

# Thornburgh speaks at Lancaster County farm

**MOUNT JOY** — Over 100 farmers from around the area gathered on Thursday morning at the farm of Nelson Brenneman, near Mount Joy to meet with Richard Thornburgh, the Republican candidate for the governor of Pennsylvania, to hear him tell his views on

government and relate his ideas on its relationship to farming.

During his short speech, given in one of the large implement sheds located on the farm, Thornburgh touched on many of the issues concerning farmers.

When asked about

directions to be taken on preserving farmland, Thornburgh stated that he wanted no master plan from Harrisburg but believed that the best way to preserve the family farm was to preserve the family farmers. He pledged to be sensitive to the needs of farming and marketing problems, calling the problem "a toughie".

He stated that he was opposed to any new gun law controls but still dedicated to the prosecution of criminals using firearms in their crimes.

He talked of his 12 point plan to promote business and industry in Pennsylvania, mentioning tax reform, the development of a sound energy program, and Penn Dot reform.

He told his rally that a statewide poll taken last week, he was placed within eight per cent of Flaherty, and he said that the latest Gallup poll showed him within four points of the Democrat candidate.

"I think we're bridging the gap," Thornburgh said. "Our message is getting across."

He promised the assembled farmers that they would have a secretary of agriculture and staff that would represent them and tend to the farming needs. He added that he recognizes that agriculture is vital to the state's economy although he admitted that he himself is no farmer.

He also called for the ending of real estate taxes, which he said are unfair to the older citizens of the state and called for increased subsidies for education to help local school boards.

After the speech, Thorn-

burgh got a taste of farming by helping unload corn from a wagon onto an elevator. He also sported with a small kitten, asking, "Who says we're going to the dogs?"

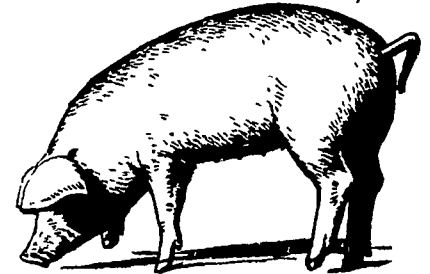
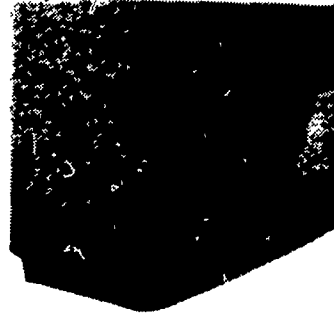
The meeting was also attended by U.S. Rep. Robert S. Walker, and

several state legislators including Rep. Kenneth E. Brandt, Rep. Noah Wenger, Rep. June Honaman, Rep. Gibson Armstrong, and Rep. Earl Smith, all of whom represent Lancaster County's various farming areas.



Nelson Brenneman, on the left, looks on as Richard Thornburgh gets in the swing of unloading the corn. Thornburgh spoke to farmers at Brenneman's farm on Thursday of this week.

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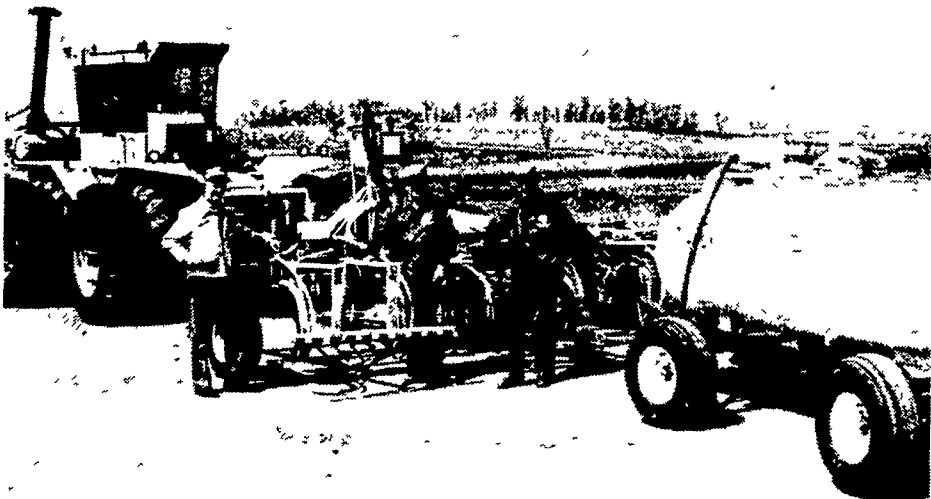
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