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A model of a methane generator was among the gifts Glenn Miller received Thursday night at a retirement party held in his honor. Some 250 people were at the affair to pay tribute to the man who's spent

the past quarter century serving their agricultural needs. The original methane generator which Miller helped develop won national recognition for the Lebanon County extension staff.

Glenn Miller Honored At Retirement Party

Glenn Miller was lured to the Schaffersville Fire Hall Thursday night with a tall tale about a Lebanon County nurseryman's meeting. When he got there he found top many people, applause and smiles for a nurseryman's meeting, and discovered himself the guest of honor at a party on the eve of his retirement from the post of Lebanon County Agent.

Some 250 friends and well-wishers helped Glenn and Helen Miller celebrate the end of his 37-year extension career, the past quarter century of which he spent in Lebanon County.

Following a bountiful meal, Miller was hailed by Lebanon County farm leaders, and roasted by S. Glenn Ellenberger, Lehigh County Agent. Eugene Hoffman, president of the

Lebanon County Cooperative Extension Executive Committee, welcomed Miller and his well-wishers. David Bennetch, Alfred Brandt and Mrs. Nancy Bennetch offered the farm community's thanks to Miller for his many years of service.

A citation was presented to Miller by Duane Duncan, president of the Penn-

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Stock Yards a Possible Site?

Pessimism Prevails At Co. Fair Meet

Money, land and labor were the three big obstacles mentioned again and again at Monday night's meeting to discuss the pros and cons of a Lancaster County Fair. But William McCoy, president of the Lancaster Stock Yards presented a glimmer of hope for fair supporters when he suggested that the Stock Yards itself might make a suitable site.

After the meeting, McCoy told Lancaster Farming that he had no authority to offer the Stock Yards as a site. "But," he said, "I think it would be an ideal place for an agricultural fair. We've got over 22 acres, most of it under roof. We're centrally located, it wouldn't take a lot of money to get a fair set-up in the yards, and if the fair itself just didn't work out, nobody would be stuck with a lot of facilities that just couldn't be used."

McCoy's idea was to conduct the Stock Yards' business at some other site for a week while the fair was in progress. "We'd have to find another place for our sales that week, and the other members of the exchange would have to go along with the idea. But I think we could work the problems out."

"I like the idea of a county fair, and I'd hate to see it go down the drain just because no site was available," McCoy concluded.

Except for McCoy, though, and a few others, there were very few encouraging words

from the 65 people who attended the meeting at the Farm and Home Center. County agent Max Smith, who called the meeting, said he'd invited representatives from about 20 farm groups throughout the county. Also invited were the leaders of the five community fairs still held in the county - Ephrata, Manheim, New Holland, Solanco and West Lampeter. Max Smith led off the meeting with a brief

recounting of the old county fair, last held in 1941, and a description of the discussions which had led up to Monday night's meeting. Smith, who maintains a neutral position on the subject, cautioned against rushing into a decision on a county fair. "After all," he said, "we haven't had a fair for 43 years, and it's not going to hurt anyone if we take a few months to make up our

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Grain Outlook Called Cloudy

Grain supplies are expected to be tight until the fall of 1975, Richard Herder told the PennAg Industries Association annual meeting Thursday night at Lancaster's Sheraton-Conestoga. Herder is director of economic research for Central Soya, and flew in to the meeting from the firm's home office in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Before the meeting, Herder talked about the specific implications of a tight grain market on area livestock feeders. "It looks like it might be more profitable to sell corn this year rather than put it into cattle and hogs," he said. "We've been saying that dairy right now is the most profitable sector of the

livestock industry, but even that's changed in the past two months."

Herder pointed out that a grain deficit area like Lancaster County isn't too

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Avid Hiker Wins Conservation Award

Mike Hartman RD1, Narvon, is an avid outdoors man interested in hiking and backpacking. Mike's concern for wildlife preservation and conserving nature contributed to his recently being named Pennsylvania's Youth Conservationist of the Year by the Pa. Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mike, who will be a junior at Garden Spot High School, also won the Pa. Game Commission's Conservation Award for 1974 and received \$50.

For his outstanding efforts and projects in conservation, Mike will be traveling to the State Youth Conservation Camp July 14-27 at Penn State's recreational site, Stone Valley. The camp is sponsored by numerous state organizations.

Mike, along with numerous other students at Garden Spot, is enrolled in

the Environmental Agriculture program headed by Phil Oglie.

Oglie explained the purpose of the environmental program and the activities it incorporates.

"The Environmental Program is a part of the Vo-Ag Department and is basically a program

designed to prepare students for specialized roles in environmental activities following graduation."

The students would be prepared to help with the Fish and Game Commission, the conservation department and in recreation and park activities, Oglie explained.

So far the program has

been a success drawing a large number of rural non-farm and urban students.

Although the students do have work inside the classroom, they also do outside projects that are very much a part of the learning. Oglie explained that the motto they adopted for the program has been "learn to do and do to learn."

The outside projects reflect the interest of the students and can range from building wildlife feeders to collecting samples of soil and recording the temperature.

It is in this project area where Mike has done outstanding work. His main project has been raising pheasants and quail from eggs in an incubator to fully grown birds used for stocking game preserves.

Since the pheasants are protected animals the Game

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FARM TRENDS

by Dick Wanner

HOGS AND PIGS ON FARMS: SOME SURPRISES

The number of hogs and pigs on U.S. farms on June 1 estimated at 59.4 million. That's down 1 pct. from a year earlier, 2 pct. below the June 1, 1972 total -- and the lowest for the date since 1969.

Those kept for breeding purposes, at 8.9 million, down 2 pct. from a year ago -- and the lowest June 1

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Mike Hartman, Conservationist of the Year, describes his seedling project to Phil Oglie, instructor of Environmental Agriculture at Garden Spot High School.