

Pennsylvania County Agents Receive National Recognition

SOMERSET, NJ — Four county agents of the Penn State Cooperative Extension received awards from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents at the association's annual meeting held this week. Those being honored were Judith S. Stoudt, Berks County, achievement award winner; and Joseph S. Beard, Crawford County; Donald P. Fowler, Felton County; and Laurence L. Yager, Area Marketing Agent, Adams County, received Distinguished Service Awards.

Judith S. Stoudt of Leesport is Pennsylvania's Achievement

Award winner for her professional extension achievement with the Oley Valley water testing program. This project helped homeowners to learn how to improve and maintain their water quality. In addition, Stoudt has initiated the "Master Gardener" program in Berks County and has developed other extension programs.

The Achievement Award is given by NACAA to encourage and recognize excellence in the field of professional extension for members with fewer than 10 years of service in the Cooperative Extension.

Joseph S. Beard of Cambridge

Springs received the NACAA Distinguished Service Award for his effective extension programs. Beard's emphasis is on good agronomic practices developed through his monthly newsletter to farmers and to feed, seed, and fertilizer dealers. He initiated area corn and forage days and variety plots for small grains, corn and soybeans. In addition, Beard has encouraged farmers to participate in the alfalfa growers' program and five-acre corn plots. Other responsibilities include working with the DHIA, 4-H dairy program, Northwest Maple Producers and community development programs.

Beard has been a member of the Crawford County Cooperative Extension since 1966, achieving the rank of Senior Extension Agent.

Donald P. Fowler of McConnellsburg received the NACAA Distinguished Service Award for initiating programs in a variety of areas dealing with both 4-H/youth and adults. Fowler was instrumental in starting a county-wide environmental education program. He has assisted in the development of two 4-H parks and a strong youth component of one county fair. In addition, he started the first 4-H BMX club in the nation, assisted in organizing a crop management association and developed pesticide education and safety programs.

Fowler is a senior Extension agent and Fulton County Extension director, starting his extension career in 1961.

Laurence L. Yager of Gettysburg received the NACAA Distinguished Service Award for his work in marketing. Though Yager has been conducting traditional agricultural marketing situation

and outlook work, he has felt the need to move on and present marketing alternatives and develop market strategies for his farmers, consumer and agri-business clientele. He conducts programs for most agricultural commodities, but has been especially recognized on a regional and national level for his efforts in direct marketing and alternative agriculture.

Yager is the Area Marketing Agent with extension, working out of the Adams County office in Chambersburg. He has been employed by The Pennsylvania State University since 1961 in the field of farm management.

The Distinguished Service Award honorees are chosen by their fellow agents and the director of extension of the various states. The nominees must have 10 or more years of service in extension work and put into practice an effective extension program which includes carrying to completion some constructive and outstanding work. They must also be actively interested in the improvement of the Cooperative Extension profession.

Commissioner Jonas Receives Conservation Award

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)— Pike County Commissioner Margaret Mary Jonas has received the County Commissioner District Director of the Year Award from the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD). Jonas will receive this award during the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Association of County Commissioners, August 9, in Erie, Pennsylvania.

For the past three years Jonas has served as director of the Pike

County Conservation District. She has been credited for developing the District's budget, obtaining funds for an Erosion and Sedimentation district technician, purchasing of a district vehicle for staff use, and assisting in raising funds for the remapping of the county's soil along with the updating of the county's Soil Survey.

In addition to her contribution to the Pike County Conservation District, Commissioner Jonas is also active in the Pike County Sol-

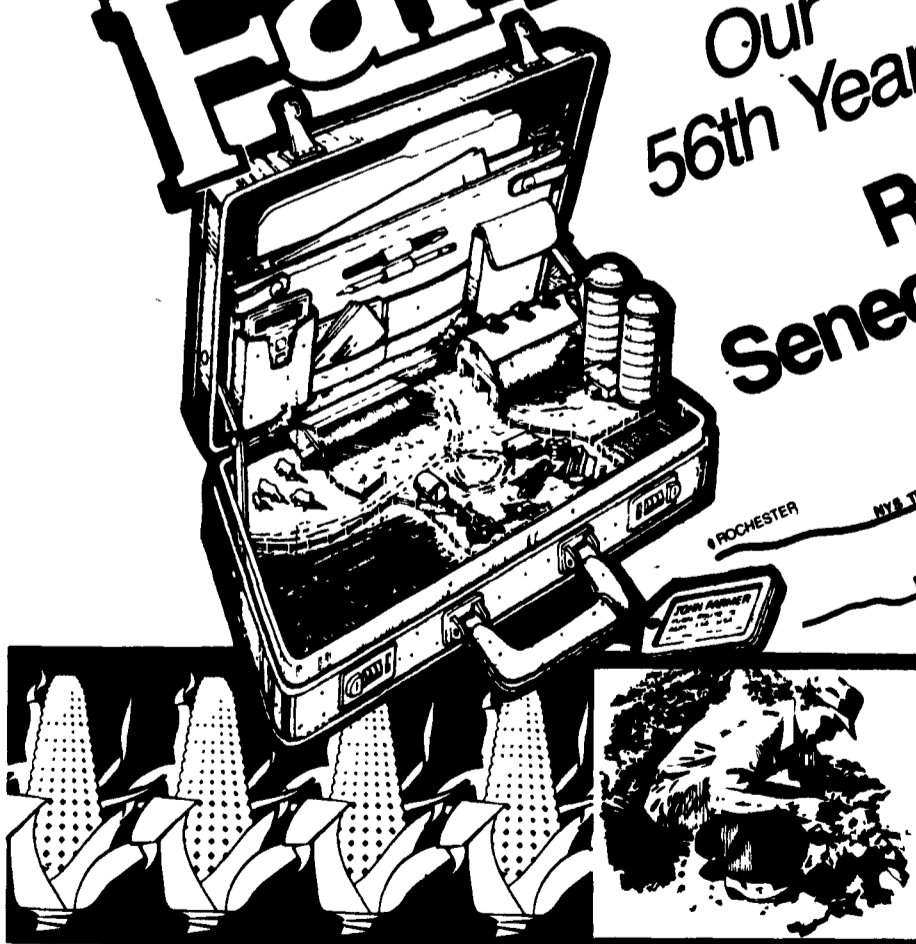
id Waste Management Program, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Recycling Coordination and Information Program and the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania. She not only has testified before the Citizens Advisory Council with recommendations regarding natural resource use but also has instituted action to start a feasibility study for a regional sewage treatment plant to meet Pike County's growing waste water disposal needs.

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