

## Leiby named director of Lehigh County extension

UNIVERSITY PARK — Robert E. Leiby, Lehigh County Extension agent, was named County Extension Director earlier this month.

As extension director, Leiby is responsible for coordinating the entire extension program in Lehigh County, including programs on agriculture, family living, 4-H and community development.

A member of The Pennsylvania State University's Cooperative Extension staff since 1975, Leiby has been coordinating Lehigh County's agricultural programs for nearly a year. Because of the diverse population in the county, he has emphasized strong farm/city relationships, as well as special programs and agronomy and horticulture.

Leiby also brings strength to the county extension programs with his expertise in computers. In addition to spending a year as a computer support agent at Penn State's University Park campus,

Leiby was an integral part of the College of Agriculture's computer display at the 1986 Farm Show. He worked with the College's computer support service to demonstrate the Pennsylvania Extension computer network to thousands of Farm Show visitors. The computer system is now available to public at no charge.

Leiby began his Extension career working with 4-H programs in Lehigh County. Some of the 4-H programs he initiated include the black locust project, the holiday 4-H bowling tournament, 4-H skiing and the 4-H embryology project.

He received a bachelor of science in agronomy from the Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture, and a master's degree in agricultural education from Penn State. He is a member of both the Pennsylvania and National Associations of County Agricultural Agents, and the Pennsylvania and National 4-H Agents Associations.

In his new position as county



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extension director, Leiby replaces Betty Heinbach, who recently retired as director after 30 years with the Cooperative Extension Service

## Bill would change deficiency rule

WASHINGTON — To correct a provision in the 1985 Farm Bill which would reduce payments for corn, wheat, rice and some cotton producers, Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley is co-sponsoring a bill which would particularly protect Iowa's high-yield corn growers

Under old laws, deficiency payments for farmers were based on average yields over a "rolling" five-year span, with the oldest year dropped from the calculation each new season. The new formula uses a "fixed" five year span, dropping the years of highest and lowest yields.

The new formula would thus eliminate many Iowans' best crop years from the formula, with new averages based on low-yield years.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that the new formula would cost farmers \$1 billion if not corrected. Iowa's share of that loss, said Grassley, would probably amount to "tens of

millions of dollars."

Although Grassley won several improvements in the 1985 Farm Bill, he ultimately voted against the legislation "because of numerous provisions which were not in the best interest of farmers."

The reform legislation introduced this week and co-sponsored by Grassley would require USDA when evaluating farmers to use the 1985 program yield formula or the 1985 Farm Bill formula, whichever is higher, protecting tens of millions of dollars in income for Iowa corn growers

Grassley said stakes of the reform legislation "go far beyond Iowa, because wheat, cotton, rice and other feed grain producers are in the same boat as Iowa corn growers. They're all jeopardized by this new formula, and should all carefully evaluate implications for their sectors."

## Case organization formed in Ohio

SIDNEY, OH — A new organization open to all persons who are interested "in the restoration, preservation and historical background" of machines and related items bearing the name of Jerome Increase Case and his companies recently was incorporated in Ohio and is seeking members worldwide.

Officially named the "J. I. Case Collectors Association, Inc.," the not-for-profit group was formed following an organizational meeting held at the Darke County Steam Threshers Association show in Greenville, Ohio, last year.

The group honors the memory and the heritage of J. I. Case, who was one of America's foremost inventors and producers of farm engines and machinery during the last half of the 19th Century.

According to the association's by-laws, principal purposes of the new organization are to foster the "exchange of information and materials" and to provide "opportunities for recreation and education for individuals...with an interest in equipment and other matters associated with J.I Case companies."

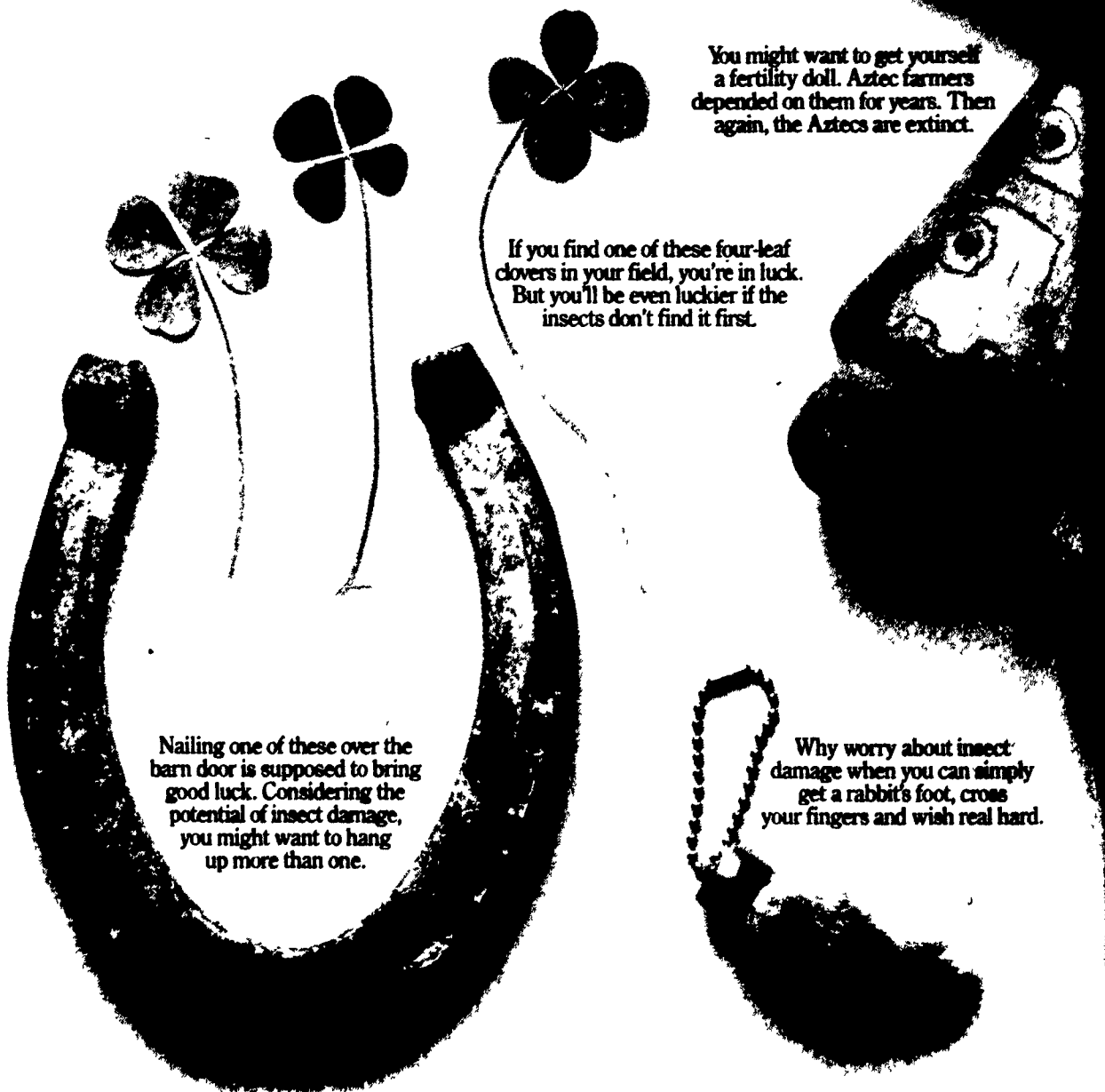
Case steam traction engines, gasoline tractors and machinery were featured at Darke County's 1985 event; and several of that show's organizers are charter officers of the new J. I. Case group. They are: D. A. Nealeigh, president; Bruce E. Davis, treasurer; and John W. Davis, secretary. The board of directors includes Clarence E. Christian, Jr., David T. Erb (who serves as editor of "Old Abe's News," the association's newsletter), and Helen Case Brigham (a great-granddaughter of J. I. Case)

Membership dues currently are \$15 a year, including a subscription to the quarterly newsletter. Additional memberships in a family group may be obtained without the newsletter subscription for \$10 a year

Persons interested in obtaining membership applications or learning more about the organization should write to Bruce E. Davis, Treasurer, Case Association, 14377 Sharp Road, Sidney, Ohio 45365.

Those interested in advertising or contributing material for publication in "Old Abe's News" should contact David T. Erb, Editor, Route 2, Box 242, Vinton, Ohio 45686. The newsletter is named for the original J. I. Case Company trademark (an eagle/"Old Abe" perched on the globe), which was first used in 1865

# CORN FARMERS WHO DON'T USE FURADAN WILL NEED SOME EXTRA EQUIPMENT THIS YEAR.



You might want to get yourself a fertility doll. Aztec farmers depended on them for years. Then again, the Aztecs are extinct.

If you find one of these four-leaf clovers in your field, you're in luck. But you'll be even luckier if the insects don't find it first.

Nailing one of these over the barn door is supposed to bring good luck. Considering the potential of insect damage, you might want to hang up more than one.

Why worry about insect damage when you can simply get a rabbit's foot, cross your fingers and wish real hard.