

Pa. Forage And Grassland Council Honors Achievements

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CARLISLE (Cumberland Co.) — Several members of the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council (PFGC) on Tuesday were presented with awards recognizing practices and efforts that reflect the goals of advancing knowledge and sound stewardship associated with grasses and forages.

The award presentations were made during a luncheon meeting of the PFGC held in conjunction with the annual 1996 Pennsylvania Crops Conference at the Embers Inn, in Carlisle.

The crops conference is an annual event sponsored by the PFGC, the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association, the Pennsylvania Soybean Board, and the Pennsylvania State University Extension.

During the presentation ceremony, three award recipients were acknowledged, and three class winners of the 1995 Ag Progress Days Hay Show were presented with awards.

A PFGC Special Award is the highest recognition the organization bestows. The award is a recognition of an individual or company that has made a major contribution directly to the PFGC, as well as an outstanding contribution to the state's forage and livestock industry or conservation farming.

Dr. James Starling, who in December was named interim dean of the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences, was named the recipient of the Special Award.

A member of the PFGC, he has served on its board of directors and as its president in 1968. While head of the Penn State Agronomy Department (1969-1985), he was a strong supporter of the PFGC and its programs, and that support has continued.

Starling also was a research project leader in forage crop breeding and genetics with the primary responsibility of studying perennial grass breeding and genetics, as well as teaching graduate students applied statistics.

He started at Penn State in 1954 as a graduate assistant in 1954 and

joined the agronomy faculty in 1957. He earned a bachelor degree in agronomy from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and a master and doctorate in agronomy from Penn State.

In addition to serving the Grassland Council, he has been a member of the Pennsylvania Plant Food

and Protectant Educational Society, and the Northeast Branch of the American Society of Agronomy.

Clyde Myers, an extension agent for Berks County, was recognized as the recipient of the organization's Teaching/Extension Award, because of his efforts and dedication to providing his area's farmers with education

and delivering useful information about grasses and forages, as well as his leadership.

According to a statement by the PFGC, "Clyde is recognized by his peers as an excellent teacher and provider of outstanding leadership. He has initiated many educational programs in Berks County as (Turn to Page A37)



From the left, Robert Hetrick accepts the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council Conservation Award, while Marvin Hall accepts for Dr. James Starling the PFGC's highest award, and Bob Leiby holds a teaching award for Clyde Myers.

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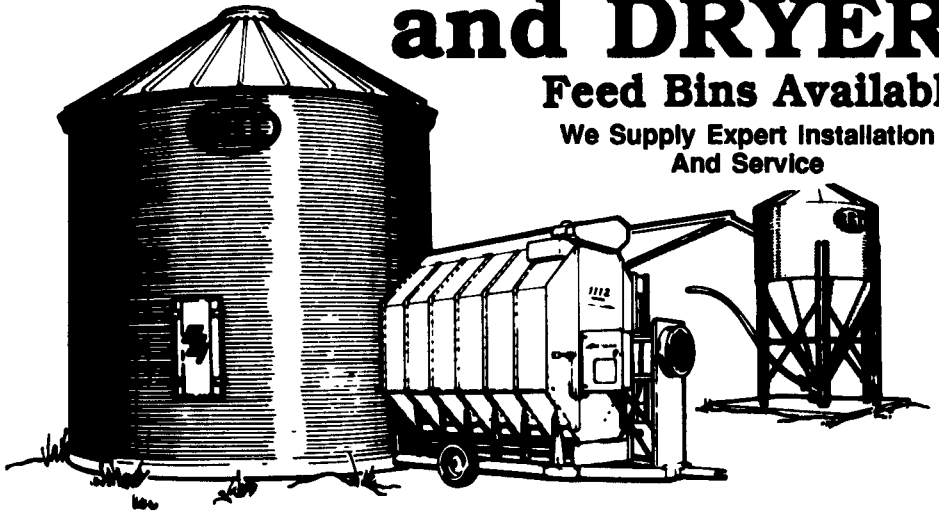
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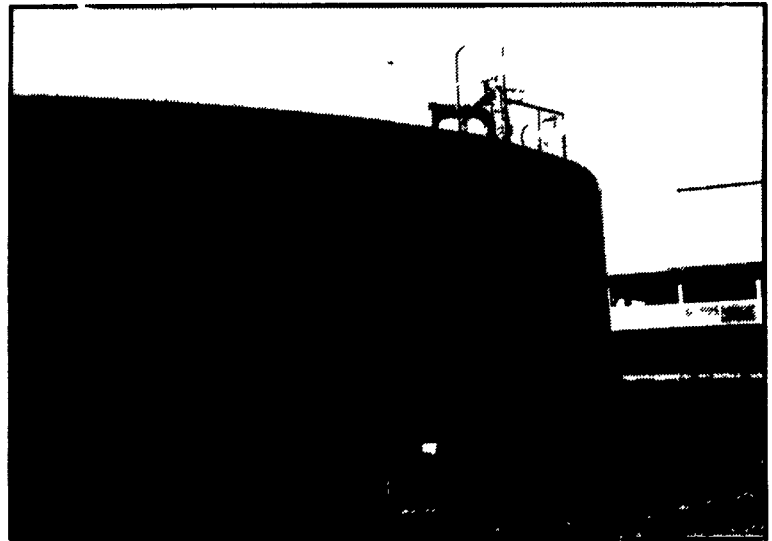
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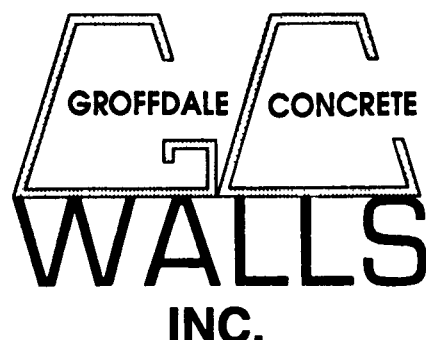
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