

PFU members approve family farm policy

CAMP HILL — Delegates to the Eighth Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania Farmers Union adopted a major addition to the preamble of their constitution.

The addition is known as their family farm policy.

It was adopted to read:

"The family farm structure of agriculture since the founding of this nation has provided a system of food production as well as economic and social stability. The family farm type of agriculture has proven its widespread benefits to our society, and remains the most viable system of agricultural production in the long-term interest of the nation.

"While the family farm still represents a large portion of the agricultural system in the U.S., other structures are increasing their grip on the nation's

food supply system. New directions are an absolute necessity within this decade to reaffirm and redirect policies to preserve and enhance the family system of agriculture.

"No singular plan or policy can by itself achieve the objectives of a stable family farm system. A combination of production and income stabilization programs, land tenure, credit, resource conservation, equality of taxation, cooperative endeavor, education, social and other broad policies must be established at local, state, national, and international levels to provide a systematic approach to preserving the family farm system of agriculture in this nation.

"Family farm structure of agriculture requires that the ownership, operation, and management of a farm unit

are vested within the family who lives on the farm and derives a livelihood from that farm. Policies which encourage the separation of ownership, operation, or management of agricultural units are contrary to the interests of family farmers as is any single commodity approach to agricultural policy.

"The problems involved in the structure of agriculture are not only economic and social issues but also matters of morality and justice.

"Family farms are a balancing force in the social, economic and political structure that is vital to the stability, preservation and improvement of representative democracy.

"Agriculture has historically been called upon to respond to the national and international crises and past decisions have left

agriculture and the family farmers without a stabilized policy framework for individual farm decision making.

"There already exists a crisis in family farm structure and without substantial changes in present public policies and the establishment of new public policies this may be the last generation of family farmers. Unfortunately this

crisis may not become sufficiently evident until the trends become almost irreversible. The opportunity to reverse these trends exists today. To wait until the present crisis is fully documented and evident is to doom the family farm structure of agriculture. The postponement or rejection of reforms would result in the ingredients for the inevitable

social conflict that has historically been climaxed by violent upheavals within the society.

"It is evident that the social, economic, and environmental costs of permitting the family farm to disappear from this society are incalculable since it would set forth the beginning of the destruction of the very basis of U.S. society and its democracy."



Lancaster County delegates to the Pennsylvania Farmers Union convention in Camp Hill this week included, from left, Mr. and Mrs. Forney Longenecker, Daniel Groff, Robert Spahr, and Abe Witmer.

U. of Maryland professor indicted for grain swindle

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Former University of Maryland Professor Wolcott E. Stewart, President and sole stockholder of Exchange Market Traders, a commodity broker from Laurel, MD was indicted by Federal Grand Jury in Baltimore, MD on Tuesday, January 8, 1980 on 14 counts of Mail Fraud.

The indictment charges that during a three month period, March, 1978 through June, 1978, Stewart contracted with farmers in Maryland and Pennsylvania to provide their grain to graineries in Baltimore,

Salisbury, MD, McGaheysville and Harrisonburg, VA.

The defendant instructed the graineries to make payment directly to him for the delivered grain. Stewart, upon receiving the payment for the grain, approximately \$182,000.00, deposited such in his own personal bank account and used the money for his own personal gain.

Pursuant to a Federal warrant issued by the District Court, Baltimore, MD, Stewart was arrested by Postal Inspectors, on January 17, 1980.

Assistant United States

Attorney J. Moscowitz advises that Stewart could receive up to seventy years in prison, \$14,000 in fines, and/or both. Bond was set at \$15,000 by Magistrate Frederick Smalkin.

Wonder Why?

Horse racing is described as the "Sport of Kings" but it's not the sport of presidents. While British royalty frequently visits the track, U.S. presidents never seem to do so. This unique difference is also true of prize fighting.

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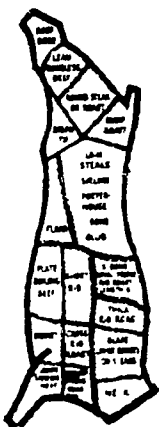
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