

Banquet to honor retiring Ag Department Chairman

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Reservations are being accepted for a banquet in honor of Dr. James R. Miller, chairman of the University of Maryland's Department of Agronomy since 1963. The banquet will be held Sunday, June 9 at the university's Adult Education Center with a reception at 4 p.m., followed by dinner at 5 p.m. Banquet reservations will be limited to 500 guests.

Miller attended Washington College for three years before entering the University of

Maryland, where he earned his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in soils, with a minor in plant physiology.

Following graduation, Miller accepted a position as a soil scientist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Beltsville. While there, he conducted research on radioactive fallout in soils. He also conducted extensive research on methods of determining available phosphorus in soils.

In 1958, he joined the staff of the Agronomy Department at the university where he was in charge

of the state-wide soil testing laboratory. Through his Extension work in soils, lime and fertilizer, Miller became well-known throughout Maryland, participating in many meetings and speaking widely on soils and the use of lime and fertilizer.

He organized and participated in many regional lime and fertilizer educational meetings for industry and professional agricultural personnel. Miller also assisted in the development of agronomy short courses at College Park.

In more recent years, he played

a leading role in encouraging Maryland farmers to explore the advantages of no-till crop production. Today, Maryland and Delaware lead the nation in the percentage of crop land in no-till, or some form of conservation tillage.

Tickets for the retirement banquet will be \$25 each. The cost

will include dinner and a retirement gift.

Checks should be made payable to the Miller Retirement Fund and mailed to Dr. Scott Glenn, Agronomy Department, 0115 H.J. Patterson Hall, University of Maryland, College Park, Md., 20742. For further information, call (301) 454-3715.

York no-till drill program

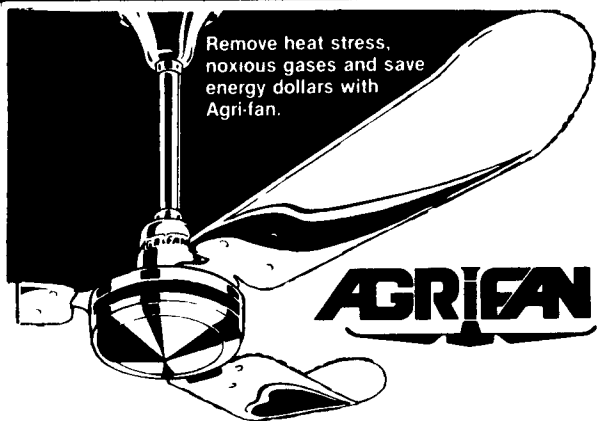
YORK — The York County Conservation District is establishing a no-till drill promotion program in the County. The purpose of this program is to encourage the use of conservation tillage to save soil, soil moisture, and tillage costs for farmers.

The District's goal is to provide access to a no-till drill for interested farmers so they may use the drill on their farm, in their individual soil conditions. Assistance will be provided by the

District Conservation Tillage Specialist and cooperating dealers.

The District must first determine level of interest within the York County farming community. If enough interest is generated, the District will finalize negotiations with dealers.

For more information, contact Mark Kimmel, Conservation Tillage Specialist at the York County Conservation District office, 118 Pleasant Acres Road.



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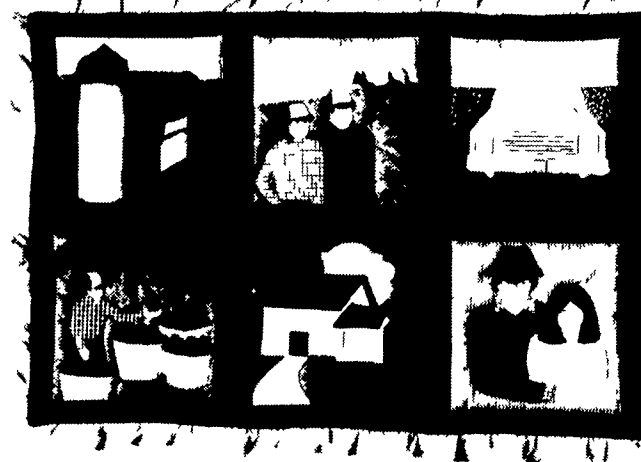
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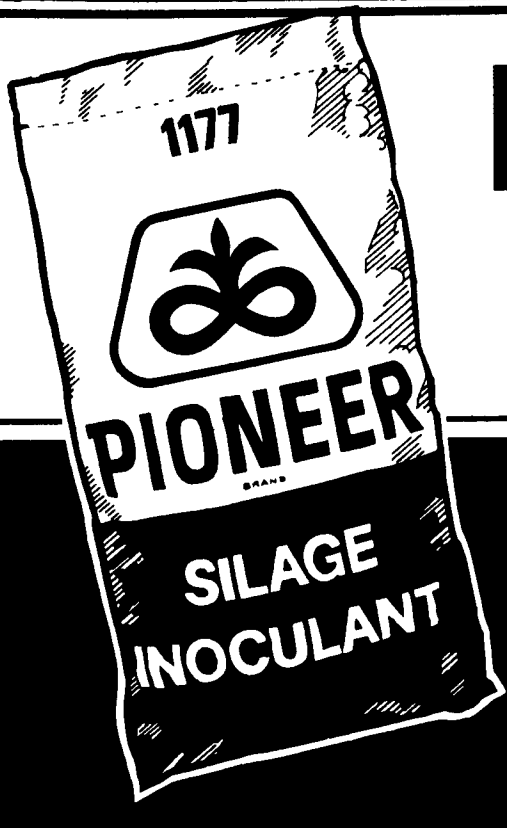
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