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Three national FFA officers were in Lancaster County this week during a five-week good-will tour throughout the East. They're shown here during a short break in their tightly-packed schedule. In the photo here, left to right, are G. Mark Mayfield,

national president; Jay Loren Phillips, Pacific region vice-president; Larry Cogan, Pennsylvania FFA president, Ray Martin, president of the Grassland Chapter FFA, and Doyle Waybright, Gettysburg, North Atlantic Region vice-president.

DER Chief Says 1977 Conservation Rule Still Holds

July 1, 1977, is a date that's going to concern more and more farmers in Lancaster County. That's the date, Maurice Goddard reminded a farm group last Tuesday, when all farms in Pennsylvania will be legally required to stop all soil runoff from their farms into Commonwealth streams. Goddard is secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (DER), the body charged with the responsibility of enforcing the state's Clean Streams Law.

In an address before the Ninth Annual Southeastern Dairy Conference held at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Goddard said, "After July 1, 1977, DER's legal troops will be after farmers who aren't complying with the law." The secretary went on to say that he expected all of the state's farmers to have conservation plans in time to comply with the law. He said that about half of the 80,000 farms in Pennsylvania already have plans.

After the meeting, Goddard was surprised to learn that more than 4000 farms in Lancaster County were without plans. He said he didn't see how, with the manpower available, the local Soil and Conservation Service could ever have that many plans ready in time for the deadline.

"What happens then?" he was asked.

"Well, I guess we'd have to extend the deadline," he replied. Goddard promised to give the Lancaster County situation some special attention.

Just one day after Goddard's speech, it became apparent that Lancaster County Commissioners had also been giving some special attention to the county's conservation needs. At their meeting on Wednesday, the commissioners

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L. Arnold Honored by Pa. Pork Producers

Heavy bones, a good strong back, long sides, and strong legs that "track wide" is what Leon Arnold of Lebanon likes to see in his hogs. Leon is the owner of Leann Yorkshires, the longest continuous herd of Yorkshires in Pennsylvania. He has bred a number of local, state and national champions, and was recently honored with the Pennsylvania Pork All-American award for 1974. Arnold picked up his award last Saturday during the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council meeting at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

Starting in 1950 with a registered Yorkshire gilt purchased for him by Amandon L. Lamm, his vocation teacher at South Lebanon High School, Leon has worked with hogs as an FFA project, hobby, and business. The present herd of thirty

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National FFA Officers On Good Will Tour

"The FFA is in a state of transition," Doyle Waybright said Wednesday morning during a breakfast press conference at Lancaster's Treadway Inn. Waybright said membership in the national youth organization had been declining a few years ago, but by increasing emphasis on ag-related business, the rolls are growing once again.

Waybright, a 20-year-old dairy farmer from Gettysburg, is this year's national FFA vice-president

for the North Atlantic region. He and two other national officers were in the county as part of a five-week good will tour covering much of the Eastern part of the county. They talked to area news representatives on Wednesday about their organization and where it's headed.

National president G. Mark Mayfield from Caney, Kansas, noted that there are now more than 448,000 FFA members in 8000 chapters throughout the U.S. "And

we're growing," he said.

Jay Loren Phillips, Pacific Region vice-president, said that more and more chapters are being formed in urban areas. "In Los Angeles, for example, 18 out of 23 high schools have FFA chapters," Phillips said. Phillips hails from Spring City, Utah.

Another big boost in membership rolls, the officers agreed, materialized when membership was opened to girls four years ago. Waybright pointed out that in Pennsylvania alone,

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some 1500 of the 11,000 FFA members are girls.

The Lancaster County leg of the good will tour was arranged so that the officers

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Pa. Jaycees Honor Yost

by Dieter Krieg
Farm Feature Writer

"This community is great, - people have been good to us. I have to include them, as well as my wife, hired help, and God in any success I have had. Without the fine cooperation of my wife and present and former hired help, I could never have participated in all the activities I'm in. And without God's blessings, none of my efforts would be as successful as what they have been."

That is what Ivan Yost, Christiana RD1, has to say about the awards he received last Saturday night at King of Prussia The "Ten Outstanding Young Men" (of Pennsylvania) award was given to him by the Pennsylvania Jaycees Frigidaire, Chevrolet, and the United States Jaycees presented him with the Outstanding Young Farmer of Pennsylvania award, and he will now compete in the national contest to be held in Dubuque, Iowa, in March.

The purpose of the Jaycees' OYF program is "to foster better urban-rural relations through Jaycees-farmer contacts, and by creating a greater public interest in, and understanding of, today's farmer and his problems." To qualify, a nominee must have been victorious in valid local competition and be less than 35 years old. Membership in the Jaycees is not required; however a contestant must be an

actual farm operator who derives a minimum of two thirds of his income from farming. Judgement of competitors is based primarily on progress in farming; extent of soil and water conservation practices; and participation in community, state or national activities.

Ivan, a 1957 graduate of Pequea Valley High School,

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FARM TRENDS

by Dick
Wanner

CATTLE ON FARMS
AT 127.5 MILLION
HIT RECORD HIGH

U.S. annual cattle inventory showed there were 127.5 million cattle and calves in the Nation's herds on Jan. 1. That's up 5 pct from a year earlier and

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Pennsylvania's Outstanding Young Farmer Ivan Yost, right, goes over some of his farm records with his assistant, Denny Kauffman.