

Maryland Farmers Involved In Bay Cleanup

Clinic Slated By State Pleasure Walking Horse Association

NEW RINGGOLD — The Pennsylvania Pleasure Walking Horse Association is holding its annual Spring Clinic on March 19 and 20 at the Open Gate Equestrian Center here.

On the 19th, Dr. Dave Whitaker of Middle Tennessee State University will speak on breeding and genetics and how to plan a good Pleasure Walking Horse breeding program. He also will deal with principles of judging. Juveniles 18

and under will then judge halter and gaited classes under the coaching of Dr. Whitaker.

Instructors for March 20 will be Odie Adcock and Dale Seidel, long-time professional Walking Horse trainers. They will be working with horse and rider on general horsemanship, starting with the young horse, loading, biting, shoeing, and improving the gaits.

For more information, call 215/267-7311, after 8:00 p.m.

Lancaster County Sells Seedlings For 12th Year

LANCASTER — The Lancaster County Conservation District will be conducting its 12th Annual Tree Seedling Sale during the month of March. Pre-paid orders will be accepted to purchase evergreen, hardwood, and ornamental seedlings. The seedlings, ranging in size from 4 to 20 inches depending on species, can be used for any purpose. Windbreaks, Christmas trees, ornamentals, wood products and wildlife cover are some of the many uses for trees.

Seedlings will be distributed on Friday, April 22, 1988 between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Kiwanis Lodge in the Lancaster County Central Park.

Evergreen species sold will

include Blue spruce, Norway spruce, Scotch pine, White pine, Douglas fir and Eastern hemlock. These are sold in packets of 10 for \$4.25. Hardwood seedlings include White flowering dogwood, White oak and White ash. They are sold for \$1.10 each. One ornamental species is being sold. Orchid azaleas can be purchased for \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00.

The purpose of the sale is to provide tree seedlings to the public for the beautification of our environment. Order forms can be secured by contacting the Conservation District Office at (717) 299-5361; Room 6, Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, Pa. 17601.

Maryland's Agricultural Cost Share Program continues to reduce agricultural nonpoint source pollution to the Chesapeake Bay as more farmers sign up every month, according to Amin Yazdanian, Program Administrator of Maryland's highly successful program.

The Agricultural Water Quality Cost Share Program has been in operation since 1983. Funding was significantly increased through the Chesapeake Bay Water Quality Loan Acts of 1984, 1985, 1986, and 1987. Additional funds are made available by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The state program provides up to 87.5 percent of the total cost of installing site-specific best management practices designed to control agricultural nonpoint source pollution, with limits of \$10,000 per project and \$25,000 per farm.

Designed to encourage farmers to install best-management practices on a voluntary basis, the cost share program targets those watersheds most likely to contribute agriculturally related nonpoint source pollution to Maryland waters.

"I am very proud of Maryland's farmers and the way they have taken the lead and responded in the voluntary effort, and I appreciate the things farmers are doing, and their commitment to restoring the

Chesapeake Bay," said Secretary of Agriculture Wayne A. Cawley, Jr.

Governor William Donald Schaefer is also pleased with the progress being made by Maryland's Agricultural Water Quality Cost Share Program. "This kind of cooperation is just great," said Schaefer. "Good things happen when everybody works together on a tough job like this," said the Governor at the annual Agricultural Dinner held at Martins Crosswinds in Greenbelt on February 4.

Since July of 1983, the MDA has received over 5,000 cost share applications. As of February, 1987, cost share funded projects are helping to save approximately 316,000 tons of soil per year, and are treating 2,500 total tons of animal waste per day. About \$10 million in bond funds administered by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) have been expended for completed projects. Another one million in federal funds provided by EPA has been paid out to farmers.

Halteman Named Conservation Farmer

CREAMERY — Arlin Halteman of Kulp Road, Harleysville was recently named by the Montgomery County Conservation District as Outstanding Conservation Farmer for 1987. Arlin also had the number-two dairy herd in the county for 1987.

Halteman's conservation accomplishments include: 165 acres of stripcropping, several thousand feet of storage terraces, diversions, and gradient terraces. Halteman has converted more than 2,000 feet of gullies into grassed waterways. Six structures for water control have also been built to stabilize erosion. Arlin credits much of his farmer's abilities to his

dad, Elwood, whose other son Harold happened to have the number-one dairy herd in the county for 1987. Elwood taught Arlin the value of crop rotation and good land management. This is evidenced by most all the rented land being farmed also being under good conservation.

Arlin's philosophy is that "you only get out of the land what you put into it." No-till has also played a part in Halteman's conservation system. He likes to no-till beans after barley, and has been very successful at it. He says "the barley stubble not only helps to hold the moisture, but also prevents soil from washing away."

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