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## Century farmers honored

By KENDACE BORRY

LANCASTER — Six Lancaster County farm families were honored Thursday night for keeping the farm in the family for more than 100 years.

The awards were presented at The Second Annual Agriculture-Industry banquet sponsored by the

Agriculture Committee of the Lancaster Association of Commerce and Industry and held at the Good'n Plenty Restaurant, Smoketown. Lancaster County Extension Agent Max Smith made the awards.

Calling the family farm the "backbone of American agriculture", he presented

the awards to the following families:

Robert E. and Anna H. Brandt, Elizabethtown R3, with a 100 acre farm dating from 1861;

Paul N. and Ethel M. Buckwalter, Lancaster, a 57 acre farm since 1747;

Carl G. and Ruth J.

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John Zimmerman  
Ephrata



Wendy Shaw  
Oley Valley



Steve Shaw  
Oley Valley

## Area FFA'ers post triumphs at national convention

By DIETER KRIEG  
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — FFA members from southeastern and southcentral Pennsylvania fared well in contests held here during the National FFA Convention, which ended here yesterday.

The convention, which lasted the entire week, was highlighted by visits from President Carter - who received a rousing welcome -

and other speakers, including famed radio newscaster Paul Harvey and North American Soccer League star Kyle Rote Jr.

Capturing some of the top honors in judging events were Wendy and Steve Shaw, dairy cattle judges from Oley Valley High School in Berks County. Both were awarded gold medals during award ceremonies on

Friday morning. Also capturing a gold in dairy competition was John Zimmerman of Ephrata, whose specialty was dairy showmanship. Another Ephrata youth, John Weiler, was honored for being one of four regional winners in agricultural sales proficiency. He has been employed by Atlantic

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## Harvesting weather 'fantastic'

By KENDACE BORRY  
LITITZ — Talking to many of the corn and soybean farmers in the Lancaster Farming area, you get the impression that they have big smiles on their faces. It all has to do with the harvesting weather this year.

"I've never seen anything like it," was one man's enthusiastic comment. "I can't remember such a good growing season followed by such beautiful weather to harvest the corn. We didn't

lose one day due to the weather."

He went on to tell in detail about the lack of rainstorms or windstorms that may mar the harvest time in a normal year. But this year there were none of those problems, the weather continuing clear, warm, and sunny throughout the Fall.

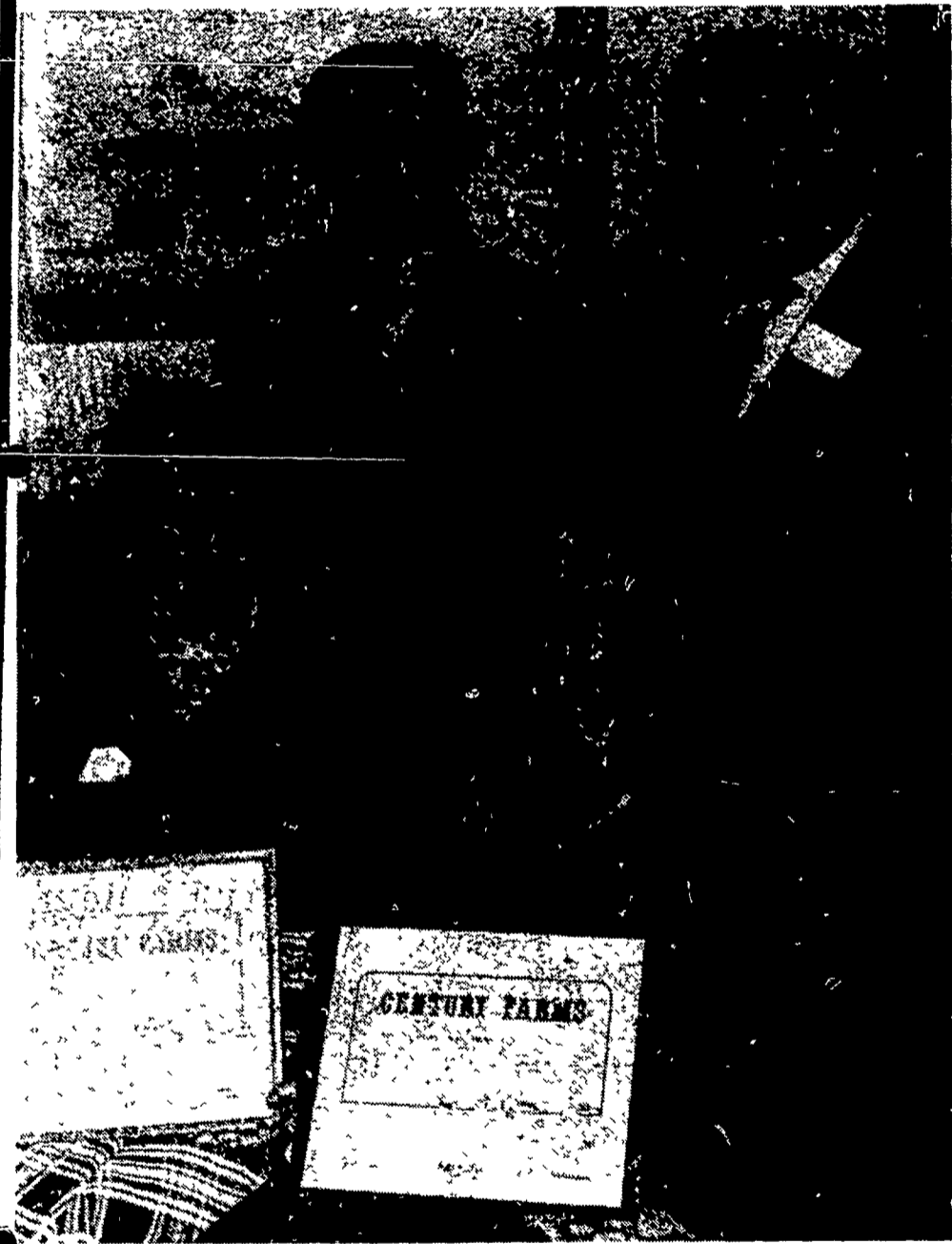
Another farmer too pondered when he seen such a good harvest time. "You just don't get weather like

this to harvest your crops," he related.

The farmers reported above average to good harvests of corn this year, and stated that the corn stood—that there wasn't much loss due to knocked down stalks. All corn was reported in by the farmers spoken to, and most of the soybean crop was "just about done".

As one farmer put it, it was a "far different situation"

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Both families having farms in the family that dated from 1717, John and Ruth Miller, Lancaster, on the left, and Harry Weaver and Meta L. Zimmerman, East Earl R1; were honored Thursday night at the agriculture-industry banquet.

## PLA honors Henry Gruber

By JOAN LIESAU

HARRISBURG — Henry A. W. Gruber, New Tripoli R2, was named the Pennsylvania Livestock Man of the Year at the Pennsylvania Livestock

Association Annual Awards Banquet held November 5 at the Crossgates Inn, Harrisburg.

Gruber is presently head of livestock procurement at Arbogast and Bastian Inc.

He is also manger of A & B Farms.

Gruber organized the Eastern Pennsylvania Pork Producers Association and helped in the organization of

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Henry Gruber of Allentown, center, was named Livestock Man of the Year at the Pennsylvania Livestock Association annual awards banquet, November 4. John Henkle, a former recipient, (far right) and Isaac Yates, president of the Association present the award to Gruber while his wife and son Seth look on.

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