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Twelve young Lancaster Countians were awarded scholarships this week by the Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation. Recipients were, left to right, R. Lamar Witmer, Philip E. Risser, Daniel Hershberger, Lester Hershey, Stacy A. Kinckiner, Barbara Trimmer, Marilyn Aldinger, Sheryl Bollinger, Martha Gregory, June Grube, Beverly Hummer, and Denise Grim. Details are on page 109.

**Senator Herman Talmadge**, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, is concerned that President Carter's government reorganization plans will strip the United States Department of Agriculture of responsibilities and importance. Details are on page 115.

Opportunities in vocational agriculture education may be waiting for you. See page 115 for details.

Proper management of storm water can avoid damage and headaches. For more on the story, please turn to page 105.

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## Cattle market topping \$60

LANCASTER - A bullish cattle market continues throughout the country as a result of fewer available slaughter cattle and steady demands by consumers. Speculation continues that the escalating prices may be

headed towards new records in weeks to come and a number of choice animals are already bringing \$60 or more per hundredweight.

Depending on the type of cattle at Lancaster County auctions this week were

reported to be 50 cents to fully \$3.00 higher than the previous week. This past Monday, for example, a price of \$60.10 per hundredweight was paid at the Lancaster Stockyards for a Charolais steer. It was the

first times since the late Summer of 1973 that prices here topped the \$60 mark.

Looking at this week's auction activities, which are detailed on the market pages, inside, it's noted that the high price at the Lan-

caster yards sparked trends at other Lancaster County auctions. On Tuesday at Vinage, choice and prime steers went for \$60-61 per hundredweight, and Wed-

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## Milk production calms down

By DIETER KRIEG  
NEW HOLLAND -- Plagued for months by surplus production and extra marketing costs, most of the Northeast's dairy industry is seeing some light and rays of hope at the end of the tunnel.

That is the bottom line of a report delivered here this week by John York, former general manager of Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative and now vice president in charge of member and public relations for Lehigh

Valley Cooperative Farmers. York addressed a meeting here on Wednesday evening for which about 80 members of LeHi were present.

Noting that LeHi is rapidly approaching the time when

the cooperative will no longer have to depend on other than its own members for milk supplies, York stated that the dairy situation in the Northeast for the Spring of 1978 is noticeably improved over

that of a year ago. National production of storable dairy products - butter, nonfat dry milk, and American cheese - is down slightly in all categories, compared to a

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## Amos Funk speaks for land preservation

By DIETER KRIEG  
MILLERSVILLE - Amos Funk, a grandfatherly Lancaster Countian, has two titles by which he is known throughout southeastern Pennsylvania - farmer and conservationist. He's a man who has shown devout dedication to agriculture and

outstanding soil stewardship throughout his life. A 1966 nominee for Master Farmer, he has won the respect and admiration of thousands who have gotten to know him personally or heard of his work at meetings or in print. To many, Amos Funk is "Mr. Conservationist." The

Lancaster County Commissioners formally bestowed that title on him in 1967.

Despite his many achievements and constant dedication for the good of agriculture, Funk is a quiet and modest man. His manner can best be

described as "grandfatherly."

Born in October of 1911 in the farm house which has been in his family for three generations, and his maternal grandmother's family for several generations before that, the amiable "Mr. Con-

servationist" grew up with farming. The family operation consists of three farms encompassing 270 acres and since 1963, Funk's Farm Market. Fruit and vegetables are the specialty. Married in 1936 to the

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## Dairy issue deadline nears

On June 3, LANCASTER FARMING will recognize the area's dynamic dairy industry with its Annual Dairy Issue.

We extend a special invitation to dairy groups and organizations, as well as individuals, to submit articles and news on dairying for the Dairy Issue.

To be sure you make the Dairy Issue, please submit all advertising and editorial material by Tuesday, May 30. Call us at 717-394-3047 or 717-626-1164. Or write Lancaster Farming, Box 366, Lititz, Pa. 17543.

## Runoff, flood plains topics of legislation

By JOANNE SPAHR  
HARRISBURG - Two companion bills which have been hailed for their proposed benefit to farmland conservation have passed the Senate and are now in the House conservation committee. Those bills are Senate Bill 744, known as the

Storm Water Management Act, and Senate Bill 743, the Flood Plain Management Act. Both bills are supported by Pennsylvania Farmers Association, Pennsylvania Farmers Union, and the State Grange.

Of the two, the one which may affect farmers more

directly is the Storm Water Management Act, the first bill of its nature to be introduced into the Senate.

In the bill it is stated that anyone developing land in a manner which may effect storm water run off must take measures to assure that the maximum rate of runoff

is no greater after development than prior to it.

The purpose of the entire bill is to encourage the planning and management of storm water run-off in each watershed in the Commonwealth, consistent with sound water and land practices.

One major provision requires that within two years following the issuance of guidelines by the Department of Environmental Resources, each county must prepare and adopt a watershed storm

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## Unusually late strawberry season seen

By KENDACE BORRY  
LITITZ - If you're waiting for those luscious red strawberries which last year this time were starting to appear on the market, you had better prepare yourself to be patient for a little while longer. Like most other

crops this Spring, strawberries are going to be late.

That seemed to be the consensus of opinion of growers this week, anyway. While the strawberry farmers tended to be optimistic about the size of the crop

expected, calling it to be "good" or "decent", the majority of them didn't expect to see the red berries ready before June 1.

Peter Alexih, from Herr Fruit Farms, Lancaster R2, summed the prospects up as "good but late". He stated

that the blossoms of the strawberry plants were a lot better than anticipated and that the crop was "taking off" right now with the added moisture. He expected the height of the strawberry picking to occur about four weeks from now.

From Millersville, Fred Funk, representing Funk's Farm Market, too said he hoped for a pretty good crop. Few were lost to the frost, he continued, and right now some of the strawberries in the field are now about as big

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