

Land Benefactors, Award Winners Named At Farmland Trust Annual Dinner

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Contributions, both corporate and individual, covered the cost of the publication of this record of the daily life of seven Lancaster County farm families. Sales of the book go directly to the Trust for use in local farmland preservation efforts.

State Sen. Noah Wenger brought a legislative proclamation sponsored by Wenger and Sen. Gibson Armstrong, that complimented the Trust in the success of saving farms in Lancaster County.

In the special awards presentations, DLD Advertising was named the corporate sponsor of the year for their work in producing the farm life book. Turkey Hill received the Amos H. Funk Spirit of Cooperation

(Corporation) award; Manor Township received the Amos H. Funk Spirit of Cooperation (Township) award; and Frank Ludwig received the Amos H. Funk Spirit of Cooperation (individual) award. Ludwig also received the Earl Township Farmland Preservation Trust award presented by Kathy Ashcroft.

Gini Woy was recognized as Volunteer of the Year for her work in photography for the farm life book. Woy had received part of the Volunteer award several years ago.

As always, recognition was given to the land benefactors. They are, Richard and Ruth Bruckhart, Rapho Twp.; Anna Metzger, Eden Twp.; Levi Groff, Sadsbury Twp.; Roman and

Lucy Stoltzfoos, Sadsbury Twp. Mary Landis, East Lampeter Twp.; and four more Amish farms listed as anonymous, one in Earl twp.; one in Eden Twp.; one in Sadsbury Twp.; and one in Little Britain Twp.

Stouffer reported that in conjunction with the County government farmland preservation program, a total of 450 farms with 40,000 acres of preserved farmland in Lancaster County is in sight. Officials expect this benchmark to be reached sometime early in 2,001. That will give Lancaster County the most farms and the most farmland preserved in any county in the nation.

USDA To Offer Webcast

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The USDA will offer a live audio Webcast of the general sessions of the National Agricultural Transportation Summit in St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 28-29.

The general session will begin at 1 p.m. on Nov. 28 and will include remarks by USDA Under Secretary Michael V. Dunn, U.S. Department of Transportation Assistant Secretary Eugene Conti, and Surface Transportation Board Chairperson Linda Morgan regarding transportation challenges in the 21st century.

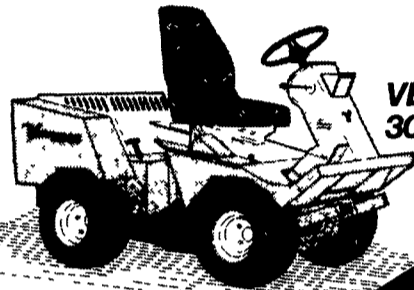
The general session on Nov. 29 begins at 1:15 p.m. and will feature a panel discussion on

foreign perspectives on transportation infrastructure as related to grain trade, a discussion of rural transportation issues, and an open forum where representatives of farm groups will give their opinions on USDA's long-term agricultural transportation challenges as presented at the summit.

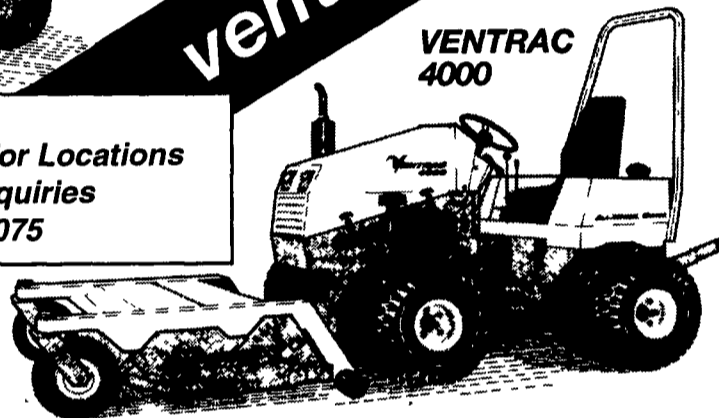
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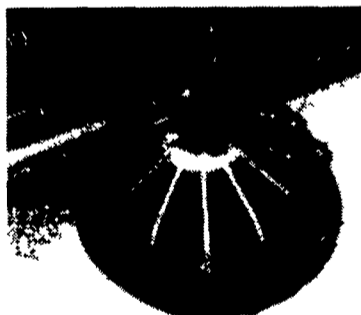
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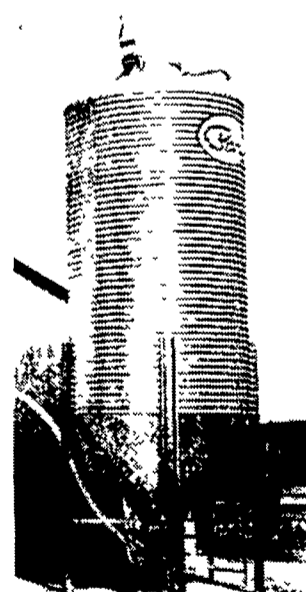
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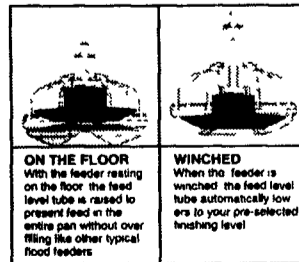
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