

# Celebrating 50 Years In Farm Equipment

On March 21, 1925, Horace Miller reported to Landis Brothers, a farm implement dealership in Lancaster, signing on for a one-day job as a laborer. Miller over-stayed his original contract by half-a-century and is today president of the corporation that grew out of the family business that hired him. Miller's friends and coworkers recently hosted a surprise party to honor him for his 50-year career in the farm equipment business.

In a conversation with Lancaster Farming, Miller recalled that when he first started with the company, they sold mostly horse-drawn implements with steel

wheels. The big change to tractors started in the early 30's when the average horsepower was either "8-16" or "10-20". The first number referred to horsepower at the drawbar, and the second to horsepower off the belt.

Another big change that Miller has seen has been the switch to self-propelled units like combines and forage harvesters. In recent years, he noted, supplies of farm equipment have been tighter than at any other time except during the war. The big change in marketing recently has been the allotment system imposed upon dealers by manufac-

turers.

In 1953, the firm moved from its old headquarters over the old center city Northern Market to its present facilities at 1305 Manheim Pike. The business was incorporated in 1960

with Miller as president. Although he's now three years past the retirement age of 65, Miller said he doesn't plan to retire. Nor does he show any indications of slowing up. He works daily in the parts department, the office and the shop, and is sometimes on the road.

Miller and his wife, Erma, have two sons and one daughter. The daughter lives with her husband in Key West, Florida. Their son Richard is the bookkeeper and secretary-treasurer for Landis Brothers, and the other son, Charles, works as a mechanic in the shop.



Horace Miller, president of Landis Brothers, a Lancaster farm equipment dealership, was guest of honor recently at a party held on his 50th anniversary in the farm equipment business. Miller began his career with the firm he now heads, when Landis Brothers was located above the old Northern Market in Lancaster.

## Entries Due for Sewing Contest

Harrisburg-- The Pennsylvania State Grange today warned that April 30 is the deadline for submitting entries in the 1975 Grange sewing contest.

More than 2,000 entries are expected this year, according to Mrs. Leroy Hoover, of Roaring Spring, director of women's activities for the state Grange. Among entries already received is one from a 14-year-old boy, Mrs. Hoover said.

Local and county judging

will begin immediately after the close of the contest and will be completed by mid-May. Judging in the state competition is scheduled for May 29. Winning entries in the state competition will be eligible for the national contest judging in June.

Entry blanks may be obtained from women's activities chairmen of local Granges, Mrs. Hoover said. The contest is open to Grange members and non-members who are sponsored by Grangers, she added.

## Guernsey's Produce High Milk Records

Two registered Guernsey cows in the herd of Raymond & Louise Witmer, Penn-Del Farm, Willow Street, completed top official DHIR actual production records,

according to The American Guernsey Cattle Club. All cows were milked two times a day. The testing was supervised by Pennsylvania State University, University

Park, Pennsylvania.

Guernsey milk is world famous for its high protein, delicious flavor and Golden Yellow color. Holliknoll Billys Pride, an eight year old, produced 15,570 pounds

of milk and 701 pounds of fat, in 305 days. Stone House Nances Cindy a seven year old, produced 14,930 pounds of milk and 657 pounds of fat, in 305 days.

### "ATTENTION" TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Yes We Now Have

Available in different Lengths

3 ft. and 4 ft. wide

### BLACK MULCHING PLASTIC

for Cantaloupes, Watermelons & Strawberries

### "SPECIAL" HIGH PRESSURE WASHER "DEAL"

Do your own cleaning jobs fast Blasts dirt and grease away Farm Equipment, Dairy, Calf Barns-

WE ARE OFFERING A PORTABLE UNIT 600 TO 700 PSI. 3 GPM. TRIGGER GUN, CHEMICAL INJECTOR.

For Approximately the Same Price You Would Pay for a Smaller Unit 500 PSI 2 GPM

GIVE US A TRY BEFORE YOU BUY

ZIMMERMAN'S Animal Health Supply

RD#4, Lititz, PA 17543

Home Store Phone 717-733-4466

Each Patz barn cleaner link, forged from over 2 pounds of red hot steel forms a rugged flexible chain that lasts for years of trouble free service. The patented hook and eye design (U S Pat No 2,712,760) is strong yet so simple to handle — you can add or remove a link in 10 seconds without tools! When teamed with the popular Model 467 flite with its extra built in capacity the Patz cleaner is the most efficient dependable barn cleaner you can buy

Material Handling Equipment DAIRY/BEEF

LANDIS & EBSHSHADE  
Kirkwood, PA  
(717) 786-4158

H. DANIEL WENGER  
Hamburg, PA  
(215) 488-7674

CLAIR SANER & SON  
McAllisterville, PA  
(717) 463-2234

KENNETH L. SPAHR  
Thomasville, PA  
(717) 225-1064

MARVIN HORST  
Lebanon, PA  
(717) 272-0871

LANDIS FARMSTEAD  
AUTOMATION  
Milton, PA  
(717) 437-2375

JOSEPH MOYER  
Pipersville, PA  
(215) 766-8675

LEO LANDIS  
Millersburg, PA  
(717) 692-4646

LLOYD SULZBAUGH  
Camp Hill, PA  
(717) 737-4554

LONGACRE ELECTRIC  
Bally, PA  
(215) 845-2261

J. WALTER WEBSTER  
Street, MD  
(301) 452-8521

ZOOK'S FARM STORE  
Honey Brook, PA  
(215) 273-9730

**Nutrena CLS**  
Liquid Supplement

NEW LIQUID SUPPLEMENT DISCOVERY

The safer, more efficient Liquid supplement For BEEF and DAIRY CATTLE

AVAILABLE FROM:

**ELMER SHREINER**  
T/A GOOD'S FEED MILL  
RD1, NEW PROVIDENCE, PA  
PHONE (717) 786-2500

**SWATARA CREEK MILLS**  
RD1, MYERSTOWN, PA  
PHONE (717) 933-4111  
CALL COLLECT

**ALLIS-CHALMERS**  
MANURE SPREADERS

281 spreader with optional pan attachment

299 spreader with optional rear endgate

THE WORD'S SPREADING - with 281 or 299 spreaders that work well with tractor loaders or barn cleaners - team with equipment you already have.

BLANKET COVERAGE - comes with the 14 big, buzz saw paddles that rip, shred and spread the load.

- Husky Tongue and Undercarriage
- Box combines steel for strength... wood for durability.
- Rugged drive and gear box.
- Aggressive, self-cleaning paddles.
- Four spreading rates.
- Low loading height.

**Nissley Farm Service** Washington Boro, PA 717-285-4844

**Roy H. Buch, Inc.** Ephrata, R.D.2 717-859-2441

**L. H. Brubaker** Lancaster, PA 717-397-5179

**Grumelli Farm Service** Quarryville, PA 717-786-7318

**BHM Farm Equipment, Inc.** Annville, R.D.1, PA 717-867-2211

**A. J. Noss & Son** RD#2, Oley, PA 215-987-6257

**C. J. Wonsidler Bros.** RD#1, Quakertown, PA 18951 Phone 215-536-1935 215-536-7523