

Lancaster elects county ASCS committeemen

LANCASTER — LeRoy H. Welk, Quarryville, was reelected to the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service committee by delegates to the County ASCS Convention, held December 13 at the Farm and Home Center. He will be serving a third 3-year term on the committee.

The delegates also elected Ronald L. Meck, Denver, and Victor F. Dohner, Elizabethtown, as first and second alternates to the committee.

Mr. Welk is a partner with his father and brother in the farming operation of Ira Welk and Sons. They are milking approximately 85 Holsteins and grow 220 acres of corn and alfalfa. Welk is also active in the Quarryville Fire Company and serves as Eden Township auditor.

A 150,000 laying hen facility is a major part of the farm operation of

Ronald Meck, who is in partnership with his father, Carl. They grow corn, wheat, and hay on approximately 300 acres. Mr. Meck is a graduate of Penn State University with an associate degree in business administration. He also serves on the West Cocalico Township Planning Commission.

Victor Dohner owns a 45-acre beef and hog farm and farms an additional 120 acres of rented land. He has 40 brood sows and currently is fattening 270 feeder pigs. The principal crops grown by the Dohners are corn and tobacco.

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service is the agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture that administers specific commodity production and related land-use programs designed for voluntary production adjustment, resource protection

and price, market and farm income stabilization.

All programs administered by ASCS that deal directly with farmers are carried out through the committee system. The County Committee is responsible for program and administrative

policies and decisions at the county level. The community committees of three regular and two alternate members are elected each year in fifteen communities in the county by farmers in their respective communities. The community

committeemen are the "grass roots" of the agency. They are available to assist the county committee when needed to evaluate local situations and serve as delegates to the county convention.

Lower Dauphin Young Farmers meet

HUMMELSTOWN — Fifty-two members of the Lower Dauphin Young Farmers chapter recently attended their annual Christmas Banquet, held at the South Hanover Elementary School. Highlights of the evening included the presentation of awards from the Hay and Silage Show, the announcement of results for the corn yield contest, and a visit from Santa Claus.

First place winners win the Hay

and Silage show, held in November, were: Kevin Halbleib, first cutting grass; Sherwood Huntzberger, grass aftermath and first cutting alfalfa hay; Tim Gamber, mixed hay aftermath; Oel-Dell Farms, alfalfa hay aftermath; Harold Nissley, corn silage; and Catalpa Farms, haylage. Dennis Hoch, extension agent from Lebanon Co., served as the official judge.

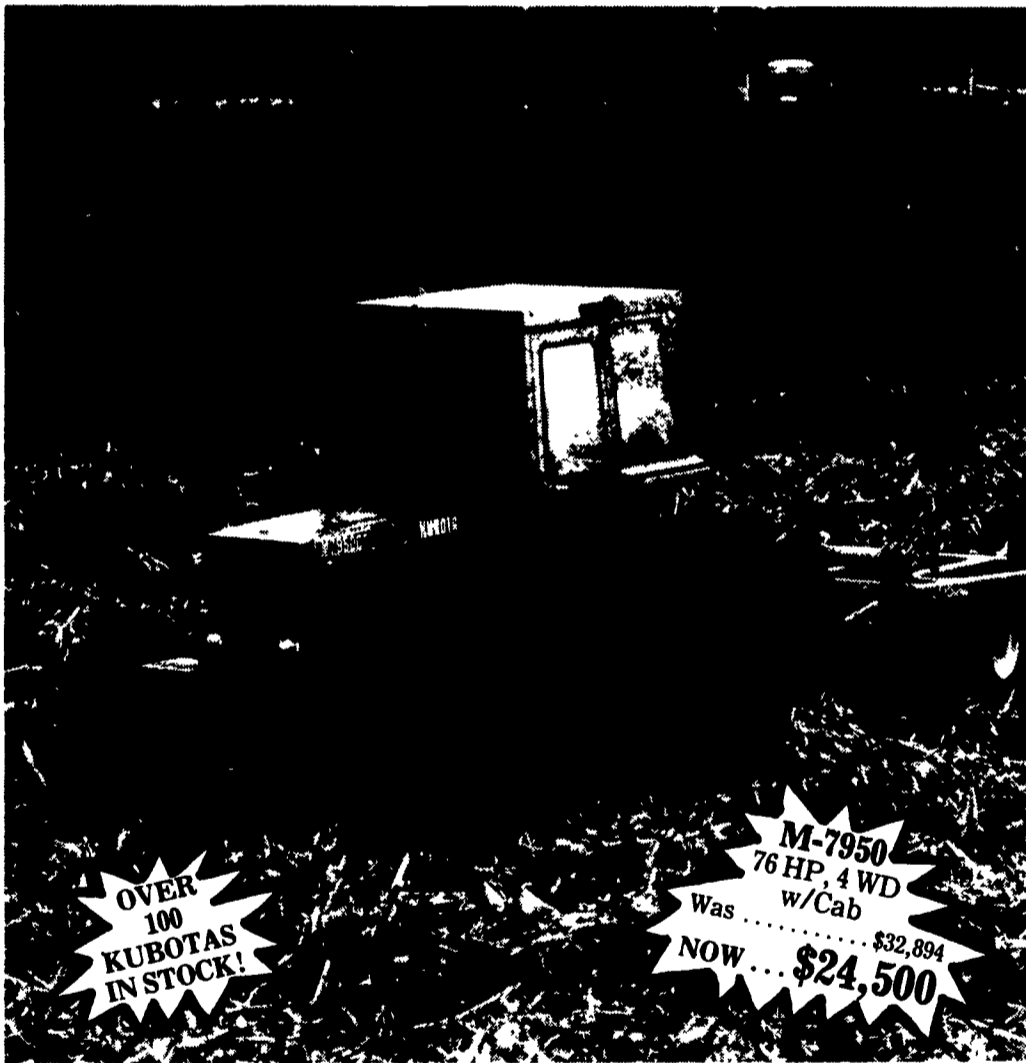
First place in the corn yield

contest went to Marlin Pickle, with 197.3 bushels per acre. Second place was awarded to Kevin Halbleib, 180.6 bushels; and third place went to Keith Oellig with 145.6 bushels per acre.

Young Farmers is a nation-wide, non-profit, non-political organization formed for educational purposes with particular emphasis on agricultural education. It is an integral part of the Lower Dauphin School District's Vocational Agriculture department. Anyone with a desire to learn and participate is urged to become a member by calling the Lower Dauphin Vo-Ag department.

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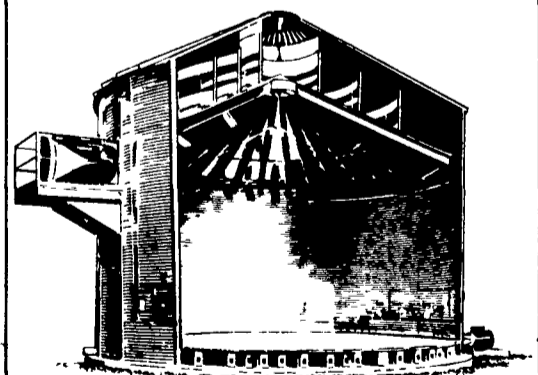


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