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Lancaster-Chester County Farmers Honor Paul Dague At Testimonial

Nearly 400 friends of retiring Congressman Paul B. Dague gathered last Friday night at a testimonial dinner given for Dague by the Farmers' Associations of Lancaster and Chester County. The affair, held at the Dutch Town & Country Inn, Vintage, was in honor of the Congressman's "20 Years of Outstanding Service to Agriculture."

Master of Ceremonies Boyd Gartley, of Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative, read messages praising Dague from former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Governor William Scranton, Senator Hugh Scott, and Pennsylvania Farmers Association president Gerald A. Biggs. Gartley also introduced distinguished guests, including

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Paul B. Dague

H. Seiverling '67 FFA Pres.

Howett Seiverling was elected president of the Lancaster County Red Rose Chapter Future Farmers of America Monday night. In installation ceremonies planned for January 23 at Elizabethtown High School, Seiverling will succeed Robert Weaver of Lampeter-Strasburg High School.

Seiverling, a junior at Warwick High School, is the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Seiverling, Latatz R1. He is currently president of the Warwick FFA Chapter, and was this year's Ayrshire calf recipient at the Lampeter Fair in September.

Other officers elected at the County FFA meeting held at

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23 Lancaster County Future Farmers Earn Keystone Degrees

Twenty-three Future Farmers of America, members of eight Lancaster County Chapters, will be among 207 Pennsylvania FFA boys receiving the coveted Keystone Farmer Degree in January, according to James C. Fink, FFA State Advisor and supervisor of agricultural education in the Department of Public Instruction.

This honor, the highest degree available at the state level, is limited to two percent of the state's membership. It will be conferred during the FFA mid-winter convention, January 11, in the Forum of the Education Building at Harrisburg. Conferring the degrees will be the FFA State Officers headed by Glenn Weber, Mohnton, R2, state president.

The outstanding Future Farmers in Lancaster County who will be receiving the Keystone Degree are:

Elizabethtown H. S.: Leon

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USDA Amends Egg Products Inspection Plan

In an effort to further assure a Salmonella-free egg product, the United States Department of Agriculture this week amended the regulations of, and added some teeth to, the voluntary egg products inspection program. The amendments become effective January 1, 1967.

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Temporary Fluid Milk Prices To Dairymen Set For Next 8 Months

The U. S. Department of Agriculture Tuesday amended federal milk marketing orders where necessary to set fluid milk (Class I) prices to dairy farmers during the next eight months at levels USDA says will moderate any declines under the 70 federal milk marketing orders.

The Consumer and Marketing Service said the amendments, identical to provisions of a final decision issued Nov 23, will be effective Dec. 1. Approval of dairy farmers in all markets was determined through polling their dairy cooperative associations.

USDA officials said the temporary price levels will assure farmers of basic fluid milk price levels generally higher than otherwise expected over the next eight months.

"The overall impact," officials said, "will be to limit any sharp price declines at the farm level related to changing production conditions through the winter and spring months, thus enabling dairy producers to make their production plans with greater certainty."

The amended orders are based on evidence received by USDA at emergency public hearings held during November at Cleveland, St. Louis,

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Howett Seiverling

Contract Signed, Ground Broken For F & H Center

Representatives of the Lancaster County Farm & Home Foundation and contractor Ray Klump, Inc. signed a contract in the amount of \$460,665 Monday for building the Lancaster County Farm & Home Center.

Launching this long-awaited and momentous event with their contract signatures were B. Snaveley Garber, Willow Street, R2, and Mrs. Landis Myer, New Holland R1, president and secretary, respectively, of the Lancaster County Farm & Home Foundation.

Representing the contractor

was Raymond R. Buckwalter. Contracts were signed at the law office of William Mann, Klump, Inc. signed a contract in the amount of \$460,665 Monday for building the Lancaster County Farm & Home Center.

A further step toward the building completion date, which has been set for early next fall, was taken Wednesday when friends and officials of the Farm & Home Center gathered at the 10.5-acre, Route 30 Bypass site for a ground-breaking ceremony.

The original bid price of \$457,911 was adjusted to the present figure when it was learned that certain state and

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A "Spring Day's Idea" Approaches Fruition



THE IDEA FOR A FARM AND HOME CENTER was born under a tree on Elmer Esbenshade's lawn on May 18, 1960; so said Levi Brubaker, co-chairman of the Lancaster County Farm & Home Foundation Fund, this week. One of the final steps in achieving that Center occurred on Monday with the formal signing of the building contract. Mrs. Landis Myer, secretary of the F & H Foundation, is shown adding her signature to the contract. She is flanked by B. Snaveley Garber, president, left, and Raymond R. Buckwalter, right, who represented contractor Ray Klump, Inc. Standing, left, is Lawrence Skromie, vice president, and Jacob Kurtz, Jr., building-committee chairman.

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CHIEF BENEFACTOR OF THE BUDDING FARM & HOME CENTER Elmer L. Esbenshade Wednesday afternoon plunged a gilded spade into a section of the 10.5-acre of land he donated to the F & H Foundation for the new Center. Official ground-breaking represented the final preliminary step in the six-year campaign to give Lancaster County its own Farm & Home Center. Farm & Home friends and officials looking on are: (from left) Mrs. Robert Nolt; Mrs. Landis Myer; Mrs. Paul Witman; John H. Herr; Victor Longenecker; B. Snaveley Garber; Jacob Kurtz, Jr.; Levi Brubaker; Elmer L. Esbenshade; E. I. Robertson; Noah W. Kreider, Sr.; M. M. Smith; Samuel A. Dum; Raymond R. Buckwalter; and Mayor Thomas Monaghan.

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