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Seven Lancaster County Century farms were honored Thursday evening at the third annual ag-industry banquet. The banquet is sponsored by the Agriculture Committee of the Lancaster Association of Commerce and Industry. This barn stands on the property owned by Dennis and Linda Umbrell, R3 Elizabethtown. They are the direct descendants of the first Risser family who purchased 325 acres from the sons of William Penn, 240 years ago.

## Century Farms honored at Ag-Industry banquet

**BY DEBRA STRICKLER**  
LANCASTER — Seven Lancaster County farm families were honored Thursday evening at the Third Annual Agriculture - Industry Banquet, held at Good 'N Plenty Restaurant.

The banquet is sponsored by the Agriculture Committee of the Lancaster Association of Commerce and Industry. It served as a "kick-off" to Farm-City Week, November 16-22.

The seven families were honored as owners of Century Farms. They have kept the farm in the family for at least 100 years.

The Century Farm, recognition program was initiated during the Bicentennial year by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

The purpose of the program is to emphasize the importance of rural tradition in Pennsylvania and the longevity of farm ownership.

In 1977, 25 families were honored. Last year, 16

families received the certificate.

Designed to provide the community with a sense of pride, a certificate and marker are given to each farm family.

This year's Century farm families included: Milton M. Brubaker and Mary B. Clark, Brunnerville Road, Litzitz; Albert E. and Kathryn Fry, R7 Manheim; Miles W. and Babette Fry, R3 Ephrata; Morton F. and Beckie Fry, R3 Ephrata; Calvin D. and Valeria Keene, R1 Christiana; Mervin E. and Emma Peifer, R1 Manheim and Dennis L. and Linda Umbrell, R3 Elizabethtown. (See the related farm stories on pages 16 and 17.)

Describing the evening as a night when "industry and agricultural gets together", Max Smith, Lancaster County Extension Agent, presented the certificates to the families.

Darvin Boyd, director of National Central Bank's

Agri-Finance Department; Jean Mowery, Lancaster County Commissioner and Charles K. Perella, vice president for manufacturing, Lancaster Association of Commerce and Industry assisted in the presentations.

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## Chickies Cr. dam no threat to farmers

**BY SHEILA MILLER**  
MANHEIM — Farmers will be extremely happy with the outcome of a watershed study for contolling flooding on the Chuckies Creek.

In alternatives presented at a meeting held in Manheim on Wednesday afternoon, Soil Conservation Service experts reported that the construction of a flood control dam was not economically feasible.

What this means for farmers in the watershed is that the likelihood of losing valuable farmland for a

flood control project is very slim.

Sponsors for the flood control project listened to a detailed review of fifteen alternatives for solving the borough's problem. The report included the cost-benefit ratio of each, along with a description of what the alternative would involve and where it would be located.

The possibility of a flood-control dam below White Oak was said to be too environmentally damaging by the SCS technicians. The

cost of building such a structure was estimated to be over \$8 million, with the estimated benefit coming to only slightly over \$3 million.

It was pointed out that the great cost of constructing a dam in the area was the result of findings obtained after a complete geological study had been done.

Underlying the dam site is rock material that the engineers and geologists found too unstable for safe construction. The rock easily erodes down to soil, and therefore would not provide

the needed support for the 46 foot high dam.

This site would have affected eight farmsteads and forty-eight homes, along with roads, and utilities.

Another dam site that was investigated was between Elstonville and White Oak. This site was said to be too far upstream from Manheim to be totally effective in controlling the flooding problem, and would have required the construction of a concrete channel through town.

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## Processors pay all, say PFA members

**BY SHEILA MILLER**

The Pennsylvania Farmers' Association took a position beside the milk cooperatives in their stand on the milk security fund.

In a policy almost identical to one adopted by the co-ops, PFA has decided to throw the financial responsibility for the proposed milk security fund into the laps of the dealers.

Staring at PFA across the controversial fence are the Grangers, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, who favor a split assessment and the milk handlers who say they definitely will not foot the whole bill.

The Grange and PaDA call for the dealers and producers to split the cost of the security fund down the middle. And the handlers are calling for the farmers to pick up the tab.

On PFA's side, the milk co-ops are opposing any proposals where the dairy farmer would have to contribute to a fund.

The PFA decision to take this position was not an easy one. In several heated debates at a number of late night sessions, the PFA delegates tossed out and amended last year's policy and even the original resolution.

They came up with three



Senator John Heinz received a standing ovation for his pertinent, yet entertaining, speech to the PFA. "Not all the bugs farmers have are in their fields", he declared when speaking about government policies and programs.

options for the dealers: 1. either obtain collateral or a security bond equal to 60 days worth of milk purchases; 2. secure bonding for 30 days worth of milk and pay producers weekly, or; 3. pay into the security fund at a rate of 2 cents per hun-

dredweight on milk purchased.

The initial fee to join the security fund would be 2 cents per hundredweight times six months of purchase.

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## Passes several agricultural resolutions

# National Grange elects new Master

**BY CURT HARLER**  
LANCASTER — Edward Andersen, Waterloo, Nebraska was elected the new Master of the National Grange this week at the Grange's 113th annual meeting being held here. Andersen follows John W. Scott, a Pennsylvania

native, who was first elected National Master in 1968.

Andersen runs an Angus cow-calf herd on the farm. He recently sold his Holstein dairy herd. He grows a typical rotation of corn, soybeans and alfalfa.

He was elected Master of the Nebraska Grange in 1970

and National Overseer in 1971. Andersen is active on many Nebraska state agencies, 4-H, and American Legion activities.

New Overseer of the Grange is Russell Stauffer, Springfield, Illinois, who is Master of the Illinois State Grange.

In addition to electing officers, Grangers also took action on a number of immediate issues and passed numerous policy matters in the agriculture committee.

They sent a telegram to Herman Talmadge, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee,

requesting that the House-passed bill to extend the price support program for dairy products at 80 percent of parity through September 30, 1981, be given immediate consideration by the Senate Ag Committee and reported

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