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# Lancaster Farming

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Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. Eberly are shown after Eberly was named Outstanding Young Farmer by the Garden Spot Young Farmers at their annual banquet, Friday night in the Blue Ball Fire Hall.

## Young Farmer Groups Meet

Two Young Farmer associations held their annual banquets last week, and both were well attended.

Garden Spot Young Farmers met Friday night at the Blue Ball Fire Hall. Officers for the coming year were sworn in during the meeting. Walter C. Martin is the new president. Other new officers are: Earl S. Weaver, vice-president; J. Kenneth Hershey, secretary; Norman Hershey, treasurer, and Harold Wissler, public relations director.

Members-at-large are John E. Campbell, Dale Herr and Larry Weaver.

William Fisher was toastmaster for the evening's festivities. A film depicting Young Farmer activities across the country was well received, partly because one segment starred the Ivan Yost family from Christiana.

Eugene S. Eberly, New Holland R2, was presented a trophy for being named the chapter's

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## Reber Slated for Extension Speech

Dr. Norman F. Reber, editor of "Pennsylvania Farmer" Magazine, will be the guest speaker for the annual meeting of the Lancaster County Agricultural and Home

Economics Extension Association. The meeting will be held Wednesday, February 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Reber will talk about public relations for agriculture. Reber is a York County farmer, a graduate of Elizabethtown College, and has been with "Pennsylvania Farmer" since 1946. Over the years, he has been honored time and again by many of the farm organizations in the Commonwealth.

Other speakers during the meeting will be Miss Ellen Garber and Mr. Marion R. Deppen, extension administrators from Penn State, as well as members of the local extension staff.

Entertainment will come from the recent 4-H Talent Show and a brief business meeting including the election of new directors will be held.

Advance reservations will be needed for the evening meal. Tickets can be ordered from a member of the Extension Board of Directors or from the local Extension Office. Ticket purchase deadline is noon on Monday, February 12.



## No Dealer Testimony

# PMMB Holds Price Hearing

Milk dealers here and across the state have accused the Shapp administration of playing politics with the Commonwealth's milk consumers and dairy farmers. The charge came about as a result of a two-day "informal" hearing in Harrisburg this week into prices paid to farmers.

William J. Deisley, president of the Lancaster County Milk Dealers Association, said that dealers aren't opposed to higher prices for farmers. "But dealers just can't absorb all the increase. It has to be passed on to consumers," Deisley said. "The administration wants to be a hero to consumers, and it wants to be a hero to dairy farmers. The only way it can be a hero is to make dealers pay the increase."

The Harrisburg hearing began on Tuesday morning at the Forum. Originally planned for a small auditorium in the state

agriculture building, the hearing was moved to the Forum in anticipation of a large audience. Producers, dealers, cooperative representatives and lawyers from around the state came to the meeting.

Tuesday's morning's proceedings were marked by legal arguments in which dealer representatives charged that the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board had no right to summon a hearing to accept testimony only from one segment of the dairy industry.

Soon after the meeting started,

board member J. Lin Huber read a statement in which he noted his opposition to the limited hearing call issued by board chairman Harry Kapleau on February 1.

In his statement, Huber said that the board should not hold hearings to increase prices without listening to the testimony of all parties and that reasonable time must be given all parties to prepare for such a hearing. He also said that he felt the board should hold a statewide hearing to consider price increases in the

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## Property Tax Bill Expected to Obtain Approval of Senate

The Pennsylvania Senate is expected to pass on Monday a bill that could open the way for lowered taxes for Pennsylvania farmers. The measure has already been approved by the State House. The bill, HB 3, calls for a voter referendum on a constitutional amendment to allow land taxation on the basis of use rather than speculative value. If passed by the Senate, the issue will be placed on the primary ballot in May.

In 1971, both the House and Senate passed a bill like the one now before the Senate. To be

placed on the ballot, however, constitutional amendments must pass both houses twice.

Farmers are expected to be the big winners in any property tax readjustment, which means that just about everybody else loses, at least economically. Some observers feel that suburban and even urban residents and businesses may be willing to absorb slightly higher property taxes if in doing so they preserve some of the state's rapidly dwindling open space.

If the voters approve the

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## Farm Calendar

Saturday, February 10

10 a.m. - Pa. Yorkshire Club Show, Farm Show Building  
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Monday, February 12

Fulton Grange meeting, Oakryn.  
Manheim Young Farmers Machinery Reconditioning Workshop, afternoons Feb. 12-16, Vo-Ag Shop, high school.  
7:45 p.m. - Chester County Soils meeting, "Developing and Understanding Farm Field Maps", Vo-Ag room, Owen J. Roberts High School

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There were very few smiles on the faces of Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board Members during the "limited" hearing this week in Harrisburg. Chairman Harry

Kapleau, center, is shown reading a statement. Board member Nina Cowell is to the left, J. Lin Huber on the far right.

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