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Frey Herd Gets Holstein Assn. Award 6th Time

J. Mowery Frey & Son, Lancaster, have qualified for the Holstein-Friesian Association of America's highest recognition for dairy farmers, the Progressive Breeders Award. The rigid requirements of this award for excellence in dairy cattle breeding and management practices have limited the honor to only 625 registered Holstein breeding establishments, including 69 in Pennsylvania. This is the sixth time that the Freys have been so recognized.

To qualify for the Progressive Breeders Award, a Holstein breeder must meet standards for milk and butterfat production, body type improvement, herd health and the development of homebred animals.

The Frey herd completed its latest HIR testing year with a lactation average of 17,556 lbs. of milk and 697 lbs. of butterfat, calculated for a two-milkings-per-day, 305-day, mature equivalent.

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ROBERT HEILBRON, left, shown receiving citation from Forney Longenecker in behalf of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers at the Association's recent state convention. The Lancaster Livestock Exchange, of which Heilbron is president, helped to sponsor — and contributed a lot of time in editing — a 66-page Beef Marketing Handbook. This book will be used in Vo-Ag and Young Farmer Classes.

District Conservation Directors Meet With County Commissioners; Reveal Bid To Host '67 Convention

At their regular monthly meeting, held Monday night at the County Court House, the Lancaster County Soil & Water Conservation District directors met with County Commissioners Benjamin F. Weaver and Arthur R. Campbell, Jr.

It was announced by Director Aaron Stauffer that the district had submitted its bid to host the 1967 convention of Pennsylvania Soil & Water Conservation Districts. If selected, this would mark the first time in the history of the state association that Lancaster County served as the site for the annual meeting. Although the final decision will not be announced until next year, the directors feel hopeful that their bid will be accepted.

In reporting on the two watershed meetings held recently by the district, Stauffer said they had been quite satisfactory in terms of farmer interest. One-hundred percent of those attending one

percent of those at the other, were enrolled as new co-operators, Stauffer said.

Two watershed meetings were scheduled for January: one on the 17th at Manheim, which will primarily be a joint meeting with authorities of Manheim Borough and the two surrounding townships for discussion of flood control measures on Chiques Creek under the authority of Public Law 655; the other, on January 20th in the Ephrata area.

It was announced that Director Elmer Good, Lititz R1, would not stand for reelection at the completion of his term this year. Good has

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Metz Reelected Pres. Producers Co-Op Exchange

The Board of Directors of the Producers Cooperative Exchange, Coatesville, at a meeting held last Friday, reelected Harry P. Metz of Belleville president of the Exchange.

Also reelected were Mark S. Hess, Hershey, vice-president; and H. Raymond Stoner, Lancaster, secretary.

Jay R. Greider, Jr., Mount Joy, was elected treasurer.

Ephrata Adult Welding Course Starts Jan. 10

The 1966 Adult Farmer Program at Ephrata High School will feature a farm arc welding course for area farmers, beginning January 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the agriculture shop.

This course is designed to teach the fundamentals of arc welding which will save farmers time and money in construction, repair and maintenance of their machinery and equipment.

The eight-week session will cover from basic techniques of striking an arc and running a bead in the flat position, through welding various joints in flat, horizontal, vertical, and overhead positions. Hardsurfacing, welding cast

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Weather Forecast

Weather predictions for the next five days call for temperatures to hold near normal with little significant day-to-day changes. Daytime highs will range into the 40's and overnight lows in the 30's. It will be cooler over the weekend with some moderation Tuesday, and cooler again Wednesday.

Precipitation may total 1/4 inch, or less, occurring as snow or rain showers about Sunday.

Congress Must Resume Its Role Of Leadership, Fleming Tells AFBF

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS — A firm stand for "Constitutional government" as opposed to "Presidential government" was urged this week by Roger Fleming, secretary-treasurer of the nation's largest farm organization, the American Farm Bureau Federation. The issue is "one of the most important of our time," he said.

Fleming pointed to the historical American principle of separation of power among the legislative, executive and judicial branches. Separation, he emphasized, also means the independent use of power

by each of the branches. "To keep their political liberty, the American people must keep and cherish their Congress — keep, cherish and strengthen it," Fleming told the 47th annual meeting of the Farm Bureau Federation at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

"It is crystal clear," he

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Agr. Enrollment Up At Penn State

Enrollment among four-year students in the College of Agriculture at The Pennsylvania State University increased nearly 7 percent this Fall over a year ago, the College reported this week.

Current enrollment of 981 undergraduate students is only 116 short of the 1097 enrolled in 1962 when 372 men and women in the biological sciences were part of the College of Agriculture, says Robert E. Swope of the resident education division of the College. In 1963, the biological sciences were transferred to the new College of Science, he explains.

Largest increase in undergraduates, 28 percent, came among the freshmen. This increase exceeds the national average increase of 20 percent for freshmen in colleges of agriculture, Dr. Swope points out.

Graduate students in agriculture number 255, up 10 percent from the 231 students enrolled last year. Near-

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ASCS Requests Social Security Numbers Of Participating Farmers

Farmers who are receiving payments in connection with participation in farm programs are being asked to let the ASCS County Office know what their Social Security numbers are.

According to Fred Seldomridge, chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee, a form requesting this information — "Request for Identifying Number — Farmer" — together with a postage-prepaid envelope, has been mailed to each known producer who receives program payments, to be filled in and returned to the ASCS County Office as soon as convenient.

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Lancaster F. U. Elects Roland New President

At its reorganization meeting Monday night at Howrey's Restaurant, Oxford, the Lancaster Farmers Union — local affiliate of the National Farmers Union — named Dean Roland of Kirkwood R1 president for 1966.

Also elected were Walter Shepard, vice-president; and Alice Roland, secretary-treasurer.

Directors named from Chester County were Ford McBerty and John Kimble; from Lancaster County, Edison Osborne, and immediate past-president Fred Frey.

Other appointments included-

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Farming By Computer Is Practical And Profitable, Specialist Says

While the Penn State IBM-model computer can not drive a tractor or milk a cow, it can sit in its air-conditioned, temperature-controlled room and tell you what you are doing wrong, and what you should be doing if you're interested in making more money on the farm.

At least, Dr. Reed Taylor, farm management specialist from Penn State University, enthusiastically assured an overflow crowd of interested countians Monday night at the Agway, Inc. meeting room that farming by computer is now practical in Pennsylvania, and early results indicate it is also high-

ly profitable, he said. "Pennsylvania is the only state in the Union using linear programming as a state project on a service basis in solving farming problems," Taylor told the audience.

The most important single ingredient in programming is the budget, he said. This is the assortment of information which is fed into the machine. It includes such factors as costs of labor and materials, yields, market prices of products, plus as much more pertinent information as possible. The machine digests all of this material, examines every possible com-

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STRANGERS OPPOSE LAND GRAB HOUSE BILLS

Palton Grange #66 held its regular meeting Dec. 13 with Cyles Brown, Master, in charge of the business meeting. The members went on record opposing H.B. 1633 in the State Legislature, a land condemnation, open-space bill. Also opposing H.B. 1723, a meat inspection bill and a portion of H.B. 192 which would grant the Department of Highways the right to acquire land adjacent to or

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Farm Calendar

December 21 — 7:29 p.m., Garden Spot Young Farmer Farm Mechanization class at G.S.H.S.; subject, "Selecting electrical equipment"; speaker, James Metzler, PP&L farm specialist.