

Rich Memories . . .

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In the beginning years of the organization, members were required to live on a farm. Today,

many members are from non-farming backgrounds. But their allegiance to promoting love for farm, family, and community remains at the core of the organization.



Darlee Straub is the most recent addition to the past president's club.



"The greatest fun in the world was the convention," said Pat Baum.

"I was not raised on a farm, but always loved rural and farm life," Darlene said. She has always had a garden and learned to can and freeze from her in-laws.

Evidently, Darlene also likes to pull weeds. She and her husband have 22 large flower beds surrounding their home.

In addition to holding almost every office at the local and county levels, she recently completed a three-year term as state treasurer.

Although Farm Women is a female-members only, the husbands often are coerced or generously offer their assistance to projects.

In Darlene's case, her husband Walter often double checked the financial reports that Darlene kept for the organization.

"He has a keen eye for figures," Darlene said.

Her husband is a steel worker for 20 years. Darlene works part time as a secretary for an insurance company. For the last three years, she has been a census taker for the school district.

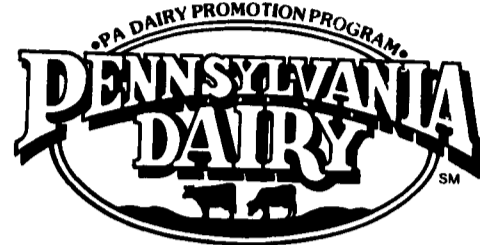
"I love it because I just love people. They are so friendly and often invite me into their homes and give me a tour," said Darlene.

Community Trees, Resources

WEST CHESTER (Chester Co.) — Penn State Cooperative Extension, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Council, Penn State School of Forest Resources, and PECO Energy Company, will present a workshop for planning and protecting the community forest. "Community Trees, Community Resources" will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 30, at Penn State Great Valley Campus, 30 E. Swedesford Road, Malvern.

The registration fee is \$25 by 3/20/95 (\$28 after 3/20) which includes workshop materials and lunch. For further information about the conference, contact

Julianne Schieffer, Penn State's Regional Urban Forester, 610-489-4315, or for registration information, contact Chester County Extension at 610-696-3500.



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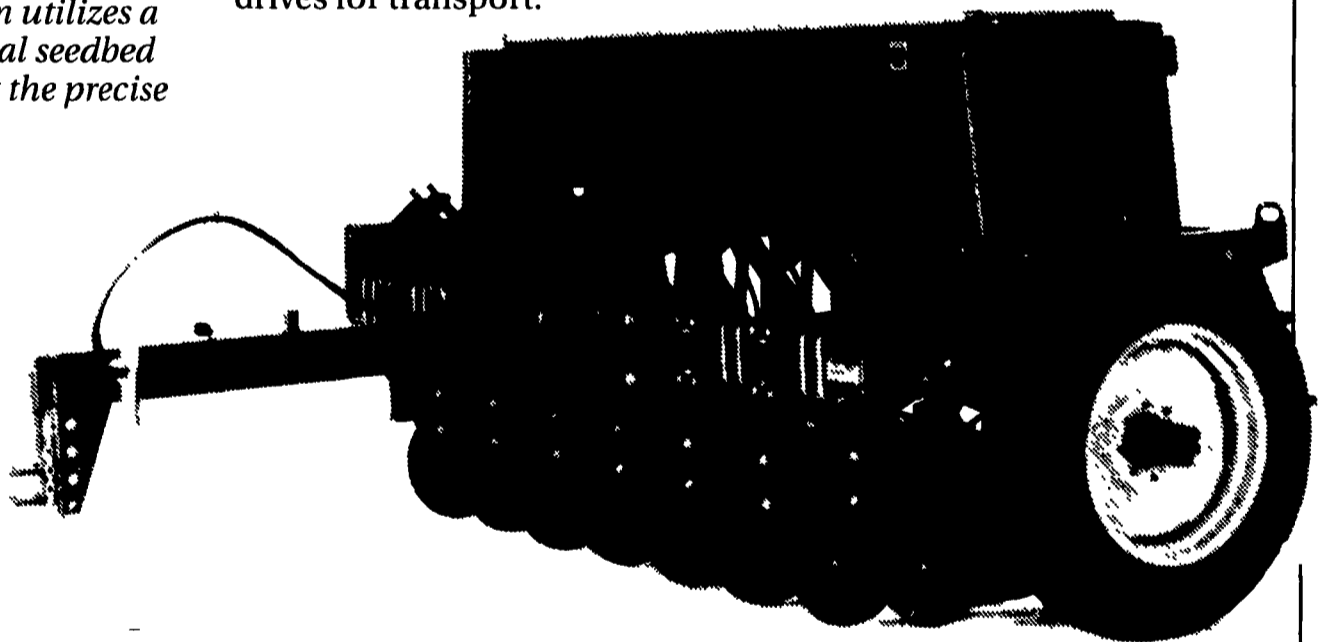
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