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Persistent rain eliminated many of the events at the Ephrata and West Lampeter Fairs this past week, but at the Farm Show Complex, where this scene was taken, the Pennsylvania

All-American went on until rising waters forced the closing of the show on Thursday night. Water was knee-deep here and threatening the barns. By 3:00 a.m. Friday it was entering

the barns and cattle were taken away — about 500 head were tied on the State Hospital Grounds. By 7:30 all of the animals except for one bull had been moved out. There was about 10

inches of water in the large arena and about 1½ feet in the barns. Milk trucks had trouble getting in to pick up the milk from as many as 700 milking animals.

## Grant Heilman leaving area

By Peggy Frailey  
 Grant Heilman, one of the country's foremost agricultural photographers and a fighter for preservation of farmland, is going to leave Lancaster County and move to Colorado, where he and his wife, noted artist Barbara Whipple, will build a new home on a slope of the Rocky Mountains.

The reason — simply put, Heilman no longer wants to live in what he terms the "creeping metropolism" that has invaded Lancaster County.

He and his wife will open a combined studio in the small town of Buena Vista — population about 2500 — and take their chances with the wide open spaces that have become so rare in the east.

Meanwhile Heilman will continue to run the photography studio he owns on West Lincoln Avenue, still doing the bulk of his own photographic work from his new western home, and making periodic trips back to Lititz. The actual operation of the plant will be done by his present staff there.

Although a lot has been done in recent years to try to

preserve Lancaster County, it is not enough and it came too late, Heilman maintains.

"The dye is cast in Lancaster County," he said. "We'll take the alternative."

"Lancaster County is not facing up to what are becoming uninteresting living conditions," the photographer-naturalist said during an interview this week. "A great deal has been done here, but not enough to keep it from being uncomfortable (living conditions) — and since we have the option to move, we are going to."

"I suppose I will be criticised by some for saying this about Lancaster County, but it's how I feel," Heilman said.

For a number of years now, Heilman has been a strong advocate of preservation, and has used his voice to try to arouse public interest in environmental situations. He chose this route deliberately, he explained, believing he could be of more use as a "thorn in the side" rather than sitting on boards and commissions.

His voice has been heard

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Renowned naturalist photographer, Grant Heilman, whose pictures appear far and wide on and in agricultural publications, plans to move to Colorado next June because of the urbanization which is taking place in Lancaster County. He's shown above taking a close-up of a cocoon on a pine tree behind his studio in Lititz.

Lititz Record Express Photo

## Class I milk price to \$11

By Dieter Krieg  
 WITMER — "It looks like we'll have an (approximately) \$11.00 Class I milk price by the end of the year," said Boyd Gartley, director of member and public relations for Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative. Speaking here at the annual dinner meeting for District 6, Gartley reminded the dairymen that "we must be cautious about the price going up too fast because of consumer resistance." Someone near the head table responded with a loud and clear "right on."

Noting that advertising is paying off, Gartley told the

capacity crowd that Order 4 has recorded the highest increase of Class I sales of any Order in the country. He also added that the past fiscal year went down as "the best financial year in the history in the cooperative." Commenting briefly on advertising, the Inter-State official observed that "the in thing" nowadays is the "fresh and natural, which is what milk is all about."

Giving Inter-State Cooperative members reason to pat themselves on the back, Gartley said their cooperative is "the most efficient"

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## Youth pursues farming career

By Melissa Piper  
 PENN MANOR — "Farmers have made this country what it is today and I'd like to be a part of that tradition." Although these words might have been spoken by a long time farmer, they actually came from a young man who is just beginning his career in the field of agricultural production.

Ron Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hunt, Millersville, has already been active in agriculture for three years although he is presently a senior at Penn Manor High School. Being an FFA member since his freshman year, the young man has taken projects in

veal calves, and market as well as breeding swine.

Ron has taken his FFA work seriously not only trying his best at doing successful projects but also in his activities. The Penn Manor Youth has been a member of the State poultry judging team that compete in Kansas City, a member of the award winning meat judging teams and also of the State dairy judging team that entered competition at the Eastern States Expo in Springfield, Mass.

Ron has been on the parliamentary procedure team and has received the Star Greenhand and State Chapter Farmer awards.

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