

# Adams Conservation District Honors Members

GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.) — The Adams County Conservation District held its annual banquet on March 18 at the York Springs Fire Company Community Center.

Nearly 120, ranging from farmers and contractors to DER and SCS representatives, enjoyed a family style dinner and good company. District chairman John Lott served as master of ceremonies.

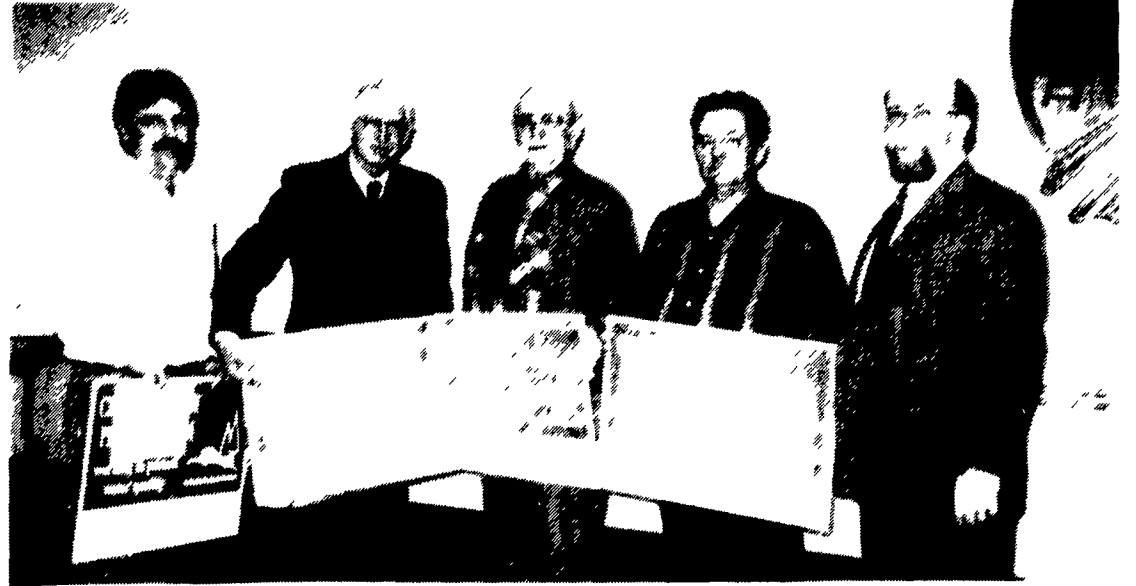
The evening meal started with the invocation by district farm director Bill Oyler. Following the meal, Dr. Les Lanyon, Penn State professor of soil fertility, served as guest speaker.

In his speech, "Why Nutrient Management Now?", Lanyon explained why nutrient management has become such a high priority. He illustrated this point most notably by distributing Hershey Kisses to the audience. "As you eat that Hershey kiss . . . remember the phosphorus that is in that Her-

shey kiss is 14 million years old." Lanyon explained that the nutrients that are applied in the form of fertilizers to fields in the corn belt are from a different time (10 - 15 million years ago) and a different place (Florida, South America, etc.). This corn is then shipped to a dairy farm in southern Pennsylvania. He went on to explain that only a small percentage of the nutrients from the imported corn leave the farm in the form of milk. The rest become concentrated on the farm.

To more vividly illustrate this point, Lanyon gave a brief history of the problems that have occurred in Lake Okeechobee, Fla. This region had problems similar to those we are seeing in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Nutrient runoff from intense dairy operations were the cause of a 120 square mile algal bloom in the lake. Lanyon pointed out that the answers

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Adams County farmers completing their Chesapeake Bay Program Contracts in 1992 were presented signs of recognition at the conservation district's annual banquet. Chesapeake Bay Program Farms are working to improve water quality in Adams County and, ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay through soil conservation and nutrient management. Pictured left to right are Mike Smith, Adams Lobaugh (accepting for nephew Vince Lobaugh), Lloyd Spahr, Harold King, and District Chairman John Lott. Not present for the photo were Ralana Mearns, Melvin Trostle, Wiebe Viersma, George Bankert, and James Houser.

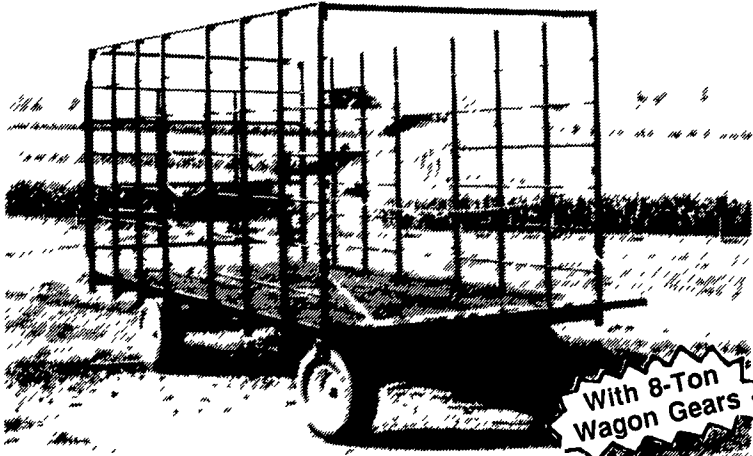
## Gro-Mor Names Sales Representative

LEOLA (Lancaster Co.) — Richard Melchert of Elmer, N.J. has been named new sales representative for Gro-Mor Plant Food Company, headquartered in Lancaster County.

Melchert will be marketing high yield yet economical, true solution liquid fertilizers to growers in southern New Jersey, and can be reached at (609) 358-0574. He will combine his personal farming experience (currently farming 300 acres) with the more than 140 years of success shared by the Gro-Mor Management Team.

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