

No-till demo slated

YORK — A Tillage Demonstration Day will be held Aug. 7, from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., at several farms just south of York. The purpose of the event is to draw attention to the various forms of tillage available to farmers today, as well as to focus attention on the effects types of tillage have on soil loss.

The event is being cosponsored

by the York County Extension Service, the York County Conservation District, the USDA Soil Conservation Service and the York County and Pa. State Plowing Contest Committees.

The county and state plowing contests will be held in the morning at the Joe Stump Farm on Days Mill Road. In the afternoon, farmers will have the opportunity to

see the newest types of tillage equipment in use on the Stump farm. Ridge-till planters, no-till planters, para-plow, chisels, offset discs, and other conservation tillage equipment will be demonstrated.

At 3:15 p.m., a no-till pasture renovation seeding demonstration will be held at the South Branch Farms on the corner of Water Street and Reynolds Mill Road, near Jacobus. At 4:30 p.m. the tour will travel to the Donald Flinchbaugh Farm to see the results of several no-till seedings, including an alfalfa plot, no-tilled rape (brassica) test plot and a no-tilled switchgrass demonstration plot. The Flinchbaugh farm is located on Vireo Road, just east of the Leaders Heights exit of I-83.

The Tillage Demonstration Day will be rounded out with a picnic and brief discussion on the Chesapeake Bay Program, to be held at the Lake Redman pavillion.

The cosponsors of the event hope that farmers will appreciate the variety of events being planned for the day. The plowing contests traditionally illustrate the artful skill of tillage with a moldboard plow, while the tillage demonstrations and no-till tours will

emphasize the transition in tillage many farmers are making today in order to conserve fuel, time and their soil resources.

Farmers wanting more information on the events can contact the York County Extension

Office at 757-9657. Farmers are encouraged to attend portions or all of the field day and are also requested to make reservations if planning to attend the afternoon tours.



Donald Flinchbaugh, farmer, and Bill Steenwyk, York County Extension Agronomist, examine a no-till brassica test plot, which will be highlighted on Tillage Day tour Aug. 7.

Victory in Scheps case

HARRISBURG — Attorney Marian Schwalm Furman won an important victory Thursday, July 26, in Bankruptcy Court in Newark, N.J., for those farmers she represents who were sued by the Trustee in the Scheps bankruptcy.

Judge Commisa ruled against the Trustee at Mrs. Furman's request on the Trustee's, "Motion for Summary Judgement." If this motion had been approved, the Trustee would have had a judgement against the farmers and could have collected the money that they received from the Scheps last July.

The Trustee sued to recover this money, which the Scheps paid to farmers after they filed their bankruptcy petition. Payments by a bankrupt to creditors after the bankruptcy petition has been filed

constitute a violation of bankruptcy law under some circumstances.

Judge Commisa's decision last Thursday does not end the Trustee's case. It still can go to trial on factual issues. However, according to Mrs. Furman, if the Scheps are allowed to reopen their plant real soon, and if the Trustee bows out or the Court removes the Trustee, these suits will dry up. She said she has the agreement of the Scheps' attorneys that they will not pressure the Trustee's suits (even though they legally could do so), and that in court last Thursday the Scheps' attorneys opposed the Trustee's suits.

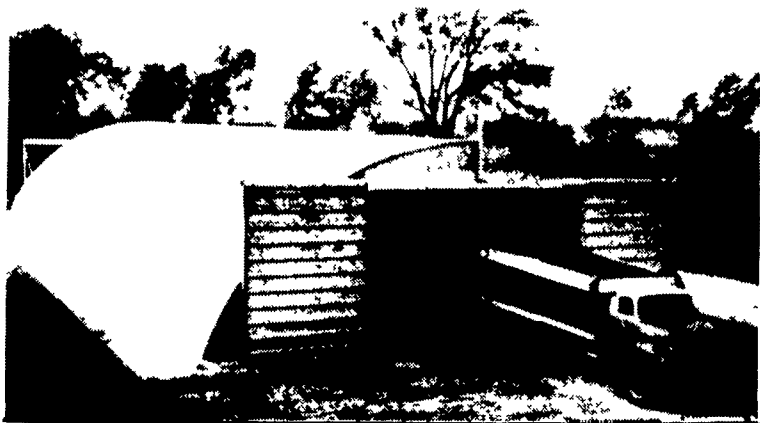
Mrs. Furman said that unfortunately this favorable ruling only applies to those farmers she represents, and that the motion for summary judgement against those farmers who have been sued but whom she does not represent will be heard later, with the outcome unknown at this time.

The Pennsylvania Farmers Union, the Pennsylvania State Grange and the Northern Tier Milk Producers have been paying the out-of-pocket expenses for Mrs. Furman, who has been donating her time and legal fees in the Scheps case. Chester L. Reed, State Executive Director said today, "This is a small victory for the farmers that Attorney Furman has been representing."

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