

Shirk named

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Deppen also thanked Bair for the seven years he worked with the Extension service and for his contributions to the dairy industry in the county.

In reference to the budget problems, Extension Home Economist Doris Thomas in her report noted that while Pennsylvania is fourth in the nation in the amount of money received from the federal government, it ranks fiftieth as far as money coming from state and county governments.

The family living staff of the Extension service continued to provide programs offering basic homemaking



Glenn A. Shirk

skills. In the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, which Thomas noted is the largest federally funded nutrition program in the country, nearly 3,000 families have been served in the eight years the program has been in existence in this county. Currently the 11 member EFNEP staff is reaching 289 urban families and 254 county families and are working in every school district in the county. There are also over 1,000 young people enrolled in the youth program.

County Extension Director M.M. Smith described many of the programs carried out by the agricultural staff. He said the trend is to hold more multi-county events to be more efficient. He said there

are also increased number of workshops and seminars which offer in-depth training.

He discussed the problem of foreign investors, which he called a "national concern." In a study done in Pennsylvania over an 18-month period, there were no foreign investors in Lancaster County farmland, only "lookers." In Pennsylvania, however, there were 1,121 acres sold, and in the nation there are 735,000 acres sold to foreign investors.

The study revealed, moreover, that in the 18-month period 104,640 acres of farm land were sold, and 51 per cent of the land went to people who did not wish to keep it in agriculture.

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, February 10, 1979-23

Noting that dairying continues to be the county's largest agricultural industry, Smith welcomed the announcement of Shirk's move on behalf of the county's dairymen. Poultry is the second largest industry, "and growing."

Smith said the role of Extension is education to inform people to be able to set their own priorities and to change attitudes to get them to work together.

In an election of directors, three incumbents were re-elected. Donald L. Hershey, Manheim R6; Jay H. Stauff-

fer, Lancaster R2 and Larry R. Weaver, New Holland R1, were re-elected to a three-year term. Mrs. Donald Herr, Quarryville R2, and Jere Skiles, Narvon R2, were also elected to serve on the Board.

Smith narrated a slide presentation of the 1978 Master Farmer award winners, Abram and John Barley, showing their dairy operation at Star Rock Farms, Conestoga.

Sheila Druck, Quarryville, entertained with vocal selections. Donald L. Hershey, president of the Board served, as toastmaster.

Fruit growers to meet

PEACH GLEN — The Adams County annual fruitgrowers' meeting will be held on February 17, at the Knouse Fodds cafeteria, Peach Glen. Starting time of the conference is 9 a.m.

Among the topics that will be discussed during the day will be pruning/thinning for profit; collar rot and the causes; knowing your apples; labor-supply, inspections and compliance; and how to harvest the crop to minimize losses.

Lunch will served in the cafeteria at the cost of \$3.25 per person. All growers are urged to participate in this meeting to vote on the proposed by-laws of the organization and to elect officers.

Gross named chairman

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. - Mrs. Lois Gross of Indiana was elected recently as Chairman of the Women's Committee of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Mrs. Gross has served as chairman of the Indiana Women's Department since 1957. The Grosses live on a cattle and grain farm near Churubusco, Ind.

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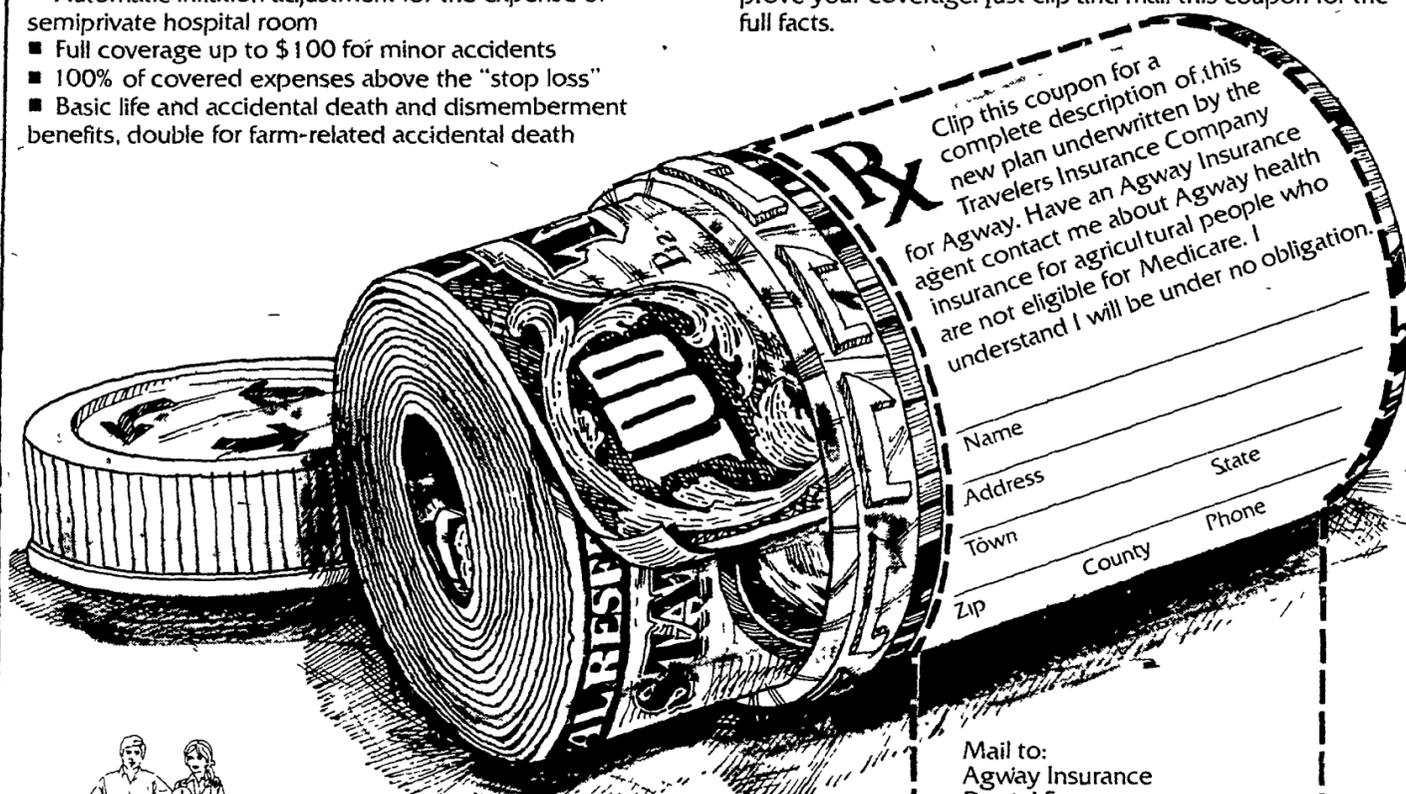
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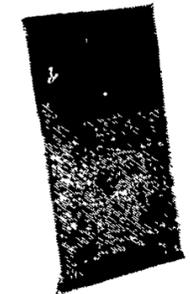


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