

# Thornburgh makes promise to 500 farmers

HERSHEY — On Monday, Governor Richard Thornburgh promised over 500 Pennsylvania farm leaders that a farmer would be named to the State Game Commission by the end of the week.

Thornburgh was the keynote speaker for the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association annual meeting that took place at the convention center of the Hershey Motor Lodge.

One of the farm organization's policies, adopted at a previous meeting, called for at least two farmers to be appointed to the Game Commission. The governor told the association members they would get at least half of their goal.

Governor Thornburgh also pointed out that his administration was supporting family farm preservation initiatives

encompassing four areas. They are:

—liberalization of split-off provisions of the Clean and Green Act to prevent ruinous add-back taxes for changes in land ownership which do not affect land use.

—amendments to the state inheritance tax provisions to allow farmland to be valued on use rather than market value, provided the farm remains in agriculture for at least seven years.

—authorizing localities to create agricultural districts which guarantee the right to farm free of nuisance laws.

—creation of a milk producers security fund to protect dairy farmers from the insolvency of dealers and processors.

Thornburgh also noted other efforts to aid agriculture including gasohol development, changes in the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority so it can make loans to agribusiness, and

establishment of overseas offices to promote export of state farm commodities.

The governor's ideas seem to follow somewhat the thinking of the Program Planning and Evaluation Committee of the PFA.

They recommended to the organization an increased support of legislative and marketing programs, along with promotion of education about the free enterprise system and increased awareness of government regulations.

The recommendations were the result of a two year study which also pointed out the need for a committee on energy.

In serving the family farm, PFA reported that its Farm Management and Business Analysis Service prepared tax returns for over 3800 farms.

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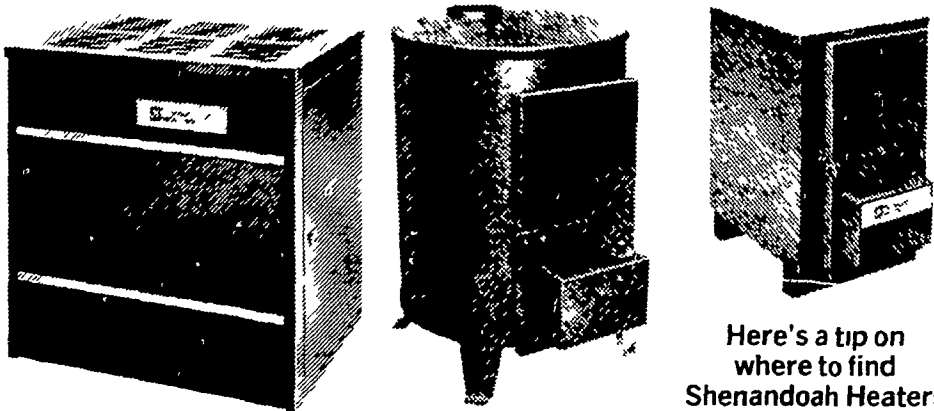
NATIONAL FFA BOAC AWARD WINNERS



The Grassland FFA Chapter Officers and Advisor from New Holland received the National recognition for achievement in community development activities at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. (Left to right) Dr. William Nagle, Acting Executive Secretary for Rural Development Coordinating Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture greeted Lowell D. Graybill, Chairman of the Chapter's BOAC committee and Sonia Shaner, FFA Advisor. The chapter was one of 151 Building Our American Community (BOAC) Winners recognized at the special awards banquet. The banquet was hosted by the National FFA Foundation, Inc. and the BOAC Special Project Sponsor, The Lilly Endowment, Inc., of Indianapolis, Indiana.

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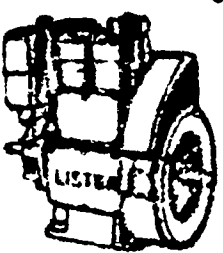
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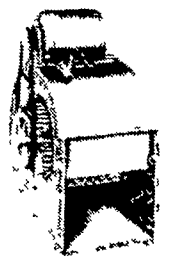
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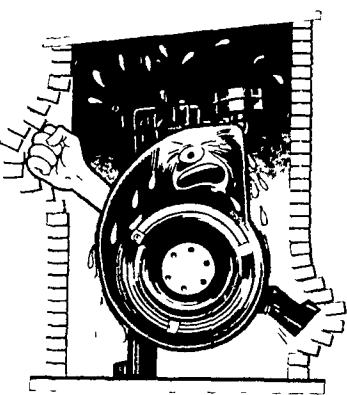
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