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## Ag leaders tell of future challenges



Dr. James Beattie

By DIETER KRIEG

CAMP HILL — Two prominent figures in Pennsylvania Agriculture congratulated PennAg Industries Association this week on the occasion of the organization's 100th anniversary, and then outlined some of the challenges which they believe will need to be faced by the state's farmers and agribusinesses in coming years. PennAg Industries Association is an organization of more than 400 agribusiness member firms. The centennial convention, held here this week at the Penn Harris Motor Inn, was attended by over 500 persons and featured nationally and internationally known guests. Among them were Pennsylvania Secretary of

Agriculture Kent Shelhamer and Dr. James Beattie, dean of the College of Agriculture at Penn State University. Both men cited accomplishments and advances of Pennsylvania agriculture and then went on to cite the challenges which lie ahead. Among them are the proper use of medications, government regulations, land use, sufficient food production for a growing world population, energy supplies, credit availability, and research.

Please turn to page 19 for Dean Beattie's remarks.

Secretary Shelhamer's comments are detailed on page 30.



Secretary Shelhamer

## IMPCO, MCMP look forward to Holly opening

BALTIMORE, Md. — Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative and Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers, Inc., joint owners of a milk processing plant near Carlisle, Pa., are looking

forward to the opening of the facility as early as next week.

The venture, which cost the two cooperatives some \$10 million, will be successful and profitable, say

spokesmen at MCMP headquarters here and at IMPCO headquarters in Southampton, Pa.

Acknowledging that the project, which took 1½ years to complete, and is still

undergoing testing, has had problems connected with it, MCMP general manager Ralph Stock commented that "It is unrealistic to expect it to open one day and have 2 million pounds of milk going

through it. It is a very highly automated plant; there are a lot of technicalities involved, including computerized controls. It takes time. Once it's all checked out and okay, we'll be in clover."

Assistant director of member and public relations at Inter-State, Jim Sumner, agrees with Stock's assessment and says that the management of both

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## The tractors roared at the Penn Fall Nationals

By KENDACE BORRY  
THE BUCK — Those who travelled down to the Buck last Friday and Saturday night to see the tractor pulls, got a special treat, for those were the nights of the Penn Fall National. For two days, nationally known tractor

pullers competed for the right to call their tractor first in its class.

One of the competitors that could be found behind the scenes before the competition was John Shaul, from Fultonham, New York. Shaul is one of those men

who pulls at national pulls throughout the country, that is, he competes at those events that are sanctioned by the National Tractor Pullers Association.

He's been competing for four years now and he still loves it. He first became

involved when he watched someone else compete at a tractor pulling contest and, liking it, he decided to try it.

Today he has two tractors which travel around the country with him; an Allison aircraft powered tractor called the Eastern Flier and

a twin turbo charged 454 Chevy powered tractor called the Longhorn.

Shaul estimates that he travels about 20,000 miles a year following the tractor pulls across the nation. And when he isn't pulling, he tells that he is a farmer, a crop

farmer with corn being the main crop to be exact.

Claiming home is a 2000 acre farm in New York, which is farmed by him, his brothers, and his father, Shaul warms up when he

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## Barbara Herr excels at the Big 'E'

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Barbara Herr, 15, dominated what appears to be the largest Dorset sheep show in the country and the largest sheep show in the East with 1100 entries coming from as far as Illinois and Virginia.

The scene was in West Springfield Mass. at the Eastern States Exposition where Barbara won Champion Dorset Ram and Champion Dorset Ewe in the National Junior Dorset Sheep show. She also won Champion Dorset Ram and Reserve Champion Dorset Ewe in the open competition.

Winning is not new to Barbara who has been in the 4-H sheep project for seven years. "We always had sheep on the farm and it ended up a family project that was passed down" she said. She has done very well with her market lambs also,

winning the champion carcass lamb at Farm Show and champion market lamb and pen of market lambs at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition last November. Barbara said, "I like to stick with the three major breeds, suffolk, hampshire, and dorset when selecting my market lambs. I don't have any major preference, it all depends on the quality of each individual lamb."

Barbara, daughter of Dr. and Mrs Robert Herr, cares for her own sheep which include five aged ewes, a show string of five pure bred dorseys and ten market lambs. She also does custom shepherding, and shears approximately 200 sheep in the spring.

As a sophomore at Garden Spot High School, Barbara's future plans include further study in farm or sheep management.



Barbara Herr, Narvon, showed her grand champion dorset ram at the Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, Mass.

## Joan Liesau joins Lancaster Farming staff

LITITZ — Joan L. Liesau, a native of Chester County, has been named as associate editor to the staff at Lancaster Farming.

As a recent graduate from the Pennsylvania State University, Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Liesau, Spring City, RD 1, received her degree in animal production. During her senior year, she served as editor of the Ag Hill Action, an agricultural newsletter for students. She was very active in the Penn State Block and Bridle Club serving on many committees and showing in their Little International Livestock Exposition. She also participated on Penn States Livestock Judging Team.

She became involved with livestock at the age of nine through the Chester County 4-H program. While in 4-H she took many projects. Her geology project turned into a lapidary and jewelry business for four years. Joan said though, that her sheep

projects and agriculture training throughout her 4-H career is what made her decide to study agriculture in college. She participated on the 4-H livestock judging team and the 4-H meats judging team. She won the state 4-H sheep award in 1974 and was a runner up for the national 4-H sheep award at the National 4-H Club Congress, Chicago, Ill.

After graduation from high school, Joan spent three weeks in Husum, Germany, as a participant of the Rotary Exchange program.

In 1974, Joan was the Pennsylvania Lamb and Wool Queen. She went on the following year to be named National Hampshire Sheep Queen. Since then she has judged both of these events along with other various contests.

Last summer Joan worked as head pedigree checker for the American Hampshire Sheep Association in Columbia, Mo.

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