

## Measure pending to restrict alien farm ownership

HARRISBURG - A measure to restrict non-resident aliens from obtaining farmland will soon be considered by the state House.

Rep. Noah Wenger, vice chairman of the Agriculture Committee, said the bill was recently released by that committee.

"There is a growing concern about the increase of farmland purchase by foreign persons who do not

live in the United States," Wenger said.

"Even though some of these investments are speculative, aliens enjoy a tax break not shared by U.S. citizens."

Wenger said farmers also have concerns about the future if restrictions are not soon made.

Farmers fear foreign investors could force up the price of agricultural land making it difficult for young

farmers to pursue their chosen career.

Under the bill, alien purchase of farmland would be restricted to 100 acres. Non-resident aliens who have acquired more than 100 acres of land through inheritance or legal claim would have a period of three years to dispose of such property.

Wenger said the Department of Agriculture would oversee purchases of land

while the attorney general would serve as the investigator and implement legal action where needed.

"With so much talk about preserving prime farm land, I feel it's necessary that we as residents of the United States have priority over non-

resident aliens. It is not fair that non-residents have a tax advantage. This is discouraging for our U.S. farmers," he said.

## Louisville show is international event

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Harold Workman, Manager of the North American International Livestock Exposition, recently confirmed that the 1979 show is the largest to date. Workman told press officials that entries for this year's event are nearly 12,500, an increase of about 500 over last year.

The North American International Livestock Expo started in 1974 with only 2,500 head of beef cattle showing. Since that first show, overall livestock involvement at the Expo has made it the most important all-breed show in the nation.

Entries have been received from livestock

breeders in 48 states. Only Hawaii and Alaska are not represented.

A rundown on total breeds showing at this year's NAILE is as follows: 11 sheep breeds; 13 cattle breeds; 2 swine breeds; 4 dairy breeds; and Quarter Horses.

## Calvin and Valeria Keene

(Continued from Page 16) foundation was used in the rebuilding process.

Two silos and corn barns have been added to the property.

In by gone years, the milk was shipped to a creamery at Nine Points, and later to the Wawa dairy. Presently, the Keenes are members of the Interstate Milk Cooperative.

In addition to the main crop, corn, the land also yields hay and barley. The family raised tobacco at one time. Today, a neighbor farms a few acres on the property.

Parts of the present Keene home are at least 120 years

old. Calvin and his wife believe the original home was a log cabin located in the corner of the present lawn.

In addition to the house and barn, buildings known as the "butcher shop" and "carriage house" can be found on the property.

Until recent years there was also a wood shed directly behind the house. A fireplace constructed from fieldstone and a sand - limestone mortar still exists although the wood shed has been removed.

The "butcher shop" is still used for the annual family hog butchering.

The family raises three hogs for the butchering that occurs once a year.

This "shop" features a bee hive brick bake oven and an hearth with iron rods to hang the meat.

The Calvin Keene family includes two sons who have graduated from high school and a five year old daughter, Becky.

Calvin and Valeria have also opened their century homestead to numerous fresh air children and exchange students. Presently they are hosting a high school student from the capital city of Chile, with the Youth for Understanding program.

Although the Keenes are uncertain who will be residing on the farm in the next generation, they are proud of the four generations that set the traditions and labored on the land in the previous century. -D.S.

## Milton Brubaker

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4-H Club. She has just recently retired from her livelihood as a school teacher.

As other Century Farm award recipients, the Brubaker's can trace their homestead to an indenture with the name of William Penn's sons.

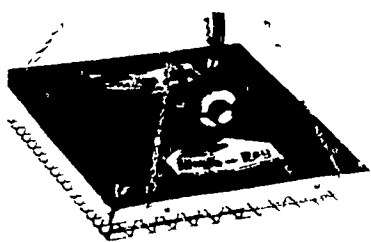
Although the Brubaker family is not the original owner, the four generations of Brubakers have made the farm and its dairy known to the community -D.S.



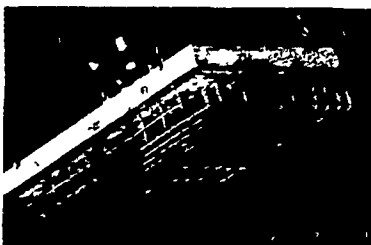
Calvin and Valeria Keene stand beside a framed deed that proves that Gainer Moore sold the land to David Beyer, Calvin's great great grandfather, in 1832. The frame around the deed was constructed with a log from the original frame barn.

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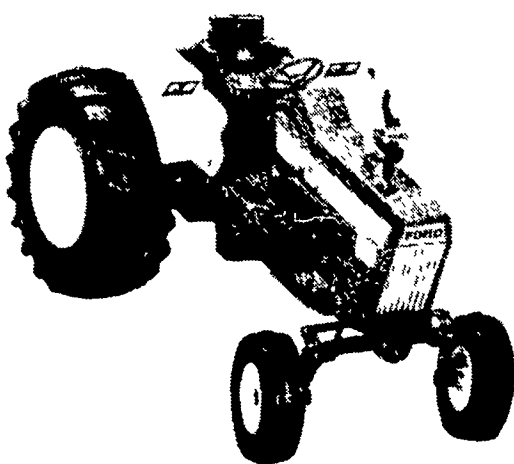


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