

Stauffer Is Re-Elected Conservation District Chairman

Aaron Stauffer, Ephrata RD1, was re-elected chairman of the Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District for the coming year at a district meeting at the Farm and Home Center Wednesday night.

Other officers re-elected were: Amos Funk, Millersville RD1, vice chairman, Mrs Nancy Burkhart, secretary, and William Rohrer, treasurer.

Stauffer also named Funk as executive council member.

The district directors presented the chairman of the county commissioners, Abram Dombach, with a basket of fruit as a thank you for his service on the district board. Dombach has been a district director for four years. He now becomes the first chairman of the county commissioners to ever serve as a district director.

Dombach was instrumental in

arranging for the National Assn of Soil Conservation District Directors to schedule their northeast annual meeting in Lancaster in 1973.

The organization's annual meeting will be held at the Hilton Inn, during August 1973, with about 300 district directors representing states from West Virginia to Maine in attendance. The 1972 meeting will be held in Rhode Island.

The directors discussed the possibility of allowing all interested young people in the county to participate in the conservation public speaking contest in April. A committee is considering the issue.

The district's objectives for 1972 were outlined and include: — Wise use of the county's natural resources through watershed meetings, meetings with building contractors, encouraging the

teaching of conservation in area schools, and publication of an erosion and sediment control hand book.

—To provide the best environment for the health and welfare of the general public by wise planning of air, soil and water resources.

—Use and maintain the agricultural and non-agricultural lands of the county through the use of sound conservation planning.

—Promote public awareness of environmental relationships.

—Cooperate with all agencies and groups concerned with planning and use of natural resources.

Henry Hackman, executive secretary of the district, announced that copies of the local filmstrip "America the Beautiful" will be now available

It's Farm

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carefully looking them over the urban visitor also will have an opportunity to express his opinion too.

Each of seven statewide farm commodity organizations will operate concession booths for carry-out sales of their particular specialties while tons of fried chicken baked and french fried potatoes will be consumed on the spot and gargantuan thirsts will be slaked by thousands of gallons of milk shakes.

These items will be offered for sale by the dairy poultry and potato organizations. Others with the fruits of their labor for sale

through the Soil Conservation Service office at the Farm and Home Center by January 15.

include apple grape honey and florist organizations.

This kind of buying of agricultural products is routine and well-known to farmer and consumer alike. But other sales during the farm show generate excitement that can be so easily perceived by all that you can almost see it in the air. These are the sales of champion meat animals.

Exorbitant prices are paid to the young stockmen for their prize specimens many more times what the buyer can expect to get in return. But the buyers are proud to be part of the process that can continue the family farm.

The young cattle and lamb feeders normally take their prize money and set it aside to cover their college education in the future usually an education that is agriculture oriented.

Last year's grand champion baby beef owned by 18-year-old Evelyn Miller, Halifax RD2 Dauphin County was sold to a Chester County slaughter house for \$4.56 a pound. At 1180 pounds this amounted to \$5,380.80 for Miss Miller. But even this was not a record.

Not so for lambs. Another Chester County enterprise a food market, paid \$9 a pound for the grand champion 4-H lamb a 100-pound Hampshire shown by Thomas Van Wagner Dauphin RD1, Dauphin County. The old record was a mere \$6 per pound.

The swine sales, which are open to the professional and the teenager alike produce more realistic prices. Nevertheless meat processors from across the state pay premium prices, a bit more than they can expect to make a profit on, just to assure their customers that they are getting the best that Pennsylvania can produce.

Each day's activity Monday through Thursday, is highlighted by a special program in the Main Arena. The first of these is Secretary of Agriculture Night with Secretary Jim McHale present to watch the performance of the Pennsylvania State Police.

Succeeding nights will feature Future Farmers of America band concert, folk dance festival horse pulling contests and a livestock cavalcade.

There are many traditions associated with the Pennsylvania State Farm Show. Eating the livestock sales and the evening entertainment are just three of them.

But perhaps the best known and most respected tradition is the weather. You can almost count on it being bad. At best, bitter cold, and at the worst, a couple of feet of new snow.

Even those people in the far reaches of the state, who rarely visit the Farm Show, will meet every unpleasant turn in the weather during the second week of January with a shrug of the shoulders and the cynical comment "It's Farm Show Week. What did you expect?"

Grange Meeting

Lancaster County Pomona Grange will hold a dinner meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday, January 15 at Rhoads Spanish Restaurant, Quarryville.

Reservations should be made by Monday, January 10 by contacting either Joseph G Hess, Quarryville RD, or Gyles H Brown, Peach Bottom.

Following the dinner the annual memorial service will be conducted by Mrs. Jesse Wood, lecturer.

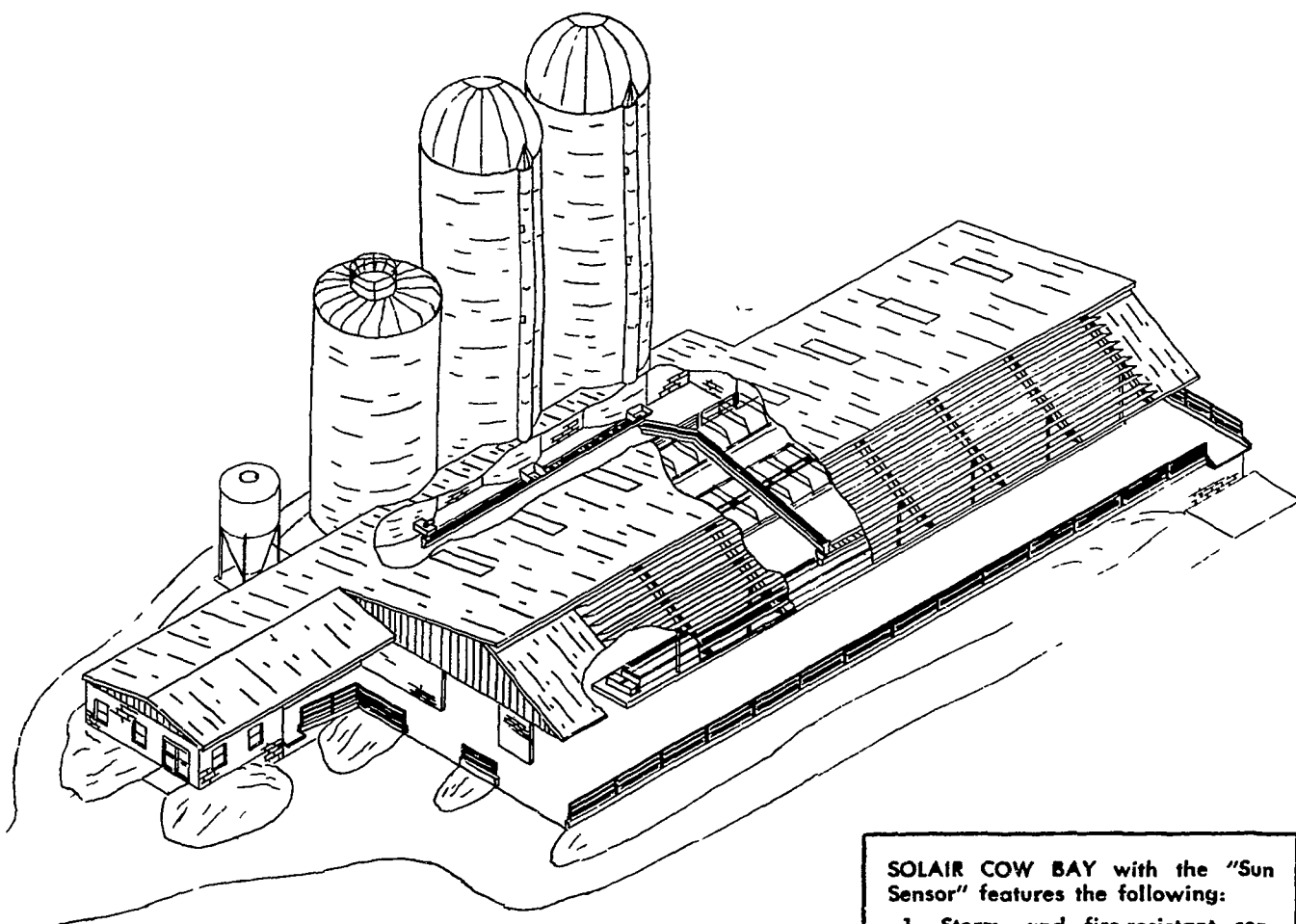
Master Gyles Brown will conduct the business session. Norman Maul and a team from the Chester County Grange will install officers for the coming two-year term.

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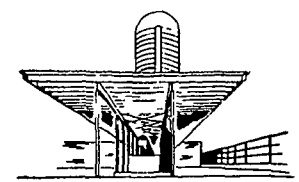
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