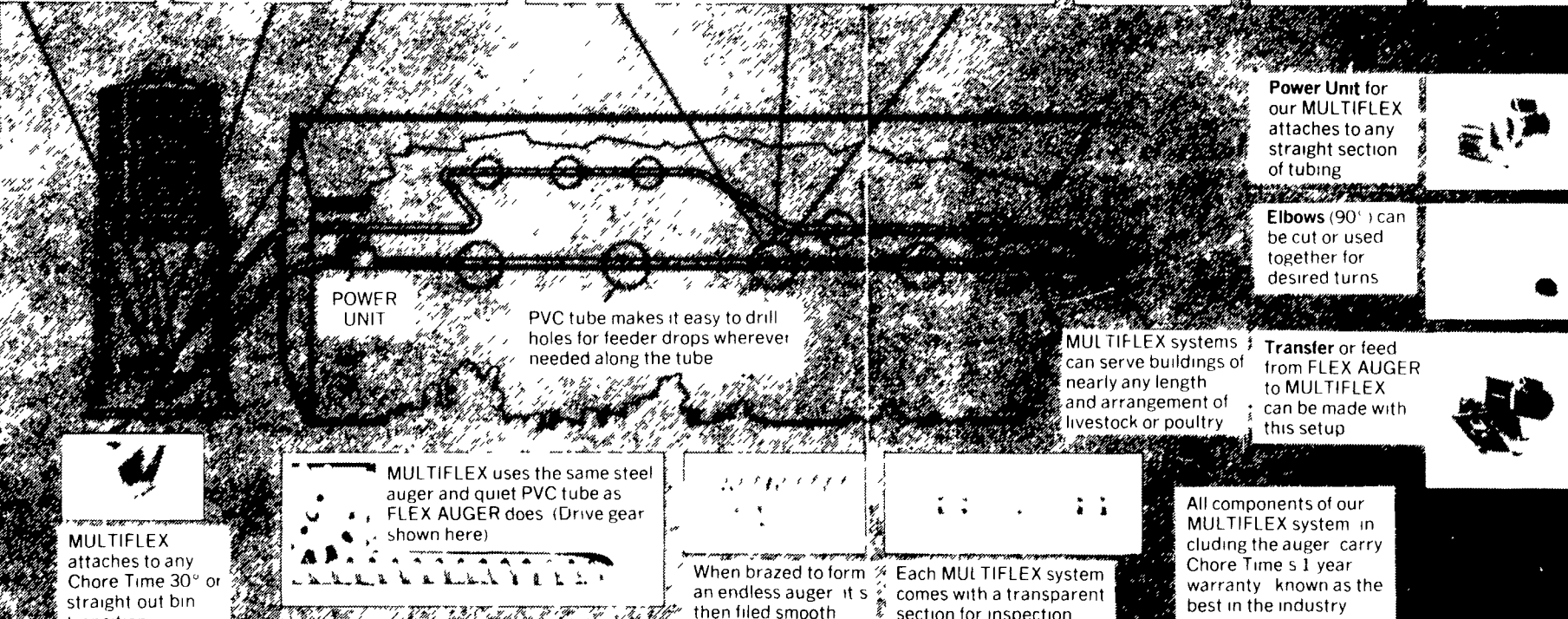


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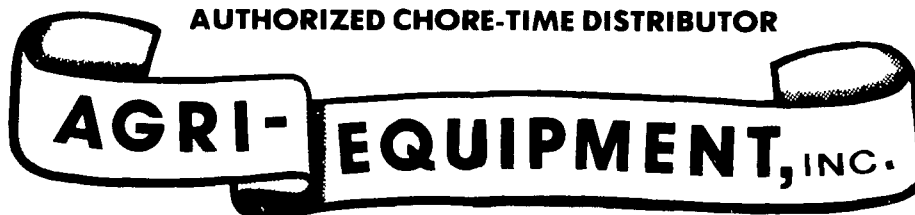
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