

Funk honored in Denver

DENVER, COLO. — Lancaster County's most avid agricultural conservationist, Amos Funk, was recently honored by the National Association of Conservation Districts for his outstanding contributions to the NACD and its objectives.

Funk was presented with NACD's Special Service Award at the association's 38th Annual

Awards Program held Feb. 8 at the Denver Hilton.

He has given a lifetime of service to the conservation movement on the local, state and national level. His farm in southern Lancaster is a model for conservation, with terraces, waterways and conservation tillage methods protecting the soils.

As a member of the Penn-

sylvania State Conservation Commission from 1963 to 1974, and 1980 to the present, Funk was instrumental in expanding state assistance to conservation districts for the purpose of hiring professional staff to assist the volunteer district directors. As chairman of his conservation district, Funk led a conservation effort which resulted in 70 percent of the landowners in his community becoming conservation cooperators. He has served actively as a member of the NACD Research Committee, Chairman of the Northeast NACD Research Committee, and Pennsylvania's representative on the NACD Council. He also served on the National SCS Research Committee.

In 1969, as a member of Governor Shafer's committee on agricultural preservation, Funk analyzed the special needs of Pennsylvania farms and supported the idea of a deed restriction which would restrict prime agricultural land use to agricultural purposes. Since 1979, Funk has served as



Lancaster County delegates attending the National Association of Conservation Districts Convention, where Funk was honored, were, from left, County Commissioner James Huber, Amos Funk, Lancaster County Conservation District Director Bob Gregory, Esta Funk, Elva Stauffer, and Aaron Stauffer.

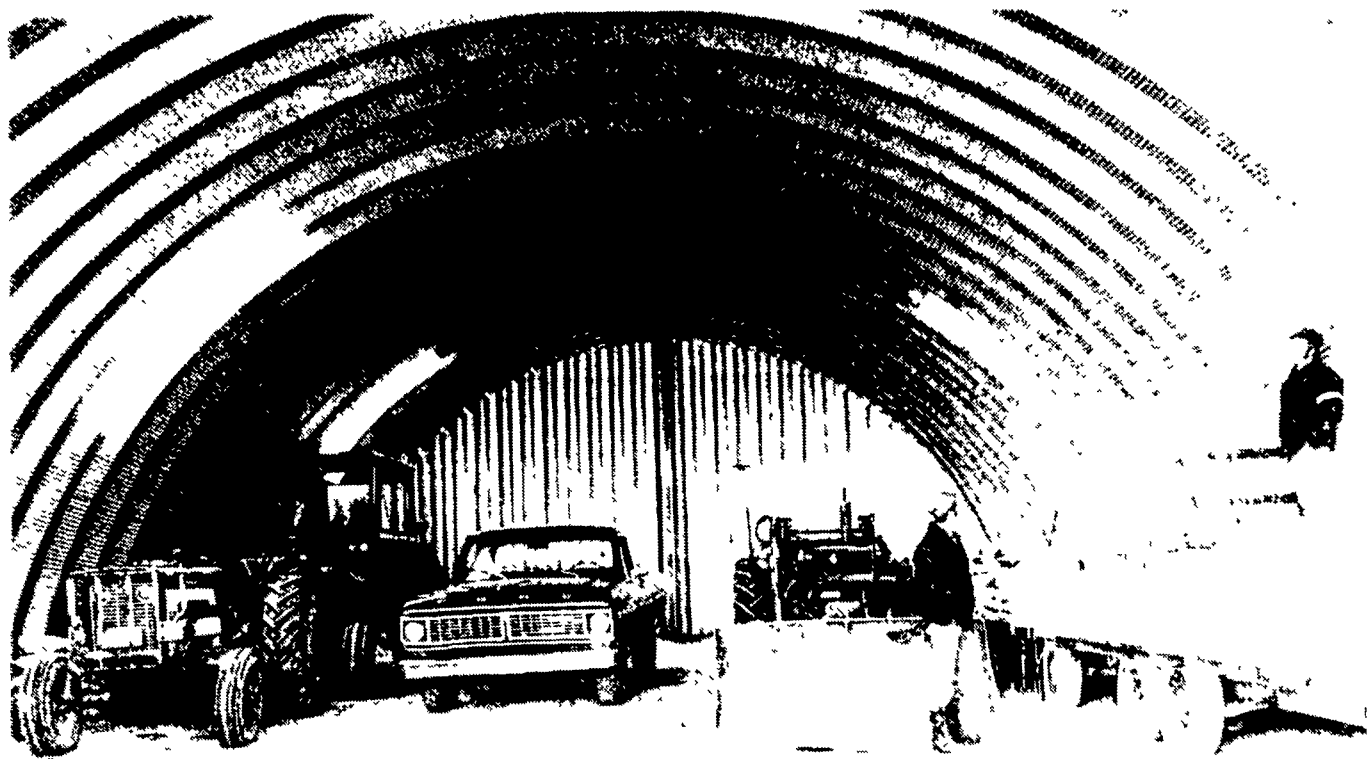
Chairman of the Agricultural Preservation Board of Lancaster County. As a result of his efforts, four Lancaster County townships are now forming an 11,000-acre Agricultural Preservation Area.



Milton E. Meikelburg, NACD president, presents Amos Funk and his wife, Esta, with the Special Service Award at the NACD national convention in Denver.

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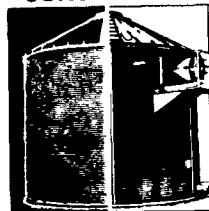
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