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Discussing the role of farmer cooperatives at Tuesday's PAFC meeting in Lancaster were, left to

right, George Brumbach, Enos Heisey, William Schaefer and N. Dale Detweiler.

Lancaster County's Fair Season Starts This Week

Lancaster County's busy fair season begins this week with opening ceremonies at the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair, and the Elizabethtown Marketplace on Wednesday.

Activities get underway at the Solanco Fair on Wednesday morning with the judging of dairy cattle. At 6:30 p.m. there'll be a baby parade and at 7:30 p.m., Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture James A. McHale will officially open the 1974 Solanco Fair.

McHale's speech will be followed at 8:00 p.m. by two woodcutting contests, one for FFA members only, and one for all who want to try their log splitting skills.

On Thursday, the annual Lancaster County FFA judging contest will get underway, with young people from every vo-ag department in the county pitting their judging skills against each other. At the same time as the judging contest, there'll be tractor driving competitions for 4-H, FFA and open.

Hogs will be judged at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, and the baby beef show will commence at 6:30 p.m. At 8:00 p.m., there will be trail bike races for three and five hp minicycles. There will be one race for youths eight to 12 years old, and another for youngsters 13 and 16 years old.

Also at 8:00 p.m. tug-of-war, an annual feature of the Solanco fair, will get underway. There'll be one competition between FFA chapters, followed by an open contest.

The fat hog and baby beef sale will commence at 2:00 p.m. on Friday. The annual

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Penn Jersey Harvestore Celebrates 10 Years Service

Penn Jersey Harvestore Company is celebrating their 10th Anniversary of services to southern Pa., New Jersey and Delaware this year.

Penn Jersey which is located on Rt. 322 1/2 miles west of Blue Ball, began operation in 1964 when Charles Enloe and Howard Anderson both of New Holland purchased the company from Elmer Knipmeyer.

Until 1970 the Penn-Jersey Harvestore Company was located on 309 Diller Avenue in New Holland and when expansion seemed inevitable the company moved to its present location on Rt. 322 outside of New Holland.

Charles Enloe and Howard Anderson were originally from Indiana and had work with feedlot automation before they decided to move to "the garden spot" as Enloe has referred to the Lancaster County area.

In 1971 Penn Jersey had the honor of being named the Harvestore Dealer of the Year which is outstanding since it represented competition with dealers from all over the United States, Canada and Europe. The award was determined by the market index, service and sales of the company.

Supervisors of the Penn Jersey Company commented that the company had quadrupled in growth in the ten years of service and contributes it to the understanding and help of the many farmers they have dealt with.

Presently the company has a total of 12 people involved with sales and has a total employment of 30.

To celebrate their 10th year in business, the company has had several ac-

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County Star Agribusinessman

by: Melissa Piper

Keith Feister was surprised when he was named Star Agribusinessman for Lancaster FFA a few weeks ago; however to many other people who have been to Kar-Run Saddle Shop or horse shows, Keith's abilities were well known.

A senior at Garden Spot High School, Keith is a member of the Grassland FFA Chapter and has been active on many committees including the Earnings and Savings Committee and the banquet groups.

Keith has taken several projects in FFA but his main interest has been training and raising purebred Appaloosa horses.

Keith participated on the FFA Horse Judging Competition at State FFA Days this summer and received a Bronze medal.

Although school work keeps him busy nine months of the year, during the summer, Keith heads to many different shows around the state and in Delaware, New York and Maryland.

This summer Keith took his yearling filly, Lassie to seven shows. He attended the Greater Eastern Appaloosa Regional Show in Syracuse, New York and the proceeded to the Keystone Appaloosa Show at

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Coop Conference Is Held In Lancaster

Farm cooperative leaders gathered in Lancaster this week for a two-day conference on educational programs aimed at improving cooperatives. It was a meeting involving Penn State Cooperative Extension Staff as well as vocational agriculture representatives.

The event began Tuesday afternoon with a tour of the Agway Distribution Center at Elizabethtown, followed by a look at the Atlantic Breeders Cooperative in Lancaster. Monday morning, the group convened at Lancaster's Quality Court Motel and heard first from a panel of Penn Staters as they discussed extension structures, programs and priorities, and how extension programs relate to farmer cooperatives.

Next they heard from a panel of vo-ag specialists, who discussed the inter-relationship of agricultural cooperatives and vocational agriculture. The last panel was from the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives, and they talked about education programs carried out by PAFC cooperatives and co-op councils.

There to give the final message and to wrap up the whole program was Dr. James M. Beattie, dean of the college of agriculture at Penn State.

"Agriculture's contribution has gone unrecognized in recent years," Dean Beattie told the group, "but I think we're beginning to see a change. Today there's a renewed

interest in agriculture. College of agriculture enrollments at Penn State and other land grant universities are increasing. This year at Penn State we have 2450 baccalaureate candidates in agriculture majors. That's up 99 percent from four years ago, and we expect it to go even higher. There are 800 new freshmen enrolled in the college this year.

"What's bringing these young people into the college of agriculture? I think it's an increased concern for the environment and with the care and management of our basic resources. It's also, I think, an awareness on the part of young people of the job opportunities in production agriculture and agriculture related fields."

Beattie pointed out that some 65 percent of the students enrolled in agriculture curricula were from urban areas, and 20 percent of them were women, a marked change from the student mix of

several years ago. Some of the college's newer programs include environmental science, and two-year associate degree programs in agribusiness, forest technology and wildlife management. He said the college also offers the

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Wanner Wins Award For Farm Writing

Lancaster Farming editor Richard E. Wanner was in Dekalb, Illinois, this week to pick up a trophy prize for newswriting. The Akron resident was named to receive Dekalb Seed Company's Oscar in Agriculture for a story he wrote in April of this year. The story was about the effect conservation laws are having on Lancaster County's conservative religious groups.

There are three Oscars awarded each year, one each to a farm broadcaster, a farm magazine writer and a farm newspaper writer. The panel of seven judges that selected the winners represent farm journalists, agribusiness and education. The award is generally well regarded by the farm writing community.

Wanner joined Lancaster Farming as editor two years ago. He is a native Lancaster Countian married to the former Judy Kulp. The couple have two children.

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Along with being named Star Agribusinessman for Lancaster County, Keith Feister has also won numerous awards at horse shows around the state and Mid-Atlantic region.