

McCracken's Mill hosts dairyman's seminar

MANHEIM — McCracken's Feed Mill's Third Annual Dairyman's Seminar last week touched on water quality, reproduction, feed supplements and services.

Meeting at Encks Baron Stiegel Restaurant the McCracken customers heard Dr. Richard C. Croyle of Bio Metrics Laboratory, in the Buck, talk on "Water Quality—A Problem or a Solution". J. Nevin Gish, McCracken's

nutritional consultant organized and served as Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Professor R. David Smith of Cornell University led a lively discussion on improving management of the reproduction process to increase profit.

During lunch the assembled dairy farmers collected door prizes and were able to discuss problems with the speakers, McCracken's staff and each other.

"We are most concerned with providing service to our customers," Gish said. "From forage testing and water sampling to computerized charting and corn exchange, we want to help our customers be more productive."

The afternoon was led by Dr. LaVern Schugel, vice president for research and technical services for Zin Pro Corporation. He provided in-depth information on the value of supplementing dairy feeds with

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Berks course for young workers

LEESPORT — Farm employers and parents of young farm employees should insist that youth working on farms this summer have proper training and certification.

The child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, mandate that youth under 17 years of age cannot be employed in certain agricultural operations unless they have had special training and received certification. While the provisions do not apply to youth working on farms of their parents or guardians, the training is still essential for all young farm workers.

The Berks County Cooperative Extension Service will offer an agricultural equipment safety and certification course to teach 13 to 16 year old youths about normal working hazards involved with tractors and other farm machinery. Certificates of completion will be issued upon suc-

cessful completion of the course. The course will involve classroom training and operation of tractors and farm equipment.

The course will begin on Wednesday, March 20, 1985, and will run for four consecutive Wednesdays. The first two classes (March 20 & 27) will be at the Berks County Agricultural Center, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The second two (April 3 & 10) will be held at Shartlesville Farm Service, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. The final testing will be held on Saturday, April 13, 1985 8:00 a.m. at Shartlesville Farm Service.

Course instructors will be Christine Williams, Kutztown, Vo-Ag Dept. and Lynn Van Tassel, Hamburg Area Vo-Ag Department.

To enroll in the course, contact Chris States at the Extension office 378-1327 by March 15. Penn State is an affirmative action, equal opportunity university.



Sharing a moment after the festivities at the annual Dairyman's Seminar sponsored by McCracken's Mill are, from left, mill owner Pete McCracken; J. Nevin Gish, nutritional consultant at McCracken's; Dr. LaVern Schugel, vice president of research and technical services at Zin Pro; and Dr. David Smith, associate professor of animal science at Cornell University.



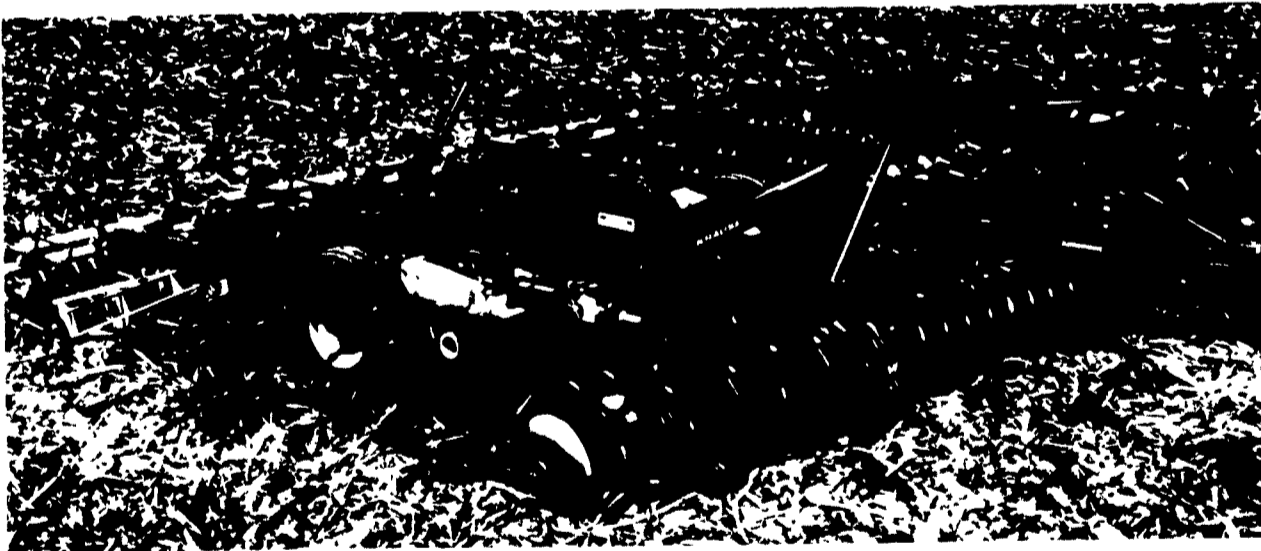
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