

### Cash 'Em, Don't Trash 'Em

LYKENS (Dauphin Co.) — The Dauphin Co. Farmers' Association announced today that it is starting a petition-signing campaign to encourage the State General Assembly to pass legislation leading to a deposit being placed on returnable beverage containers.

"Each year farmers are faced with a major cleanup of bottles and cans along the roads and in their fields," said Jon Johnson, president of the local farm group. "This carelessly discarded trash causes major damage to our equipment and can kill our farm animals."

Kicking off a campaign called "Cash 'em, Don't Trash 'em", the local association is participating in the statewide campaign that would let the general public vote on the issue in a statewide referendum.

"We want to see a referendum placed on the ballot that would give direction to the Pennsylvania General Assembly, which would then hopefully pass legislation placing a deposit on returnable beverage containers," Johnson said.

The State General Assembly approved the Municipal Waste Planning Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101, 1988), which will require recycling for most municipalities within three years. But, according to Johnson,

this law doesn't go far enough. "If we place a value on a beverage container, glass and cans," he said, "the people would be less likely to throw them in our fields and along the roadways. That's the ultimate purpose of our campaign."

BOZEMAN, Mont. — J. David Nichols of Anita, Iowa, a member of the American Simmental Association (ASA) Board of Trustees since 1986, has been elected chairman of the board. He succeeds Gerald Williams of New Carlisle, Ohio.

Nichols is managing partner of Nichols Farms, a family-owned operation running 1,200 registered cows representing three breeds. Nichols Farms annually merchandises in excess of 400 yearling bulls by private treaty only, pricing them exclusively on performance and EPDs.

Nichols has been involved with Simmental since 1970, and for the past two years has served as president of ASA Publications, Inc.,

The state legislature came close to placing a deposit on returnable beverage containers, but decided to pass the recycling legislation. "States that have recycling laws even tougher than Pennsylvania's found that bottles and cans along

with other trash are still being dumped along highways and in farm fields," said Johnson, citing Ohio as an example.

"On the other hand, states that have recycling and a deposit on bottle and cans have seen a dramatic change when it comes to trash

being dumped along the road," he said.

The local farm group plans to take all of the petitions to Harrisburg on April 2, 1990, when the organization holds a statewide legislative conference.

### Nichols Elected ASA Chairman

the governing board of The Register, ASA's official publication.

Nichols is a past-president of the U.S. Beef Improvement Federation and is a frequent speaker before cattle and other agricultural groups. He attended Iowa State University and served in the U.S. Army.

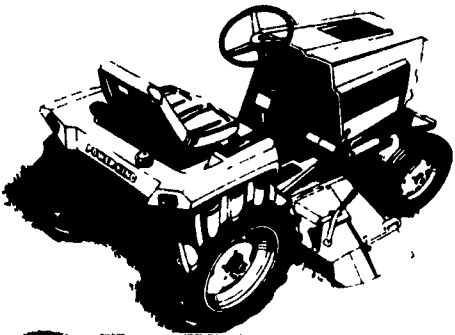
During ASA's recent Annual Meeting and Convention at Washington, D.C., Breck Ellison, Jr. of Knoxville, Tennessee was elected vice chairman/chairman elect. Johnny Poore of Barnesville, Georgia, was elected treasurer. The five-member executive committee includes Nichols, Elli-

son, and Poore along with Don Clanton, from North Platte, Nebraska and Delbert Carstens, from Greenacres, Washington.

Two newly elected trustees were seated during the convention. They are Tom Risinger of Crockett, Texas and Gordon Hodges of Pilot Mountain, North Carolina. In addition, four incumbents were installed for a second three-year term: Ellison; Carstens; Orville Deckert, Arena, North Dakota; and Clanton.

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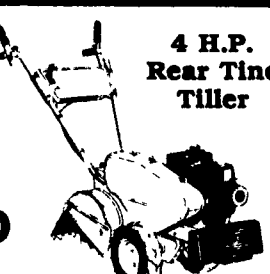
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
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