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Over 500 cows were sold at the Star Rock Farm Dispersal Thursday and Friday. Star Rock Citation Pamela, in ring, went for \$2550. Details on the sale, one of the largest ever in Pennsylvania, are on page 37.

## State Grangers slap government spending

WILLIAMSPORT — A call to cut deficit spending and reduce regulations from all government agencies marked the first resolution to be passed at the 107th Annual State Grange Session in Williamsport on Monday.

Citing regulatory commissions and bureaucracies as the chief offenders in costing millions while trying to control the free enterprise system, the Grange reaffirmed its stand against inflation.

Hydroelectric power was another issue discussed by the Grangers.

A resolution was passed requesting Governor

Thornburgh to develop policy to foster the "hydroelectric potential" that exists in the Commonwealth.

In line with these resolutions, it was pointed out that water power costs 80 per cent less than fossil fuels.

Other issues discussed included visa-cancellation for aliens participating in unlawful demonstrations, Sunday hunting, and the Raystown Dam.

Delivering the customary Master's Address, State Grange Master Robert E. Steese called for all Grangers to "not only carry the Grange forward, but work to make this nation a better place to live."

To accomplish this end, Steese enumerated several areas Grangers could pay attention to in their legislative programs.

Among others, these in-

cluded the repeal of the financial disclosure section of the Ethics Bill, amendments to the Clean and Green Act, and opposition to new forms of gambling.

In Penrose Hallowell's Wednesday address to the State Grange, he said that amendment of the Clean and Green Act would liberalize the split-off provisions allowing farmland to change hands between farmers without paying prohibitive add-back taxes, provided the land remains in agriculture.

The inheritance tax would be amended so that family farm property is valued at its farm value rather than at its market value, providing the land remains in farming for at least seven years. This amendment would be consistent with recent legislation on the federal level.

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## 4-H dairy members honored

By SHEILA MILLER  
INTERCOURSE — The Lancaster County 4-H Dairy Club held their annual awards banquet on Thursday evening, at the Harvest Drive Restaurant.

Awards were given to those outstanding 4-Hers in categories of Junior and Senior Showmanship, First Year Showmanship, Junior Breed Champion, Breed Grand Champion, District Show Awards, Dairy Judging Team Awards, and Project Book Awards. 4-H

Dairy Club leaders were also recognized for their years of service.

### Junior Showmanship

Ayrshire - Kristina Esbenshade, Quarryville; Brown Swiss - Lucinda Trimble, Peach Bottom; Guernsey - Mary Ann Witmer, Willow Street; Holstein - Shelia Frey, Willow Street; Champion All Breeds and Jersey - Matthew Arrowsmith, Peach Bottom.

### Senior Showmanship

Ayrshire - Sandra Lee Schmuck, Quarryville;

Brown Swiss - Judy Witmer, Willow Street; Guernsey - Connie Balmer, Litzitz; Jersey - Kevin Eshleman, Elizabethtown; Champion All Breeds and Holstein - Joyce Stoltzfus, Gap.

First Year Showmanship  
All Breeds - John Emming, Nottingham.

### Junior Breed Champions

Ayrshire - Deborah Weaver, Manheim; Brown Swiss - Lucinda Trimble; Guernsey - John Emming; Holstein - Douglas Hersberger, Quarryville;

Jersey - Matthew Arrowsmith.

### Breed Grand Champions

Ayrshire - Sandra Lee Schmuck; Brown Swiss - Judy Witmer; Guernsey - Connie Balmer; Holstein - Joyce Stoltzfus; Jersey - Matthew Arrowsmith.

### District Show

(no special awards given)

Ayrshire Grand Champion - Sandra Schmuck; Brown Swiss Reserve Grand Champion - Judy Witmer; Holstein Reserve Grand Champion - Joyce Stoltzfus.

### Dairy Judging Team

#### At Penn State

Arlene Keener, of Elizabethtown, was 3rd high individual overall and was chosen to be on the State 4-H Dairy Judging Team.

Leonard Stoltzfus, Gap was 10th in individual judging. Other team members included Stephen Kauffman, Elizabethtown, Neal Crouse, Stevens. Judging coaches were Gary Akers, Quarryville and

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## Eminent domain bill glides through House

By DICK WANNER

A bill which would put a new wrinkle in eminent domain was passed on Tuesday of this week by the Pennsylvania House. It sailed through with an overwhelming majority, 142 yeas against only 4 nays. The bill, SB 276, would give PennDOT the ability to buy outright the land for highway rights of way. PennDOT presently pays only for easements against properties through which roads are built.

The administration-back-measure now heads for

the Senate, where it could run into trouble. The cost of outright purchase is much higher than the cost of buying easements. Some observers wonder if the Senate wants to give PennDOT any more money.

Farm groups kept a close watch on the bill as it was being readied for a vote. Their influence on the measure is reflected in a provision for a five-member committee to evaluate all road projects involving land purchases. The committee would be chaired by the Secretary of Agriculture or his representative. The other members would include one each from PennDOT and DER and two farmers appointed by the Governor.

Every new highway project would be considered by the committee. A new road could be built only if the committee decided that the route chosen was the most

prudent of all possible alternatives.

Stiffest opposition to the bill came from the Grange. The Grangers feel the bill opens the door for land speculation by PennDOT,

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## Keystone Expo to open

By SHEILA MILLER

HARRISBURG - The State Farm Show Complex will be the scene of activity in just one week when the 23rd Keystone International Livestock Exposition begins. This year's show should prove to be bigger and better than ever, according to Pennsylvania's Secretary of Agriculture, Penrose Hallowell.

The show is scheduled to begin on Saturday, November 3rd and will

continue for the next five days with exhibitions of some of the nation's top livestock.

This year's show has over 3200 animals entered in the week long competition. Show manager, Charles Itle, reported that there will be over 700 beef cattle, over 1200 sheep, more than 500 hogs, and around 750 horses under the Farm Show Buildings's rooftop.

Itle pointed out the number of swine entered in

the show has more than doubled over last year. He felt the reason for this increase is because the breeding swine show was reinstated this year.

The number of cattle entries has decreased, with the greatest drop in the Charolais division. Itle was not sure why the number of cattle has gone down, but he feels it is just a reflection in

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## Poultry Association sponsors banquet

By DEBRA STRICKLER

Lancaster County poultry producers and related businessmen met at the Historic Strasburg Restaurant on Thursday evening, October 25, for their annual banquet and business meeting.

For the 430 members in attendance, the evening was both entertaining and informative. A gentleman billed as an Italian poultry specialist informed those present of the work that is being done in the Italian poultry operations to conserve energy. Windmills have been invented to

create on farm energy. Treadmills have also been stationed in front of a chicken's feeder in order for the chicken to create body energy to heat the house.

According to the specialist, there has been experimentation in methane using chicken manure. He complimented the Pennsylvania producers on their willingness to research and mechanize their industry. "The free enterprise system has helped the industry to grow," he added. Interspersing jokes through his speech, Jerry Thoma, the supposedly Italian poultry specialist, informed the group that he is a "character actor". "What you heard is not what I said," he added. He encouraged those present to keep his secret if they ever meet him at another banquet.

The 1979-'80 Lancaster County Poultry Queen, Sheri Singletary of East Earl, thanked the producers for the opportunity they have given her to represent the industry. In her three month reign, her experiences have included visits to poultry businesses, riding on the Poultry Associations float in county parades, speaking on

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