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These four panelists talked about preserving Lancaster County farmland at a meeting Wednesday evening sponsored by the Conestoga Valley Association. The panelists were, left to right: John W. Aungst, Jr., president of the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster

County; Dr. Robert Herr, chairman of the vo-ag department at Garden Spot High School; John R. Ahlfeld, director of the Lancaster County Planning Commission, and Amos H. Funk, Millersville, a farmer and vice-chairman of the Lancaster County Conservation District.

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Farmer Property Rights Discussed at Meeting

"Farmers think of their farms as their security, and they don't take kindly to folks who talk about taking that security away from them. When we talk about preserving farmland and open space, we've got to remember that farmers have the most at stake. They should be included in any discussions about land use," Dr. Robert Herr told an audience - composed largely of non-farmers - on Wednesday evening at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

Herr was one of the

panelists at a meeting sponsored by the Conestoga Valley Association, a group interested in the preservation of the county's historical landmarks, and the conservation of its natural resources.

"Industry buys farmland to build factories, people come to the county to work in

the factories, and those people need houses to live in, which means more farmland has to be developed. But if you offer a farmer a large sum of money for his land, he's going to want to take it."

Herr implied that farmers feel they have a right to sell their land to anybody, and

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Buck Tractor Head Anxious For '75

With a year of experience under his belt, Elwood "Woody" Funk, president of Buck Tractor Pulls, is looking forward to the 1975 pulling season. "I'd say the interest in tractor pulling has tripled in the past few years. It could be the fastest growing automotive sport in the country. In this area, especially, I think we're going to see better and better tractor pullers, and a lot more spectators."

When it opened this spring, the Buck Tractor Pull stadium was billed as the world's first stadium built specifically for pulling. Funk

and five other investors backed their faith in the future of the sport with enough capital to put up the kind of facility they felt the pullers and the fans were ready for.

The track of hard-packed clay is the regulation 300-feet long, it is well-lighted for night-time events, and there are bleacher seats for 4000 spectators.

Friday and Saturday night pulls were scheduled for 17 weekends this season, but rain knocked out two weekends completely, and hurt attendance figures a

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Groff Wins FFA Award at Convention

Friday marked the close of the National FFA Convention which was held this past week in Kansas City.

One of the highlights of the week happened when Lynn Groff, from Garden Spot FFA was named the National Agricultural Processing winner.

Lynn, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Groff, 211 S. State St., and is employed by Victor F. Weaver, Co. in New Holland.

Regional honors came first for Lynn as he went against competition from several mid-atlantic states, winning

\$200 with an additional \$50 for the National award plus expenses.

Lynn is presently in the chicken frank division of the Weaver's and is responsible for quality control.

Teams Place in Competition

Several of the judging teams from Pennsylvania placed high in competition that took place during the week.

Pennsylvania's Horticulture Team placed fourth with each member receiving gold emblem awards. Members of the team were: Michael Lewis, Willow Grove; Timothy Troxell, Easton and Theresa Pettie, Perkaspie.

The Dairy cattle team also placed fourth. David Shontz, Compton received a gold emblem medal with Jeff Miller, Kutztown and Herman Manbeck, Robesonia each receiving silver emblems.

Marlin Deitrich, Pott-

stown, received a gold emblem for meats judging with Wayne Bankert, Red Lion; receiving a silver and Randy Klahold, Wrightsville receiving a bronze award. The team placed 17th.

In Poultry judging, Mike Allen, Armagh and Arthur Rice of Millersville both received bronze awards.

The milk and dairy products team placed 22nd with Curtis Martin and Jay Oberholtzer or Ephrata receiving silver medals and Evert Newkirk, Johnstown receiving a bronze award.

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Cornelius W. Heine, U.S. Department of the Interior, was the featured speaker at a farm preservation meeting on Wednesday night.

Game-Racing Is His Winning Interest

By: Melissa Piper

Randy Glick, at the age of 17, is already an accomplished game racer, which doesn't mean you'll find him out driving a fast speed car, for his usual means of racing is a powerful palamino Quarter horse.

Randy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Glick, Bareville and has been working with horses ever since he was a youngster. The Glick family has kept horses for many years and now own 11 Quarter horses most of which are registered.

For the past eight years, Randy was been in 4-H Horse Clubs and is currently serving as president of the Silver Spurs Horse Club

along with being a member of the Conestoga Riding Club and the Good Fellowship Riding Club.

Game racing, which is competition that involves timed skill such as polebending (running a horse through a pattern of poles) and keyhole racing is Randy's favorite interest. His trophy room supports that interest since it is filled with hundreds of trophies, ribbons and plaques that he has won over the past few years in competitions that ranged from local events to statewide contests. Local shows that Randy has competed in include the Lancaster County Denver Friendly Horseman's Club

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Randy Glick, Bareville, displays one of the many trophies he has won during game racing in horse show competitions.

Lancaster Co. Farmers Assoc. Holds Annual Meet

The Lancaster County Farmers Association held their annual meeting last Friday night at the Harvest Drive Motel, Intercourse. During the meeting, the assembled members voted on policy recommendations proposed by the policy committee. Earl Newcomer, Washington Boro, R1, was chairman of that committee.

Also during the meeting, the members voted on six directors for the coming year. Elected to serve were: H. Richard Hershey, 304 Newport, Lititz, Earl Newcomer, Mt. Joy R1; Nathan Stoltzfus, Gap; Mahlon Eberly, Denver R2;

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