

Lancaster Ag-Industry Honors Sen. Wenger

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has five grandchildren

The George C Delp Award is presented annually to a resident of Lancaster County who has made a significant personal contribution to the agricultural community, exemplifying dedication and commitment to preserve and enhance agriculture in Lancaster County

Three Century Farms were also recognized They are the farms of D Martin and Leila A Zimmerman, East Earl, Loren E and Kyra K Fry, Lancaster, and Dr S Kendrick and Judith C Eshleman, III, Paradise

The 100-acre Zimmerman family farm is the 130th recipient of the Century Farm award in Lancaster County It has been in the family for 109 years and five generations have lived on the 90-cow dairy farm The farmhouse was built in early 1800

The 131st Lancaster County Century Farm has been in the Fry family for 258 years Great, great, great, great, great grandfather Joseph Habecker purchased it in 1741 for 130 pounds

The Eshleman family farm that represents the 132nd Lancaster

County Century Farm has been in the family for 210 years Ancestors Jacob and Mary Brackbill Eshleman purchased 29 farms in Eastern Lancaster County during their lifetime and also ran a grist mill on the home farm. The present family members are the sixth generation to live on the farm

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture sponsors the Century Farm Awards program Since 1976, the program has recognized farms operated by the same family for a minimum of 100 years Farm families play an important and vital role in preserving the heritage and prosperity of agriculture in Pennsylvania, and the multi-generational family farms in Lancaster County carry on the rural traditions so important to the economy

Brent Landis, the Chamber's ag services coordinator, reported on the activities of the ag committee Max Armstrong, WGN Radio, Chicago, was the keynote speaker John Blanchfield, American Bankers Association, was the master of ceremonies



Representing the Century Farms recognized at the Lancaster Agriculture-Industry banquet are from left, Samuel Hayes, Jr., Pennsylvania ag secretary, presenter of the awards; Kyra and Darin Fry; D. Martin Zimmerman; and Judith and Dr. S. Kendrick Eshleman, III.

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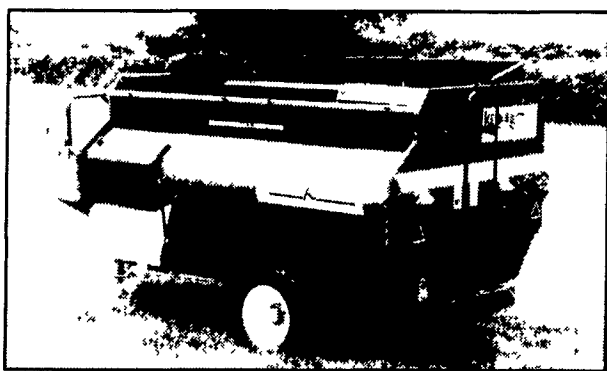
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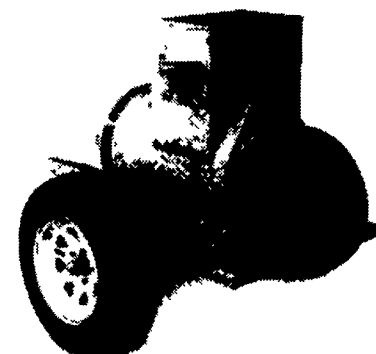
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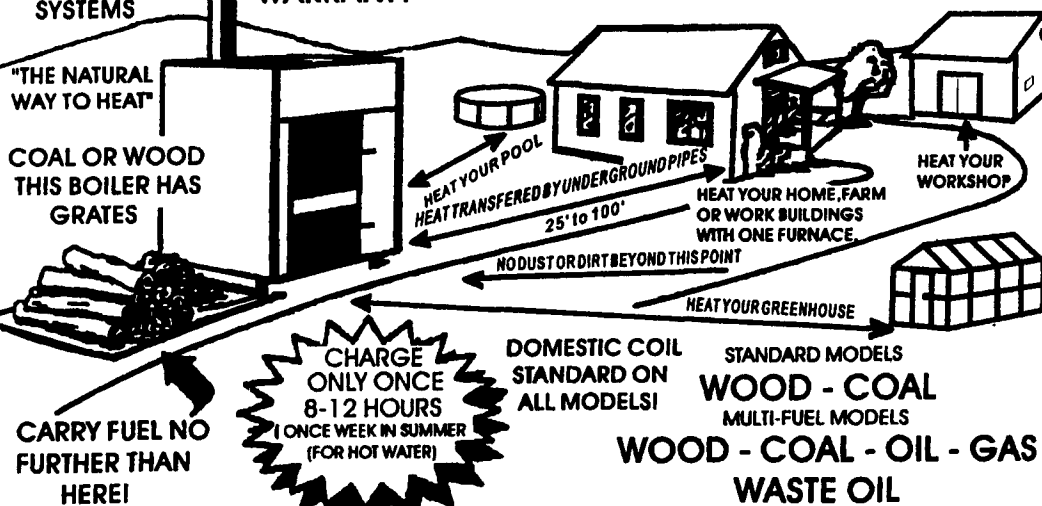
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