

# Officers of Perry Co. DHIA chosen

LOYSVILLE, Pa. - Max Reapsome, Loysville, R1, was elected president of the Perry County Dairy Herd Improvement Association in 1977 at the annual meeting of the 60 member group. Kenneth Benner, Millerstown, R2, was elected vice president; Roy E. Hall,

Millerstown R1, secretary; and R. Walter Stydinger, Elliottsburg, treasurer. Richard Bratton, Millerstown, R1 and Nevin Rice, Blain were also elected as directors.

Alfred Albright's herd was recognized for leading the county in average produc-

tion per cow at 18,931 of milk and 726 pounds of butterfat. These are the highest records in the 50 years of D. H. I. A. in Perry County according to supervisors R. Walter Stydinger and J. Michael O'Toole. The average for over 3000 cows in 60 member herds was 14,447 of milk and 554 pounds of butterfat, among the highest in the state.

John Fox of Duncannon presented an illustrated talk on his recent trip to Russia.

The Association sponsored Joy Reapsome, Loysville R1, Brian Rock and Wendy Diller, Landisburg R1, and they received special awards for outstanding 4-H dairy projects. Bonnie Kling, 4-H Dairy Club leader presented the awards.

High production herds in addition to Albright's were as follows: Mary E. Rice, 17,430 lb. milk, 709 lbs. butterfat; Charles C. Byers, 17,696 lbs. milk, 666 lbs. butterfat; Max Reapsome,

17,120 lbs. milk, 665 lbs. butterfat; Kenneth R. Benner, 17,524 lbs. milk, 659 lbs. butterfat; Milligan Bros., 16,837 lbs. milk, 658 lbs. butterfat; Carl E. McMillen, 16,575 lbs. milk, 652 lbs. butterfat; Ben E. Dum, 16,435 lbs. milk, 652 lbs. butterfat; Milmay Farm, 16,290 lbs. milk, 627 lbs. butterfat; Ray E. McMillen, 16,632 lbs. milk, 626 lbs. butterfat; Richard L. Maurer, 15,759 lbs. milk, 623 lbs. butterfat; Donald Dum, 16,662 lbs. milk, 622 lbs. butterfat; Dumbelle Farms, 16,465 lbs. milk 614 lbs. butterfat; Delmar Brofee & Son, 15,823 lbs. milk, 610 lbs. butterfat; Wm. E. Martin & Sons, 15,405 lbs. milk, 607 lbs. butterfat; Lyons Bros., 14,964 lbs. milk, 606 lbs. butterfat; Marvin E. Pontius - 16,258 lbs. milk, 606 lbs. butterfat; Bratton View Farm - 16,088 lbs. milk, 605 lbs. butterfat; and Mrs. Roy Campbell & Sons - 14,946 lbs. milk, 603 lbs. butterfat.

# Fulton Grange to carol

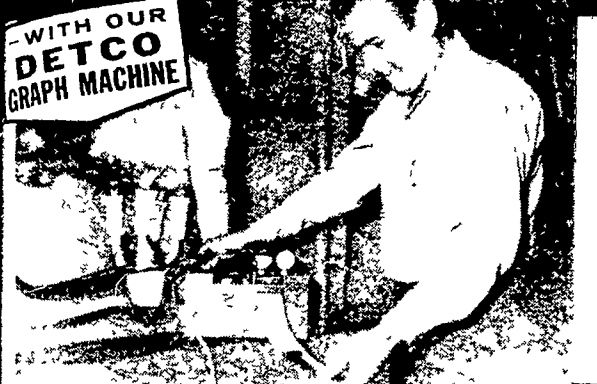
Fulton Grange 66, Lancaster Co., will go caroling December 21, leaving the Grange hall in Oakryn at 7 p.m. Upon return, a Christmas party will be taken charge of by the Youth committee, with LeRoy Welk, chairman. There will be a gift exchange of articles costing \$1. to \$1.50.

Thomas Galbreath, master, presided at the regular business session December 13 and Mrs. Owen H. Groff, lecturer, presented the program in which she demonstrated the making of several Christmas decorations, tree ornaments, and useful gifts from household items. Mrs. Sylvia

May showed dolls and told how to make them, using detergent bottles as a base. Mrs. Earle Gilbert displayed some crocheted Christmas ornaments which she made. The program included the singing of favorite Christmas carols.

The program at the next regular meeting on December 27 will feature Mrs. Henry R. Bushong, Quarryville, who will speak as she sketches "Inspiration For The New Year". Mrs. J. Everett Kreider and Mrs. Frank Aument will also entertain with a vocal duo. The Grange chorus will have rehearsal after the meeting.

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# Futures markets 'worth billions'

CHICAGO, Ill. - Gary L. Seevers, a member of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, said recently the economic benefit of commodity futures markets is worth "billions of dollars per year" to our economy and he encouraged industry and individuals to use the markets directly.

Speaking before the Sixth International Commodities Conference in Chicago, Dr. Seevers also indicated his belief that futures markets are still far from achieving their full potential.

"I am sure we are far from our potential when I find farmers holding large portions of their net worth in the form of unhedged grain, and when I learn that one of the largest grain companies, operating world wide, does not hedge its currency risks," he said.

Commissioner Seevers pointed to the GNMA-mortgage contract as a "graphic demonstration" of the effectiveness of futures markets in narrowing margins. "Last January, shortly after the GNMA contract was introduced, the spread between bid and asked prices on 8-per cent

GNMA's was about 20 basis points. And lately, the spread has been about 8 points. This represents a very significant reduction in the marketing margin for mortgage financing."

While acknowledging that less uncertainty in the underlying economic conditions and improved efficiency in the dealers' market could also be responsible for the narrowing margins, "part of it was undoubtedly caused by the introduction of the futures contract," he said.

He pointed out that the Commodity Futures Trading Commission was created by (a) preventing market abuses; (b) enhancing the economic purpose of the markets; and (c) adding legitimacy to the markets in the eyes of the public and of potential users."

Seevers labeled "combating market abuse" as the Commission's top priority. "The CFTC has taken a preventative approach to market abuses rather than emphasizing the punishment of offenders," he said. "We believe that prevention is faster and that it uses our regulatory resources far more efficiently than relying primarily on punishment after the fact."

"Economic purpose" is the key to the "value of futures markets," he said. He noted several new contracts now under consideration by CFTC which will provide new hedging opportunities for industries and better hedging opportunities for industries where existing contracts do not yet develop the full market potential.

## Job shifted

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Don Paarlberg, 65, director of agricultural economics for the Department of Agriculture since February 1969, has been named assistant secretary for agricultural economics. The so-called recess appointment was disclosed in a White House announcement made Dec. 10.

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