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Penrose Hallowell says so far he has found his job generally interesting and pleasant. He wants to look at the tasks ahead from a farmer's point of view.

Hallowell introduces himself

EDITOR'S NOTE — Penrose Hallowell, nominee for the top job within the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, recently introduced himself to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the State Senate. What follows are his remarks before that group.

I am a 12th-generation farmer and my ties and feelings for the land are deep. But I also understand and believe that agriculture, in a broader sense, is an important industry to Pennsylvania's economy, its environment and its people...on the farm, in the towns and in the cities.

State government, particularly the State Department of Agriculture, has a major responsibility to promote, encourage and support agriculture and its related industries.

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the state in Gov.

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Pork extravaganzas slated

By DIETER KRIEG

KENNETT SQUARE — A unique swine facility will be unveiled here in two weeks (Feb. 17), just a day after the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council presents its much talked about Keystone Pork Congress in Hershey. The two events are expected to attract considerable interest from hog producers throughout

Pennsylvania, as well as several other states.

The Keystone Pork Congress, which is to be held at the Hershey Motor Lodge, will feature former USDA Secretary Earl Butz, National Pork Queen Tammy Moerer, and presentations by various specialists. A computer swine program and an evening banquet are also on

the agenda. In addition, there will be special presentations for the ladies. Anyone interested in attending the event is asked to contact A.K. Fisher, Box 98A, RD 1, Kinzer, Pa. 17535. Pre-registration forms cannot be accepted after Feb. 9.

The other significant event which area pork producers

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High beef prices to continue

By KENDACE BORRY

LANCASTER — The highest prices for cattle for the year 1979 have not yet been seen. That's the opinion of William McCoy, president of the Lancaster Stockyards, Lancaster, assuming a normal flow of slaughter cattle to the market, and granting that government studies recently released are accurate.

"I think that the high will come in the second half of the year, barring government intervention," he stated.

"Right now, we're seeing the highest prices we've ever seen," he continued, "and they could get higher. It's a real aggressive market, with all time highs for both feeder and fat cattle."

He noted that he thought it

was important for the farmer to produce an animal readily saleable on today's market, with a yield grade of three or less, grading high good or choice.

"There is a tendency of some farmers to sit tight with cattle that really ought to go to market," he explained. "They see what the market is now, and maybe

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Chris Herr, Narvon, was awarded a perpetual calendar by Earl Sauder, Inc., New Holland for having the County's champion market lamb. Sarah Brubaker, Lancaster, was the recipient of a silver bread tray from Wenger's Mill, Rheems. Sarah was credited for having the reserve County champion market lamb and the champion Hampshire junior ewe at the Pa. Farm Show. Another award she received was for being named the County's champion beef showman.

ASCS participation urged

By KENDACE BORRY

HERSHEY — "It is imperative that farmers sign up and participate in the 1979 farm programs," stated Stewart N. Smith, associate administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, "if they want to continue to make the gains in farm prices and market stability as they did in 1978."

The man was speaking at a news conference held in Hershey. He was in the area to address a group of agriculture department officials from 13 northeast area states.

He claimed that the grain reserve program has had to be working. There is no other way that the U.S. could have had a 7.1 billion bushel corn crop without having the

market falling. Instead the market rose. And the wheat market rose also.

But, he added, we cannot go on, continuing to produce corn and wheat for the reserve program.

The feed grain program provisions were announced on November 11, he noted, and they included a ten per cent set-aside and a 10 per

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Red Rose 4-H'ers honored

By JOAN LIESAU

LANCASTER — Members from Lancaster County's 4-H Red Rose Beef and Sheep Club gathered Thursday night for a gala occasion which signified the termination of a fruitful year for its members.

With mixed emotions from Tracy Groff, the banquet featured beef from Bruiser, a 1165 pound Simmental-

Angus cross bred steer calf that Tracy showed at the Lancaster County Baby Round-up this past November. Tracy, the daughter of James and Linda Groff, Quarryville R2, sold her steer the following day at a sale sponsored by the Lancaster Livestock Exchange. National Central Bank was the top bidder. They also donated the steer

back to the club. Stonebridge Farm Butcher Shop, John Brubaker of Mount Joy R3, processed the meat which was served to several hundred people that evening.

Several, members were cited for their outstanding achievements over the last year at the County Round-up and Farm Show, Darlene

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