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Seniors select ways to finance farms

By MELISSA PIPER

HANOVER — When you don't have a bank roll, a farm to inherit or a rich uncle, how do you get started in farming? Well, according to four graduating seniors who have chosen agriculture as their career, "you have to start at the bottom and work your way up."

Claude Warner, Lamar Miller, Peter

Slusser and Dave Lees will graduate from Southwestern York High School early next week and for the four youths, beginning their careers will mean taking one step at a time - venturing only as far as finances will allow. But even though the road ahead may seem like a long uphill climb, the seniors are optimistic that agriculture holds a good future in store.

"Getting started will mean that things will be tough for awhile but it has to get better," noted Lamar Miller, a senior from Hanover R2.

"Land is hard to get and the cost of machinery is out of sight, but you can make it in farming if you're willing to stick it out," he added.

Miller is an example of those young people

who have set a goal in life and have put forth an extra measure of determination to reach it. Although he lives on a mini-farm with his parents, Lamar has rented some 45 acres near Hanover and raises corn, barley, wheat, hay and sweet corn. As one member in a partnership, the youth has the opportunity to rent some equipment but also

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Dave Lees



Lamar Miller



Claude Warner



Peter Slusser

Annual Dairy Issue deadline is June 1

On June 5, LANCASTER FARMING will recognize the area's dynamic dairy industry with its Annual Dairy Issue.

To be sure you make the Dairy Issue, please submit all advertising and editorial material by Tuesday, June 1. Call us at 717-394-3047 or 717-626-1164. Or write LANCASTER FARMING, Box 266, Lititz, Pa. 17543.

Water management of concern

By DIETER KRIEG

LANCASTER — A proposal for limiting the construction of sewer lines within the County, and some praise for the Amish were heard Tuesday evening at the Farm and Home Center. The meeting, attended by 18 persons, concerned water

resource planning. Tom Kelso of the Lancaster County Planning Commission conducted the program.

Pennsylvania, as Kelso explained it, is currently in the midst of a major water resource planning program — parts of which are "quite

controversial" — and this meeting at the Farm and Home Center was called to hear some local points of view and suggestions.

A major point of concern to Kelso was the fact that the state map showed almost all of Lancaster County as having class I and II soils. While this could be interpreted as being highly complimentary, Kelso felt it was unrealistic. Others pointed out that the County has its share of other class lands as well, and that these often combine to make viable farming units.

After considerable

discussion of the matter, Millersville area vegetable grower, Amos Funk, drafted the following definition of Lancaster County's farm land:

"We consider most land presently being farmed intensively in Lancaster County as prime agricultural land. Therefore we would recommend the extension of sewer lines be limited to areas delineated in Lancaster County's Comprehensive Plan. As low, medium, and high density residential, commercial, and industrial development."

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LCFA plans big P-R effort

By DIETER KRIEG

LANCASTER — The first organizational meeting for a public relations effort will be staged at Park City during the week of Oct. 13, was held on Wednesday evening at the Farm and Home Center.

More than 40 people present divided into groups to elect chairmen and discuss possibilities for program ideas. Ruth Krieger, chairman of the

LCFA Public Relations Committee, announced that the next meeting will take place on August 2, which coincides with the deadline for submitting committee reports. She stressed that everyone involved should make it a point to be in attendance for that meeting, and if that's impossible, then a replacement should be sent in his name. "We cannot be issued a permit for special programs until definite plans

have been proposed and made," she said.

LCFA will have the entire Park City Mall to work with.

Aside from displays — including a few farm animals — there will also be [Continued on Page 20]

Kunzler FFA prize presented

By DIETER KRIEG

NEW HOLLAND — Mike Hartman, 17-year-old senior at Garden Spot High School, practices what he believes in. Like not wasting anything

that might be put to use somehow.

On a recent hiking trip, for example, the friendly and outgoing student came across a 32-inch rattlesnake.

He killed it and then proceeded to skin it and fry it for supper. "There was no reason to just let it lay," he explained matter-of-factly, as though it's something

anyone would do without hesitation. Hartman and his friends had, in fact, already had supper — so the meal

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New hog market to start

By DIETER KRIEG

SPHRATA — A new hog marketing facility is scheduled to open here, at the Green Market on Memorial Day, May 31.

Unlike other markets in the area, this one will not be conducted as an auction.

Instead, hog producers simply call the Market and ask for the paying price that particular day. They can take it or leave it. No fee. No obligations.

Introducing this new concept of hog marketing to Lancaster County is Penn

Packing of Philadelphia. The firm, which kills 4500 hogs per day, is represented in the area by Ken Emery.

Dialing for hog prices is not an entirely new idea. Emery, who has been with Penn Packing for two years, says his employers have

conducted similar markets in the Midwest. The idea is now spreading to Lancaster County because the hog industry here has grown significantly.

Emery says ap-

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