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Over 100 Ephrata area Young Farmers gathered at the Clyde Eby Farm in Ephrata to harvest 80 acres of corn on Monday morning. Eby, who died of injuries received in an automobile accident on October

8th, was a member and past secretary of the organization. Approximately 120 men helped with the corn harvesting with 22 pickers working in 80 acres.

Farm Leaders Queried On Co. Fair Feelings

Farm leaders in Lancaster County are being queried by County Agricultural Agent Max Smith, who wants to know their feelings about the idea of a Lancaster County Fair.

About a year ago, some segments of the county's farm community began seriously discussing the possibility of a county fair. Smith called a meeting in

June to air the views of those who were in favor of a fair and those who were opposed to the idea. At the close of the meeting, Smith urged those present to think about a fair over the summer, and he invited them to meet again in the fall to make a final decision on whether or not to pursue the idea. Smith himself is maintaining a position of neutrality on the

subject.

This month, a questionnaire prepared by Smith was sent to leaders in some 40 local farm groups. The 14-question survey is to be completed and returned to Smith by November 20. On Nov. 25, a meeting will again be held at the Farm and Home Center to discuss the results of the survey. If the

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Rick Krall, RD1, Lebanon, displays one of the many FFA awards he has won over the past few years as a member of the Cedar Crest Chapter.

Rick Krall

Dairy Farming Is His Interest

by: Melissa Piper
Although Rick Krall won several awards both in FFA and 4-H activities this past summer, perhaps the most special was receiving the Keystone Awards for outstanding 4-H work in petroleum power and dairy.

Rick is the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krall, RD1, Lebanon and has been a member in both the Cedar Crest Dairy 4-H club and the Cedar Crest FFA Chapter.

Rick was chosen to receive the Keystone awards following a review of his 4-H activities over the past years and extensive interviews with state 4-H officials. The Keystone awards represent

New Berks Co. Ag Center Opens

by Dick Wanner

A gala open house reception was held Wednesday evening for the new \$1.5 million Berks County Agricultural Center in Bern Township. On Tuesday afternoon, this writer was given a preview tour of the facility by Vernon Shaffer, the Berks County commissioner who was the prime mover behind the center's construction, and James Haldeman, Berks County Agent.

The building's gleaming white facade looks out on a sprawling expanse of beautifully landscaped lawn. A two-story foyer - equally as white and equally as gleaming as the exterior - greets visitors as they enter the main door. Skylights spill a soft white glow on two indoor planters in the foyer. "We'd probably get enough light in here to grow corn in our planters," Haldeman said. "But we've been too busy moving in to

think about things like that."

As we walked through the building on Tuesday, workmen were frantically getting last-minute chores done for Wednesday's open house.

"We're going to have one of the few centers in the country where farmers can come to transact their business with all federal farm agencies under one roof," Shaffer said. In addition to the cooperative extension service, the new center will house the Far-

mers Home Administration, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Soil Conservation Service and the County Conservation District office.

Other county groups headquartered there will include the department of weights and measures, Civil Defense, and a county-wide police radio network.

Shaffer, a former Air Force officer, is particularly proud of the Ag Center's

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Look! Up In The Sky! It's A (splatt) . . .

by Dick Wanner

If you happened to be driving near the Marticville Middle School in Southern Lancaster County on Friday afternoon, you'd have seen a light plane flying fairly low over a playing field outside the school. And if you looked closely at the plane you'd

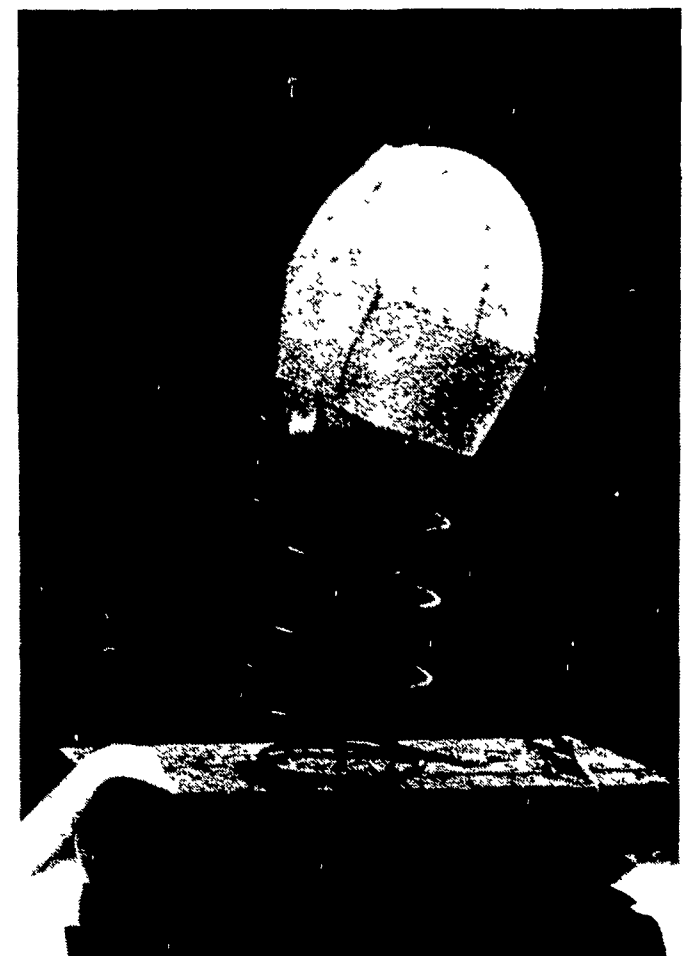
have seen that it was dropping 164 oddly shaped objects from its door.

And, if you'd have looked even closer, you'd have seen that inside the plane, William Regester, the school's principal presently on sabbatical leave,

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If you were an egg, how would you like to be dropped from a thousand feet in a contraption like this? It's one of the more whimsical designs submitted for the Marticville Middle School's Operation Egg Drop.

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