

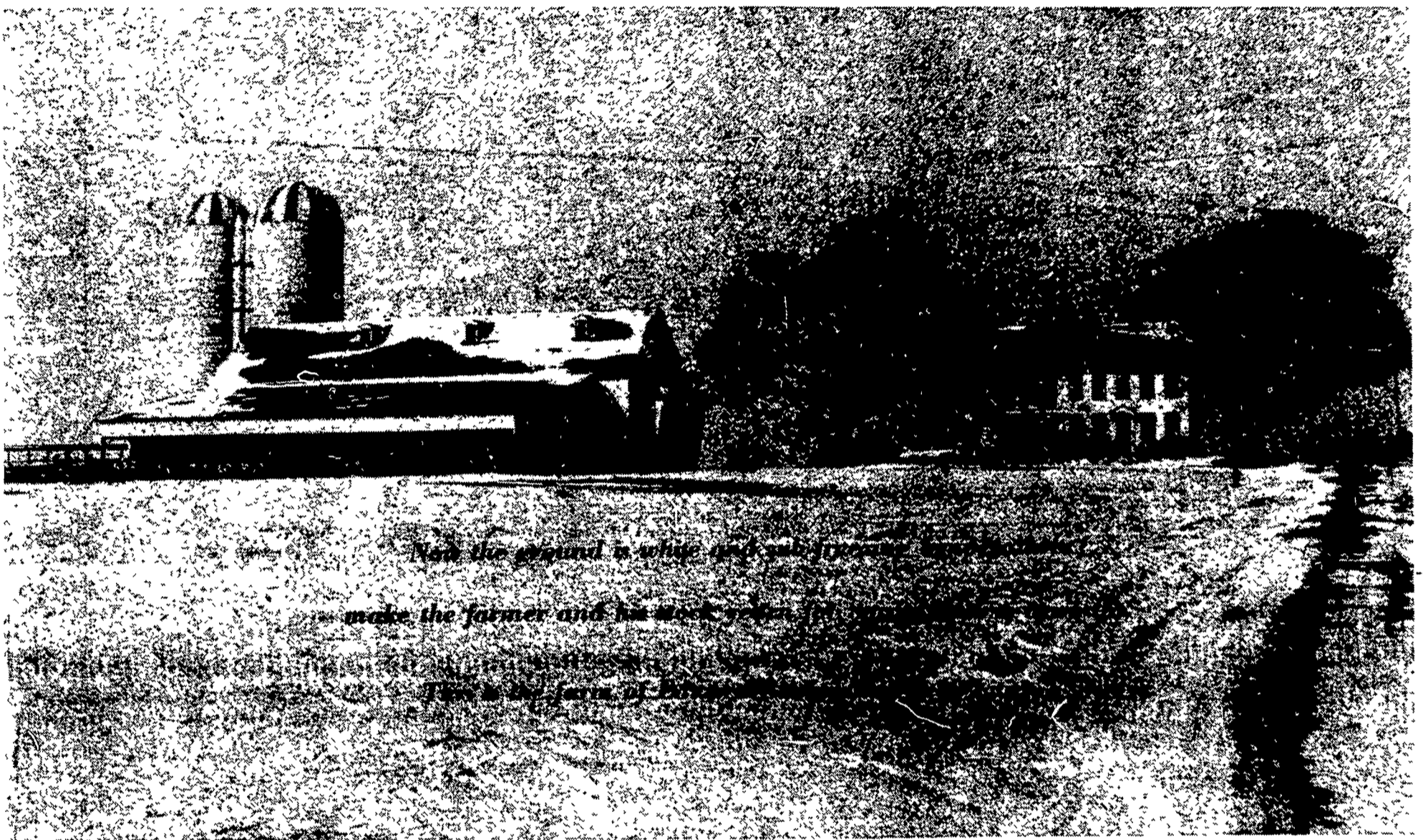
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## February 17 to 24 is National FFA Week

By KENDACE BORRY  
LITITZ — Today, February 17, marks the beginning of National FFA Week, honoring an organization which currently has over 500,000

student members involved in over 8,000 high school programs nationwide. Several FFA chapters in the Lancaster Farming area are "showing their pride in FFA" by participating in

different activities and programs throughout the coming week. Following is a summary of what some of the groups are doing. In Lancaster County, several FFA chapters have

made tape broadcasts for local radio stations as well as news releases for area newspapers. The Tevoca Chapter at Brownstown will have a special display area dedicated to the theme of

FFA, and this week their roving cart of arrangements and plants for sale will feature the "blue and gold" theme. They will also have several other display areas as well.

The Elizabethtown FFA Chapter, among other things, hopes to have a display of live baby animals at the Middle School for the students to see. And

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## Hallowell wants to be a farmer's ag secretary

By DIETER KRIEG  
HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania's new Secretary of Agriculture, Penrose Hallowell, wants to continue to look at the issues from the farmer's point of view. A dairy farmer from Bucks

County, he says he'll try hard to keep in touch with farmers by meeting with and listening to them. Like his predecessor, Kent Shelhamer, a Columbia County fruit grower, he wants to work closely with

farm organizations in the state.

Hallowell assumed his duties as agriculture secretary Jan. 16, the day Governor Richard Thornburgh was inaugurated. He received the keys to the

office despite the fact that his nomination had not been confirmed by the State Senate.

Hallowell became a part of the Department of Agriculture when former Assistant Secretary of

Agriculture when former Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Frank Bertovich resigned. With that move, Hallowell became and assistant secretary of agriculture, a position he held for less than 24 hours.

He was appointed Acting Secretary of Agriculture the following morning, after Shelhamer had vacated his office.

Hallowell was confirmed as Pa. Secretary of

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## Lancaster Co. slaughter steers top 70 cents

By KENDACE BORRY  
LITITZ — Prices for live beef went over 70 cents a pound this week at Lancaster County livestock auctions, setting a new sales record.

Six head of choice slaughter steers went for \$70.00 to \$70.25 per hundredweight at the Vintage Sales Stables auction on Tuesday and six more sold for \$70.00 to \$70.50 at the

Lancaster Stock Yards on Wednesday.

Also on Wednesday at the Lancaster Auction, a 1,685 pound bull sold for \$72.00 per hundredweight.

At the New Holland Sales

Stables on Thursday, ten head of high choice and prime steers went for \$70.00 to \$71.00, with others bringing \$68.00 to \$70.00.

Most of the prices paid for the slaughter cattle were

lower than those quoted above, but this is the first time that the top of the market topped the \$70.00 mark.

According to the Lancaster County market

summary, which was released Friday, February 16, the cattle market found slaughter steers mostly \$2 higher this week. High choice and prime yield

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## Lebanon County 4-H'ers honored

By JOAN LIESAU  
SCHAFERSTOWN — A special excitement surrounds the ending and beginning of a 4-H club's year, and members of the Lebanon County 4-H Livestock Club experienced

just that at their awards banquet February 13, at the Schafferstown Fire Hall.

Members received trophies for their outstanding steer, swine and sheep project work. Bonnie Arnold of Lebanon R7, was

presented a trophy sponsored by Harry Bachman, Annville, for having the grand champion fair steer. Receiving the award for the grand champion steer was Jay Bomgardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bomgard-

ner, Annville R3. Jay's trophy was sponsored by Swope and Bashore, Frystown. Blue Mountain View Farm sponsored the buyers trophy. Jay also

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