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With more than 20 public officials seated behind him, and several hundred concerned Lancaster County citizens before him, Lancaster County Agent Max Smith stresses the importance of Lancaster County agriculture. He was one of more than a score of concerned individuals to speak out on behalf of wise land

use. The scene of the speech was the Barley Brothers' dairy farm, adjacent to the Creswell garbage dump, southwest of Lancaster. The Lancaster Area Refuse Authority has seized 58 acres of prime farmland. A campaign is underway to reverse the decision.

## Farmers rally to stop garbage dump

By DIETER KRIEG  
WASHINGTON BORO, Pa. - An estimated 300 farmers and more than 25 public officials, including the Pennsylvania House Agriculture Committee, came to the John and Abram Barley farm near here on Wednesday to express opposition to a plan by the Lancaster Refuse Authority (LARA), which would turn 58 acres of prime farmland into a garbage dump. House

Ag Committee chairman Paul Yahner of Cambria County asked the gathering before him: "Do you want this to be the Garden Spot of Lancaster County, or the garbage spot of Lancaster County?"

The answer was obvious and the crowd erupted with vigorous applause and shouts of approval. One official after another came to the microphone to express disapproval of LARA's

actions. Most speakers also expressed optimism that the battle was being won and

that the Barleys could retain their land.

But Lancaster City

representative Marvin Miller Jr. wasn't optimistic and neither was the Barleys' attorney, James F. Heinley. Both urged more support from the public and a vigorous campaign to keep pressure on LARA and the county commissioners who are responsible for LARA's actions. Miller urged the crowd to send letters to the county commissioners' office.

were swarming to the Barley farm by mid-morning and kept coming until close to 11 a.m. Last to arrive was a bus chartered by the House Ag Committee.

Representative Paul Yahner, chairman of the House Ag Committee, was first to speak, announcing that this was not a political issue, but a people issue.

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## Dairy industry facing increasing pressures

By DIETER KRIEG  
LANCASTER - The past six months have been the most turbulent in the 20-year career economist Dr. Paul Hand has had at Inter-State

Milk Producers. A bout with nuclear fallout publicity came first, then the most severe Winter in memory, followed closely by an energy crisis. Now it's

supermarket strikes within the cooperative's prime milk marketing area.

Dr. Hand, who wears two hats at Inter-State - as economist and assistant

general manager - addressed Lancaster County dairymen here on Thursday at the annual meeting of District 5 of IMPCO.

While the economist ex-

pressed concern over the present situation, he was quick to point out that milk is moving with a minimum impact on the individual producer. As many as nine

or ten truckloads of milk are currently being sent to western Pennsylvania and Ohio due to the supermarket

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## 104 York dairymen faced with market loss

By JOYCE BUPP  
York County Reporter  
YORK, Pa. - Over one hundred dairymen from York, Adams and Cumberland counties received

unwelcome news when they picked up their mail last Saturday.

The certified letters carried the message that, on April 5, the milk trucks that

haul their production to New Holland Farms Inc., New Holland, would be stopping at the barns for the last time. The cut-off was made on all farms shipping to the milk

firm from areas west of the Susquehanna River. Rapidly increasing hauling charges being paid by New Holland on the 110,000 pounds of milk picked up daily was cited as

the reason for the cutoffs. Until December, 1975, many of the 104 farmers had been selling their milk to Graybills, Inc., a pickup plant just west of York. The

Graybills station was closed because of Department of Environmental Resources sanitation upgrading, and New Holland Farms ab-

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## Le-Hi members review progress and problems

By SALLY BAIR  
Feature Writer  
NEW HOLLAND, Pa. - Members of the Lancaster local of the LeHigh Valley Farmers Cooperative received an appraisal of the

improving financial picture of their cooperative at their annual meeting held here Thursday at the Liberty Fire Hall.

President Robert P. Barry, reported that the

cooperative will lose slightly less than \$300,000 as compared to \$1.8 million last year and \$3.2 million two years ago. However, Barry said, "Our performance this year is less than satisfac-

tory. Operationally it has not been as good as will appear on the final audited financial report." The reason for this is an interest forgiveness of \$900,000 given by Le-Hi's banking institutions.

Barry blamed part of the failure to do better on spending too much attention solving the previous year's problems. However he said, "The fluid milk plants at Lansdale and Schuylkill

Haven each made a profit, "while the cheese operation was "less dramatically draining than previously."

While working on those

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