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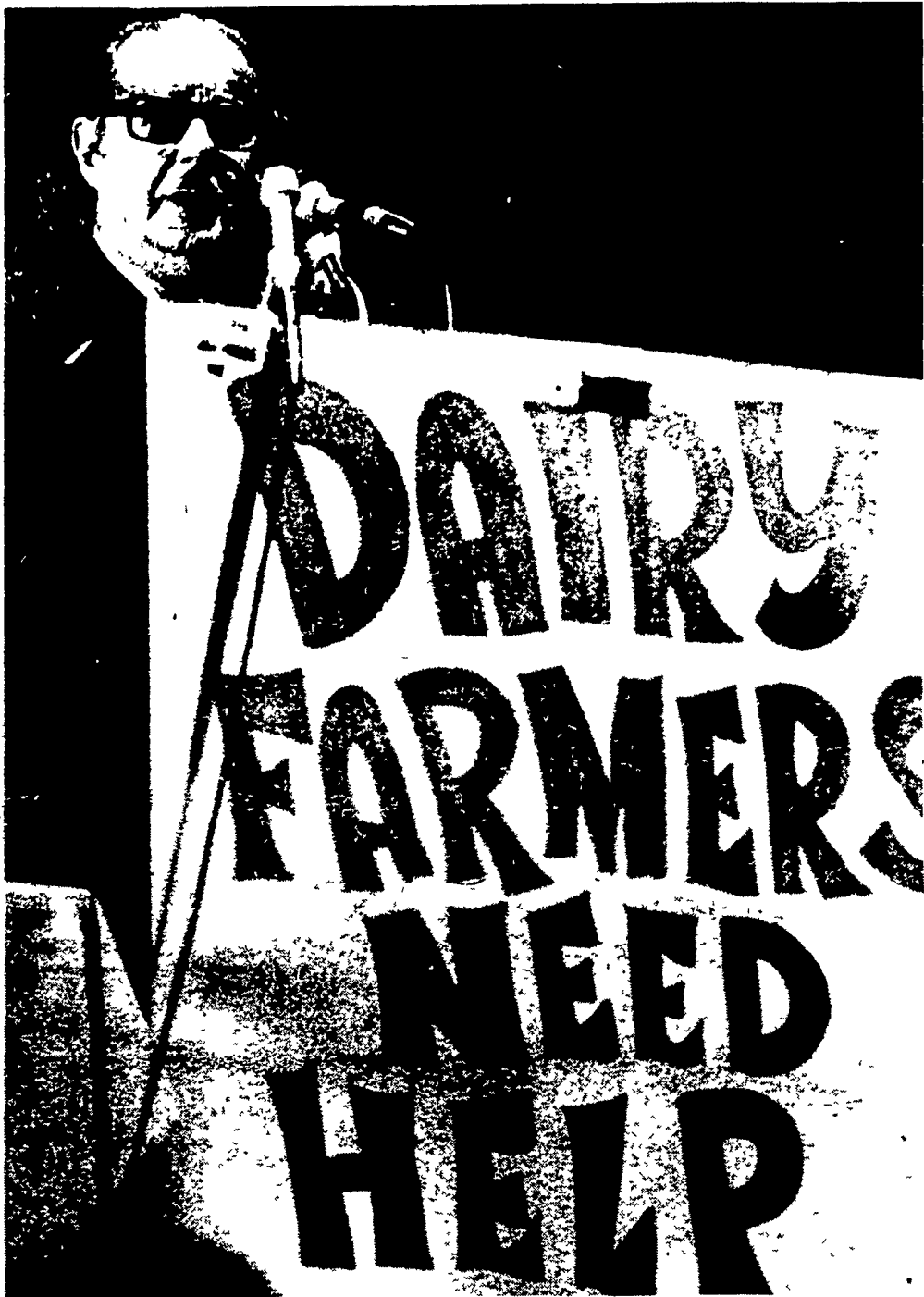
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Pennsylvania Senator Hugh Scott was among the dignitaries who spoke to some 2000 dairymen on Tuesday in

Washington. In more ways than one, the Senator stood behind the dairymen's plea for help.

Dairymen Take Their Story to Washington

by Dick Wanner

Choking back sobs, blinking back tears, Mrs. Dorothy White told an audience of more than 2500 what it's like to be the wife of a dairy farmer today, and the mother of two sons bent on dairy careers. She and her husband operate a 200-cow herd near Baltimore.

"In the past ten years, we've put together an outstanding dairy bloodline. We sell breeding stock and replacement heifers for \$250 to \$400 apiece in normal times. We used to sell slaughter stock for \$60 a head. Now, we have no market for breeding stock, and the slaughter prices have gone down to \$20 a head.

"I have two sons," she said, her voice cracking, "and they want to farm. How can my husband and I encourage them to go into dairying when they can't make a decent living because the price of milk is too low? What can I tell them to do?"

When she finished her speech, the assembled dairymen spoke their approval with warm applause. Mrs. White was one of a handful to speak Tuesday morning in the cavernous meeting room of the Parke-Sheraton in Washington,

D.C., but everyone there had a story to tell. The story was of soaring costs and diminishing returns.

The trip to Washington was inspired by New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Phil Alampi, who just weeks ago told the annual Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative meeting in Philadelphia that if they wanted Washington to take the economic shackles off dairymen, they'd have to go

to Washington to tell them. And if they went to Washington, Alampi said he'd lead the way.

Alampi's speech struck sparks in the Inter-State membership, and they did organize a drive on Washington. Fifty busloads, and many, many cars filled with dairymen converged on the Parke-Sheraton Tuesday morning where they heard from Congressmen and

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Berks Co. DHIA Annual Meet

Berks County Dairy Herd Improvement Association members, 225 of them, jammed the Grange Hall in Kutztown last Friday night for their annual meeting.

During the meeting, they heard from Berks County Agricultural Agent James Haldeman, Berks County DHIA president Burd Schantz, Ray Webber, public relations director for the National Dairy Council in Southampton, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stieff, Robeson, a husband and wife team who produce slide shows about nature.

Four awards were presented to members with outstanding production records for the past year. The award for high herd in fat production went to Norman Nolt, Muddy Creek Farm, Myerstown R1. Nolt's 36.8 cows averaged 675 pounds of fat and 16,628 pounds of milk. The high herd for milk award went to Charles Plushanski, Kutztown R3, whose 94.1 cows produced an average of 16,806 pounds of milk and 652 of fat.

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1975 Outlook Reveals . . .

Adequate Fertilizer But Prices High

by: Melissa Piper

The fertilizer situation will be rather bleak for 1975 with just adequate supplies and high prices to add to the farmer's woes, according to two authorities on the subject.

Speaking before the 15th Annual Pa. Forage Conference held in Hershey on Monday and Tuesday, Dr. C.W. White, vice-president of the Fertilizer Institute and K. S. Tomlinson of the Lebanon Chemical Corporation, told the audience that a greater world wide demand of fertilizer in the coming year combined with low beginning stockpiles will make fertilizer harder to obtain and more expensive for 1975.

White explained that there are three main pressure points which will keep the

amount of fertilizer low this year. One main concern is the rising amount of acreage being used for agriculture production. It is expected that 3-4 percent more land will go into production this coming year which will greatly increase the demand for fertilizer in this county alone. And as other developing countries see the need for more food production the total demand of fertilizer will probably exceed the amount produced.

Another problem that White sees as hindering the amount of fertilizer that will be available is that the beginning stockpiles are low.

White explained that the raw materials needed for making fertilizer have been difficult to obtain making reserves of the commodity inadequate.

"It takes natural gas to make ammonia," he explained "and we are limited in that particular natural resource."

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Silver Spurs Club Member and Leader

by: Melissa Piper

There are a number of 4-H Horse Clubs within Lancaster County and to keep them running smoothly it takes the dedication and time of the leaders and teen leaders who supervise younger members and their projects.

Cherri Gochnauer is one of those young people who have the responsibility of helping the younger members of the Silver Spurs 4-H Horse Club learn about the care and health of their animals as well as mastering proper riding techniques.

Cherri, who is a 15 year-old sophomore at Hempfield High School, has been a member of the Silver Spurs Horse Club for the past three years and has been involved with 4-H work for the past six years.

Cherri Gochnauer, Centerville Road, Lancaster, shown working with her quarter horse which she rides in the western pleasure division of many area shows.

responsibility as a teen leader by stating "I am expected to help the younger members of our club and I get involved in checking their project work and serving on committees for programs."

Along with her work as a teen leader in the club she also served as news reporter this year and has been the treasurer of the club also.

Cherri was kept busy this past summer as she was a member of the first Lancaster County 4-H Horse Bowl Team. The horse bowl team competes much in the same manner as did the college bowl teams on television. The team, consisting of four people, is quizzed on various aspects of horses and horsemanship. In

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