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## Keystone Pork Congress: a 'pig' success

**BY SHEILA MILLER**  
**LANCASTER** — Nearly 600 hog producers turned out for the second Keystone Pork Congress, held at the Host Farm near Lancaster. For two days, Wednesday and Thursday, these farmers ate and talked pork, learning about new management practices and hearing sales pitches from commercial exhibitors. At their annual meeting, the Pennsylvania Pork Council also elected new officers. Abe Fisher, Kinzer, will be taking over the presidency from Clyde Strock. And,

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Newly elected officers for the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council are Abe Fisher, right, of Kinzer, Lancaster County, who will serve as president; and Elwood Houser, Lebanon, the new vice-president.

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## National FFA Week is February 16-23

**LITITZ** — Members of the Lancaster County Red Rose Future Farmers of America, 1100 strong, join the nearly 495,000 other FFA members in the United States in celebrating National FFA Week which starts February

16 and concludes February 25. Throughout the week the county's 12 chapters are planning various activities including television shows, news releases, radio broadcast, window displays

and many other activities to support the theme: "FFA - Preparing For Progress." The traditions of FFA have held strong and produced a mighty work force for food and fiber to meet the needs of our nation and the world. Successful agricultural leaders of today are the testimony. Vocational agricultural education is an American success story of learning by doing.

Washington is considered the patron saint of the FFA and has come to symbolize the FFA Treasurer. Organized in 1928, the FFA promotes leadership, cooperation and citizenship among high school vocational agriculture students. Vocational agriculture education in high school prepares students for careers in agricultural production, marketing, processing and service.

National FFA Week always holds George Washington's birthday in observance of his leadership in promoting scientific farming practices.

FFA members emerge prepared. While the Future Farmers of America is noted for its over 50 years of progress in agricultural leadership, it is in the "preparing" that members gain.

FFA members are prepared to face the future, to lead America's agricultural industry and are prepared to be somebody.

Feature stories on local FFA activities can be found in Section B and throughout the issue.



Marion R. Deppen, Capital Region Extension Administrator, said he often had to complain about lack of funds. "This year you see a smile on my face," Deppen said. The state appropriated an extra one million dollars to restore collapsed positions. Included are Nancy Meyers' 4-H and Susan

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### At Lancaster extension dinner

## Hallowell sets timetable for milk fund, ag growth

**LANCASTER** — Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell Tuesday evening said farmers will see milk security fund legislation in the state senate by the end of February. He predicted passage of a fund by June—the traditional dairy month. Hallowell also said he expected agriculture to be the number one industry in Pennsylvania by 1981.

His remarks came in an address to the annual meeting of the Agricultural and Home Economics Extension Association at the Farm and Home Center. At the meeting three new directors were elected and two were chosen to serve a second term. Re-elected were James M. Eshelman, R2 Mt. Joy; and Mrs. Arlene Eshelman, R1 Willow Street. New to the board are Allen

K. Risser, Leola; Mrs. Thelma Hess, R1 Strasburg; and Kenneth M. Rutt, Quarryville. In other extension business, the Extension Association's budget was reviewed. A balance of \$12,415 last year was supplemented by a \$78,000 appropriation from the county commissioners. Expenses during the past year were \$80,460 leaving an ending balance of \$10,349.



Friends and neighbors were out early Wednesday morning to help clean up the aftermath of the fire that destroyed the Richard Baylis barn. See related story on page A-23.

### Charges illegal tolling agreement

## LeHi takes on Dairylea in storm over A&P

**BY CURT HARLER**  
**ALLENTOWN** — Dairy cops and the state's milk marketing system were rocked earlier this week by a flurry of charges and counter-charges concerning illegal tolling of milk. Dairy circles are spinning from charges made by Robert P. Barry, President of Lehigh Valley Farms. He asked the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board to investigate an arrangement by A&P to

purchase the processing and packaging of milk from Dairylea Milk Producers Cooperative at Dairylea's Scranton plant at a price believed to be below cost. Barry also asked the revocation of A&P's and Dairylea's Pennsylvania marketing licenses for knowingly and intentionally violating PMMB laws. The contract for the 20 A&P stores previously was serviced by Lehigh Valley at

a price of \$1.56 per gallon for whole milk. Lehigh said the Dairylea - A&P agreement was executed even though the state had determined milk was being sold below Dairylea's cost for fluid milk. Barry said Lehigh believed Dairylea was selling milk to some stores at \$1.42 for the same package Lehigh had offered. Dairylea called the

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