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Security sought for dairymen

CAMP HILL — Nine out of 10 Pennsylvania milk dealers aren't adequately bonded to protect against financial bankruptcy, says a spokesman for Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative. The Syracuse, N.Y. - based dairy co-op, as well as several other farmer cooperatives and farm organizations are attempting to give dairymen more assurance that they will always be paid for the milk they ship.

Hosting a breakfast here on Monday morning for Pennsylvania legislators and Department of Agriculture representatives, Eastern officials emphasized the need for changes in the bonding program. A milk dealer in Pennsylvania is bonded for \$200,000, which in some cases is only equivalent to a few days' supply of milk.

According to proceedings at the breakfast meeting, and conversations afterward, there is little disagreement among the various parties that Pennsylvania milk dealers are

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Snyder is deputy ag secretary

HARRISBURG — J. Luther Snyder has been named a Deputy Secretary of Agriculture for the State of Pennsylvania. He was formerly Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

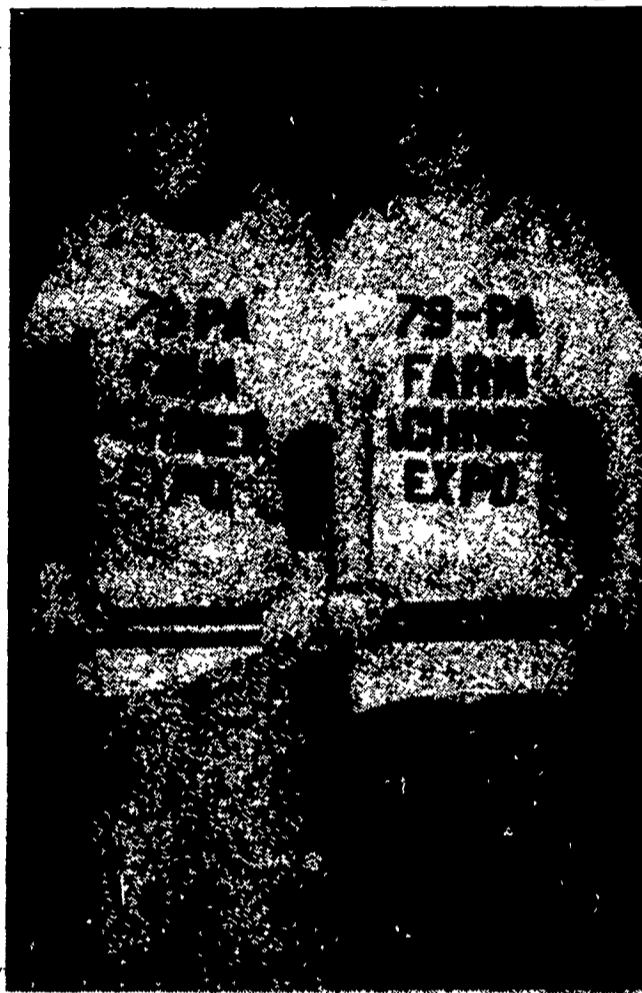
Snyder's appointment to the Department of Agriculture came as no surprise to many observers, who had correctly speculated ever since the November election that Snyder would receive such an offer. He was sworn into office last Friday.

Also taking the oath of office that same afternoon was Chester Heim of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association. He too is now a Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, serving under Penrose Hollowell and Governor Richard Thornburgh.

Snyder, who is known in agricultural circles as an amiable, white-haired fellow with a quick sense of humor, was Master of the State Grange since October of 1974. He was born and raised on a York County farm and now lives in Camp Hill.



Thursday evening was Farmers Fun Night at the State Farm Show Building in Harrisburg and a good crowd was on hand to participate or at least witness the occasion. Bale throwing was just one of the activities which aroused the interest and cheers of spectators. Among the crowd were Suzet



and Susann Leighow, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Leighow. They are from Columbia County, which is also home base for former Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Kent Shelhamer, originator of the Machinery Exposition and Farmers Fun Night.

Fun Night opens Pa. Expo

By KENDACE BORRY
HARRISBURG — The first ever Pennsylvania Farm Machinery Expo got underway Thursday with exhibitors and farmers comparing notes in the main exhibition area throughout the day and Farmers Fun Night dominating the evening activities in the main arena.

Completely open to the public, several contests were held with a square dance rounding out the evening.

The first event of the night was the cow chip throwing contest, with the competitors using specially dried cow chips provided by the Pa. Dept. of Agriculture.

Named champion in the event was Dieter Krieg, editor of Lancaster Farming, with a throw of 93 feet, 1 inch. Dave Sessaman was second with a throw of 71 feet, 4 inches.

In the hay bale throwing contest, two brothers from Lebanon County took top awards. In the under 14 years of age division, Lester

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Cattle potential discussed

By JOAN LIESAU
UNIVERSITY PARK — "The feeder who follows the same practices year after year, regardless of economic condition, is probably overlooking additional profit potential" said Harold W. Harpster, assistant professor of animal science at the Pennsylvania State University.

Harpster added that cattle producers should "try not to get locked into one breed, sex or feed" as he spoke on March 2nd at the Pennsylvania Livestock Day, held at Penn State.

In comparing feeding systems, Harpster used high moisture corn silage and high moisture corn grain, two of the most common feeds for cattle in Pennsylvania. Among the advantages for silage, more energy can be harvested per acre. There will be a slower rate of gain, however, compared to the high grain programs. Because of an increased number of days on the lot with silage, the animals maintenance and non feed costs will increase.

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Acting Secretary of State Barton Fields administers the oath of office to Pennsylvania's two new deputy agriculture secretaries. At left are J. Luther Snyder and his wife. To the right are Mr.

and Mrs. Chester Heim. Standing in the rear is the chief of Pennsylvania's Department of Agriculture, Penrose Hollowell.