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Beef and Sheep Club banquet

Red Rose 4-H presents awards

BY PAT KAUFFMAN
LANCASTER — The Red Rose Baby Beef and Sheep Club Banquet was held Thursday, February 7 at the Farm and Home Center. Celebrity guests from "The Gong Show," bearing a remarkable resemblance to club members, followed steaming plates of beef in the evening's agenda. The beef, donated for the occasion by Hamilton Bank, was processed by Stonebridge Butcher Shop and savored by just about everyone. The one possible exception was Mary K. Longenecker,

Lititz, who raised the steer. Her facial expression during dinner confirmed that. Those receiving awards included: Ernie Frey, R2 Quarryville, was presented a colored photo of "Road Runner," his Grand Champion Steer, by J.C. Snavely and Sons. Also, a wristwatch donated by Sperry New Holland for his County Championship. Jeff Hess, R1 Strasburg, showman of the County Reserve Champion Steer, an electric clock donated by Farm Credit Assoc. Wayne Hess, R1

Conestoga, Champion County Showman, an electric clock award donated by Grubb Supply Co. Richard Hollinger, R3 Elizabethtown, Highest Daily Gain, 3.44 lbs, trophy donated by Young's Minerals, Inc. Andrew Graybill, R1 Stevens, Second Highest Daily Gain, 2.96 lbs, trophy donated by Cope and Weaver Machinery. A big black rangy trio of steers took Grand Champion Trio at the State Farm Show and earned trophies for their owners: Ernie Frey; Bill Coyne, R2 Quarryville and

Christ Herr, R2 Narvon. Herr's animal was raised through the FFA program. Trophies were donated by Pennfield Corp. Reserve Champion Beef Trio at the State Farm Show included: Tim Hess, R2 Lancaster; Kent Henry, R1 Strasburg; George Metzler, East Petersburg. All received trophies donated by Creutzburg, Inc. Three county shepherds were honored. They are: Sarah Brubaker, Lancaster, County Champion Market Lamb and Junior Champion Hampshire Ewe, an electric clock donated by Wenger's Mill. James Stauffer, Lancaster, Reserve County Champion Market Lamb, a pen set donated by West Willow Farmers Assoc. Barbara Herr, R1 Quarryville, Champion Junior Sheep Showman and Junior Champion Southdown Ewe, a silver dish award donated by Vigortone Co. The Livestock Judging Team consisting of Deb Greider, R2 Columbia; Wayne Hess; Barbara Herr;



Ginny Thornburgh proudly displays the new PDA logo, "Pennsylvania Agriculture -- We're Growing Better". She enthusiastically tells everyone that Pa. products, like the apples, lettuce, and mushrooms pictured here, are the best.

Pa. Young Farmers hold 20th convention

BY SALLY BAIR
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GETTYSBURG — Earl C. Stauffer, Ephrata R-1, was chosen as president-elect by the Pennsylvania Young Farmers at their twentieth annual convention held this week at the Sheraton Inn, Gettysburg. Stauffer is a member of the Ephrata Young Farmer Chapter which also was named the Outstanding Young Farmer Chapter in the state. The award was presented to president Richard Pfautz for the chapter's activities throughout the year. Stauffer and his wife Barbara received the outstanding community service award for Region II, and Ephrata Chapter member Vernon Leininger was named Region II Outstanding Young Farmer over 30. Nearly 450 young farmers and their wives participated in the two-day event, which began Wednesday afternoon with tours to the Mason-Dixon Dairy and the Battlefield at Gettysburg.

Donald E. Sanders, Millmont R 1, was named the Outstanding Young Farmer under 30. Sanders represented Region III from the Mifflinburg Young Farmer Chapter. Sanders and his wife Carol farm in partnership with his father Henry and his brother James, at San-be Farms. Their registered Holstein herd averages 16,762 milk and 621 fat with 67 animals on test. All bull calves are raised in a beef fattening facility. The state winner in the Outstanding Young Farmer, over 30 category was Mark L. Stehr, Beavertown R 1, representing the West Snyder High School in Region III. Stehr and his wife Gayle are partners in the Brooks End and Par Kay Farms, with swine and beef operations. The farm holds four purebred sales each year, selling over 2,000 head of breeding stock. In the beef breeding operation there are over 100 head of brood cows, with the offspring sold as feeder calves each spring.

Purebred bulls are used for natural breeding of the cows. Statewide winners in the community service award project were Mr. and Mrs. David A. Dietrich, Mifflinburg R 2, from Mifflinburg High School, also in

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Farmers win French Creek concessions

BY DICK WANNER
PHOENIXVILLE — Detente may be dead in some parts of the world, but it was in the best of rosy-cheeked health on Thursday night at the East Vincent Township Building near here. Some 40 Chester County Grangers met there with George Fogg and Roger Fickes, both of Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Resources, to talk about the impact of a proposal which would bring a 60-mile stretch of French Creek and its tributaries into the state's scenic rivers program. DER had made similar proposals for the Pine Creek

in Tioga County, and for Slippery Rock Creek north of Pittsburgh. Opponents in both areas, though, led in large measure by the Grange, hammered both to dust. Grange opposition has centered around the use of eminent domain to acquire lands along officially

designated scenic rivers. They also have vigorously opposed any notions that would limit a farmers' use of his land for agriculture, and any prohibitions against livestock in streams flowing past a farm. George Fogg, who heads up the scenic rivers program for DER, told Thursday

night's group exactly what DER had done to meet Grange objections. "There will be no use of eminent domain in French Creek," he said. "We could not require you to open your land along the creek for recreation."

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Farmers question rents on utility right-of-way

BY CURT HARLER
PHILADELPHIA — After remaining dormant for five years, the question of rental rates for utility right-of-ways again is in dispute. Philadelphia Electric Company has informed farmers along its right-of-way that it intends to charge rent according to soil class. Utility representatives have asked farmers to sign 30 day leases for the land under the lines. But farmers, especially in the Spring City area of Chester County, say they feel the utility is unfair in many of its requirements. Philadelphia Electric, in its statements to the public, has been conciliatory on many points but remains firm on others. In addition to farm land in Chester County, the PE

right-of-way crosses farms in York, Lancaster, Delaware, Montgomery and Bucks Counties in Pennsylvania and Cecil County, Maryland. PE informed farmers in a letter that it wants to charge \$45 per acre for Class I and II land, \$35 for Class III and IV, \$25 for grazing land, and \$10

for the worst land under its transmission lines. Harold Kulp, Pottstown, outlined some of the questions farmers have raised about the letter sent out by PE. Kulp is President of the Chester County Farmers' Association. First, many farmers do

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At Ag Committee hearing

Region's farm leaders testify against CNI milk proposal

BY JANE BRESEE
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BINGHAMTON, N.Y. — One of the four hearings in the nation of the Dairy and Poultry subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee was held Monday in the Federal Building in Binghamton, N.Y. Statements made at the meeting ran heavily against the Community Nutrition Institute's proposal to

deregulate reconstituted milk from Order pricing. Hearing was held in the middle of one of the East Coast's better dairy-oriented farming areas. Congressman Matthew McHugh of the 27th district in New York state, also a member of the House Agriculture Committee, was instrumental in having the hearing held in his district. Congressman Al Baldus, a

farmer from Wisconsin, chaired the meeting which began promptly at 10 a.m. He was assisted by minority chairman, Congressman Jeffords of Vermont, and Roger Albee, a member of the Minority staff. The room held nearly 100 people, some observers, and others; farmers, agriculture educators, and

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