

Jim Kerr Wins State Award

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academic credits for vocational courses teaching academic skills such as math and science.

"I feel real good about it," Kerr said of the award. "Agriculture must receive some recognition that is positive because we've been receiving so much negative publicity in the last several years."

Kerr said he believes many people don't support vocational education because they don't understand it. But as a leader in his field, Kerr says he believes students graduating from vocational programs have a lot of job opportunities awaiting them.

The education they receive in vocational programs prepares them for employment by teaching skills through doing, and learning to give a day's work for a day's pay.

Kerr has been teaching

vocational agriculture since 1967, when he began his career at Parkland High School. He later taught at Warwick High School for a year, before moving to Lancaster County Vo-Tech Schools in 1976. In addition to his position as a horticulture teacher, Kerr owns a nursery and raises Christmas trees.

He is a member of the American Vocational Association, the National and State Vocational Agriculture Teachers Associations, and the Pennsylvania Vocational Association. He is past president of the Lancaster County Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association and is a member of the FFA Foundation board of trustees.

Kerr and his wife, Virginia, live in Peach Bottom with their two sons, James Michael and Michael Patrick.

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Donald L. Spickler, past chairman of the State Soil Conservation Committee and president of the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts has been chosen as a recipient of the 1986 Chesapeake Bay Conservation Award in the Agricultural category. The Awards program, co-sponsored by the DuPont Company and the Izaak Walton League of America, annually honors individuals, groups, businesses and municipalities that have made an outstanding contribution to the protection and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay.

The award winners are chosen by a committee composed of leaders in the conservation movement who have been instrumental in working towards a cleaner, healthier Bay.

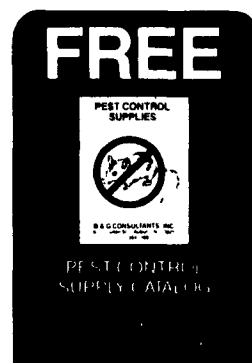
Don Spickler has served conservation in several capacities. He has been district supervisor of Washington County Soil Conservation District for 15 years. First appointed in 1971, he has served as chairman or vice chairman of the board for most of that time. Spickler has also served as an agricultural advisor on the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Chesapeake Bay Programs Executive Council, and is on the board of directors of the National Association of Conservation Districts.

A member of SSSC, Maryland's State Soil Conservation Committee since 1974, Mr. Spickler served as chairman from 1982 to July 1986. Currently serving as president of the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Spickler served as first vice president from

1979 to 1985. He has served on the board of directors since 1971.

The Izaak Walton League of America Awards Banquet and ceremony will be held February 19, 1987 at the Smithsonian Natural History Museum in Washington, D.C.

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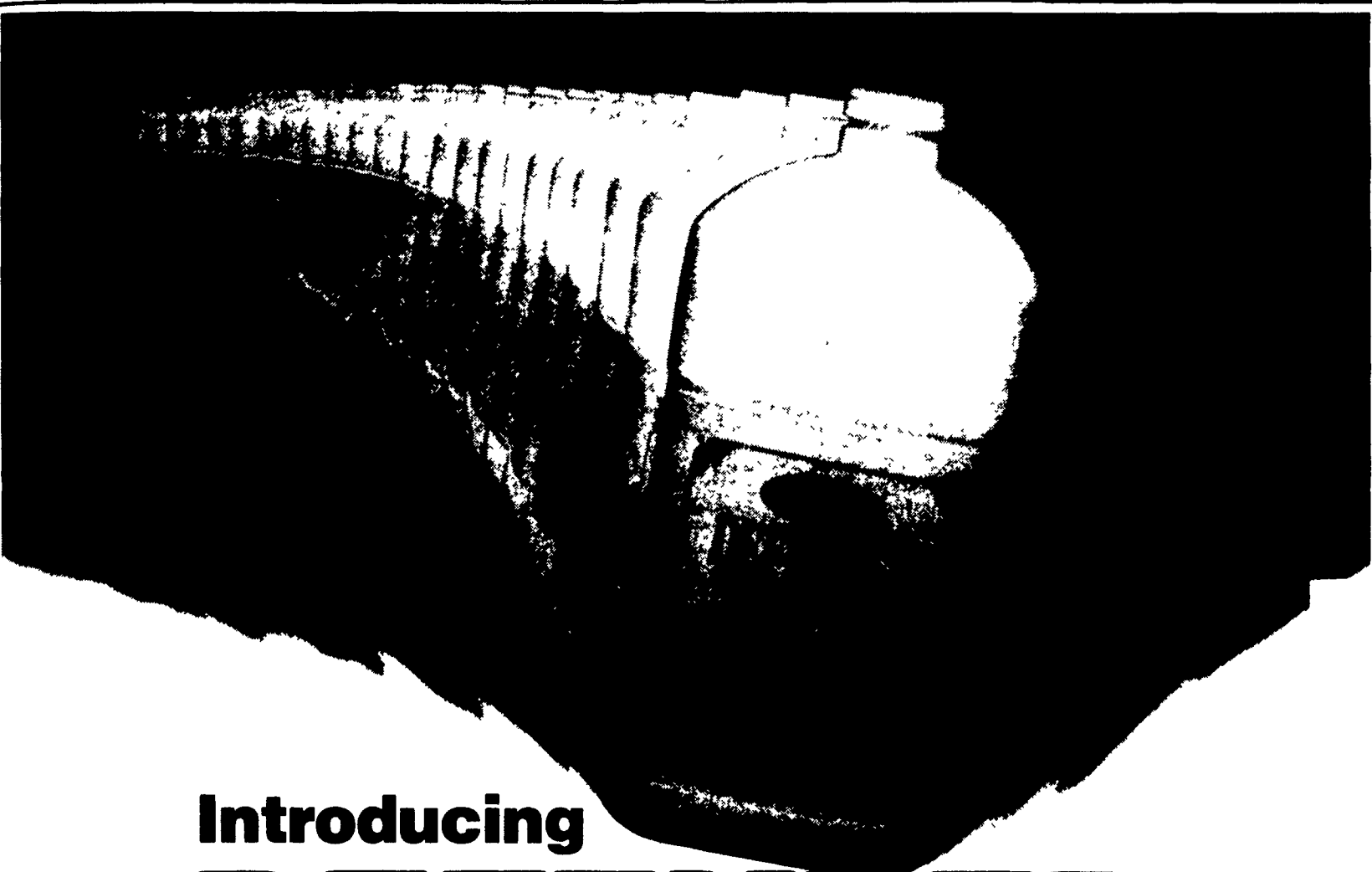
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