

Grant awarded for prime farmland study

LANCASTER — A grant of \$18,600 was awarded to the Lancaster County Conservation District for the delineation of the county's prime agricultural land. The grant came through the provisions of the Federal Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977.

Warren Archibald, District Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Lancaster County commented that the monies will be used to identify and map the important farmland. He mentioned that they hope to be able to not only map where these soils occur in the county, but also who the owners of the land are.

Archibald felt that this information could eventually be used if the deed restriction proposal is adopted.

He hopes that the monies can be used to digitize the soil information of the county so that the com-

puterized information can be used to develop many different resource maps. This computerized soils information was successfully used in preparing for the Chuckies Creek watershed inventory.

A meeting will be held in the near future between the Lancaster County Conservation District Directors and SCS personnel to finalize the details of this survey. Representatives from the County Planning Commission will also be in attendance. This cooperative effort will hopefully eliminate the duplication of efforts by similar agencies.

An SCS study is currently underway to determine land resources. The study will inventory 170 random sample plots, and once completed will provide accurate information on the economic, social, and land-use resources in Lancaster County.

The Lancaster County

grant is only one of several awarded to conservation districts throughout the state. According to the Bureau of Soil and Water Conservation, in the Department of Environmental Resources, 11 districts received funds to complete special projects.

The other counties selected - were: Bedford, Huntingdon, Crawford, Dauphin, Fulton, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Perry, Somerset and Westmoreland.

Selections were made by a committee comprised of representatives of the Bureau, SCS, and the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts.

Ten districts received grants to up-date their long range plans for conservation in their counties. They hope to include concerns of the public, brought to their attention at recent meetings, along with proposed solutions to their conservation problems.

These ten counties are: Bradford, Cambria, Carbon, Indiana, Lebanon, Mercer, Northampton, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, and Tioga. SM



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"all week" from someone in the city planning office, identified later as John McCamant.

It was obvious Wohlson was prepared, because he sat down firmly, placed his head in the cow's flank, grabbed the bucket and pulled strongly. He stated, "Someone told me to put my head in." He elicited strong, steady streams of milk, but his technique was not refined in time to get enough volume to overcome Miss Pennsylvania's lead. When the first milk started hitting the bucket, he said proudly, "Look at that." After his defeat, however, he admitted, "I would have

trouble with my cereal at that rate."

Cynthia Taylor showed the most hesitancy. The McCaskey graduate and sophomore at Millersville State College said, "I got too much of mine on the floor."

Miss Pennsylvania was clearly pleased - and surprised - when she was declared the winner. She said, "At least now I know I have a job I can do after Miss Pennsylvania." She said she felt a little sorry for the cow, who endured patiently the inexperienced hands which milked her.

The cooperative cow, Brookcorner Moonshot Mickey, is owned by Thomas Denlinger, Ronks, and produced 35 pounds of milk

when a machine was used following the contest.

Official record-keeper for the event was Harold Probst, longtime Lancaster County Dairy Herd Improvement Supervisor. Master of Ceremonies was N. Alan Bair, director of members services for Atlantic Breeders Cooperative.

Lancaster County's Dairy Princess Lucinda Landis presented the winner with a large chunk of swiss cheese.

For her birthday, Carolyn was also presented with a doll cake, decorated as a Miss Pennsylvania by Mrs. Robert H. Kauffman, Elizabethtown, R1. Obviously touched, Carolyn smiled happily while the crowd sang "Happy Birthday." It was an unusual celebration, and one certain to be remembered.

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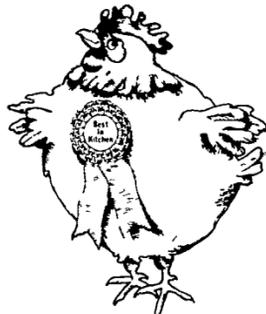
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