

Lancaster conservation banquet on April 5

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, March 24, 1984—A27

LANCASTER — The 33rd annual banquet of the Lancaster County Conservation District will be held on Thursday, April 5, 1984 at the Harvest Drive Restaurant, Intercourse. Tickets are now available from any District Director or at the District Office.

Featured speaker is R. Neil Sampson, a noted author and conservationist who is a native of Idaho, where he was raised on a wheat farm in the northern panhandle of that state. He graduated in agronomy from the University of Idaho in 1960 and received a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University in 1974.

As a writer and photographer, he has been active for many years with articles and pictures ap-



R. Neil Sampson

pearing in professional and popular magazines, newspapers and books. While in Idaho, he wrote and produced the film, 'Look To The Land.' He recently completed a new book, 'Farmland or Wasteland: A Time to Choose,' published in October, 1981

The majority of his professional career has been with the Soil Conservation Service, where he worked at the district, state and national office levels. He also served as a conservation consultant abroad, assisting with the design of a national soil and water conservation program in The Gambia, West Africa.

Advance reservations are needed to attend this meeting, and must be had by March 28.

Crawford holds dairy day

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MEADVILLE — Approximately 200 dairy farmers and their families attended the 13th annual Crawford County Dairy Day on March 13 at the Holiday Inn in Meadville, Pa.

The daytime program was based on "Calf and Heifer Management" with two well-known, nationally recognized speakers.

The morning program featured Donald L. Ace, retired Extension Dairy Specialist at Penn State. Following the luncheon, Robert E. James of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, also gave pointers on dairy herd replacements.

A panel discussion on heifer health and housing consisted of Dr.

Spencer, veterinarian; Tom Sanderson and Clark Duncan, dairy farmers, all of Crawford County.

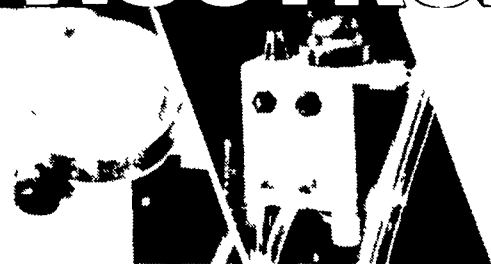
Spencer pointed out the importance of vaccines and early health care. Sanderson talked of the gated freestall barn he built in 1973 which decreased time needed to care for a larger quantity of heifers. Duncan is a firm believer in fiberglass calf hutches and has had less sickness than previous to their use. The entire program was helpful and informative.

Nearly thirty five booths displayed feeds, seeds, milking machines and various agribusiness products and services.

The educational day concluded with the distribution of door prizes sponsored by the businesses.

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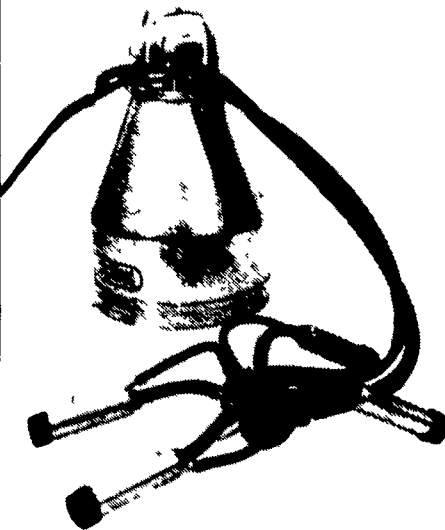
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