A26—Lancaster Farming, Saturday, February 16, 1980

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Five County residents were elected to terms on the Lancaster Extension Association Board. From left are, James Eshelman, Mt. Joy, reelected to second term; Allen K. Risser, Leola; Mrs. Arlene

Extension dinner

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positions in Lancaster County. In all, seven jobs in the Capital region were restored. Deppen also talked about

Doyle's home economist the need for research to expand ag production and to help solve the energy shortage.

Deppen outlined several possibilities to solve the



Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell predicted passage of a milk security fund by June during his talk at the Extension Annual meeting.





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been the number two in-

dustry to steel for years.

He said the decline in

steel, coupled with less

travel due to the fuel shor-

tage and the increased op-

portunities for agriculture,

should make agriculture

He said the Department

will focus on marketing, and plugged the Pennsylvania

product slogan "Penn-

sylvania Agriculture-We're

number one in '81.

growing better."

Tourism is a close third.

Eshelman, Willow Street, reelected for second term; and Mrs. Thelma Hess. Strasburg. Not present was Kenneth M. Rutt, Quarryville.

energy problem, including using Pennsylvania's hardwood forests. He said wood chips, mixed with the state's high sulfur coal, would produce a non-polluting energy source.

Hallowell, too, saw energy as an area where agriculture can make a major contribution to the nation.

He said Pennsylvania's woodlots and forests are an untapped resource, another reason to be optimistic about the decade of the 80s.

Hallowell noted Penn-

He said the Department has about a half million small stickers for free distribution to farm markets and food retailers. They can use them to piggyback on the state farm product promotion.

"Pennsylvania Agriculture has a lot to look forward to in the 80s," he said. "Those who prosper will be those who turn adversity into opportunity."

He noted a group of 60 Japanese are coming to Pennsylvania on September 15 to look at Pennsylvania farm products.

"Here's an opportunity to trade agricultural products for televisions," Hallowell said.

The Secretary also said Pennsylvania has the greatest number of Holstein cows which are registered, on test, classified for type and holding proper health charts.

He said such cows are in demand overseas and represent another area where Pennsylvania farmers can boost their incomes.

He said the reason foreign cow sales have slowed recently is farmers in the United States are willing to pay a higher price for good cows today.

He predicted some form of tax relief will be available to farmers in the near future.

He spoke of the bill introduced by Representative Noah Wenger, Stevens, and called Wenger "part of the great team of Lancaster County legislators."

He mentioned HB 1983, modeled on Amos Funk's proposal to insert restrictions in farmland deeds. He said such a bill could work for Lancaster County even if it were not applicable in all counties

Hallowell told Extension Association members Act 319 will be ammended. As it stands, the Act requires a rollback be charged on the sale of farmland even if the use doesn't change. The ammendment would allow no penalty to be charged if the land's use did not change

He said the Department favored a reduction in the state inheritance tax charged upon a farm owner's death. He said the high taxes now charged are a prime reason farms are split up and sold off.

Hallowell praised the Lancaster Extension staff, calling them "one of the best in the state."

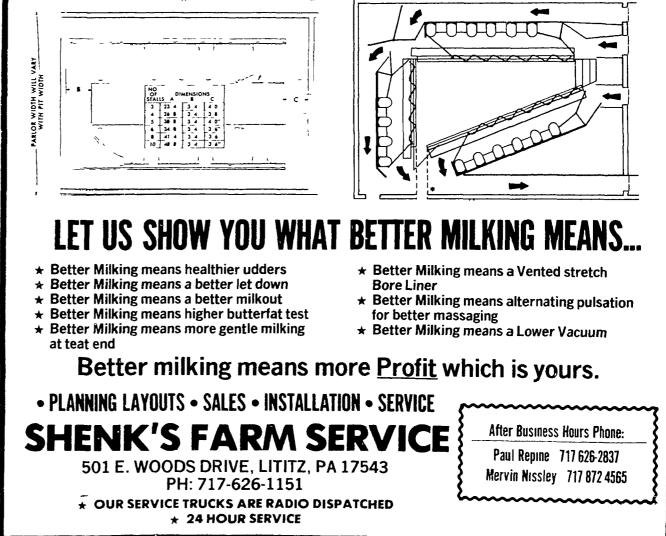
The staff reported spending 30 percent of its time on youth projects. Farm products took 32.6 percent of its time.

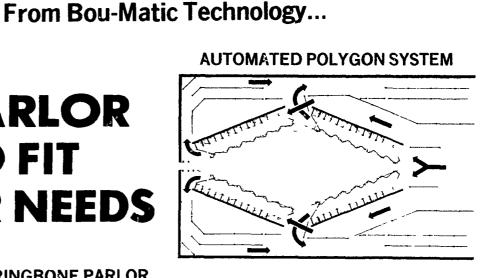
There are 118 4-H clubs with 3742 boys and girls helped by 386 leaders.

Extension reported holding 1458 meetings attended by over 46,000 persons. Agents also reported offering individual assistance to 48,200 people. - CH

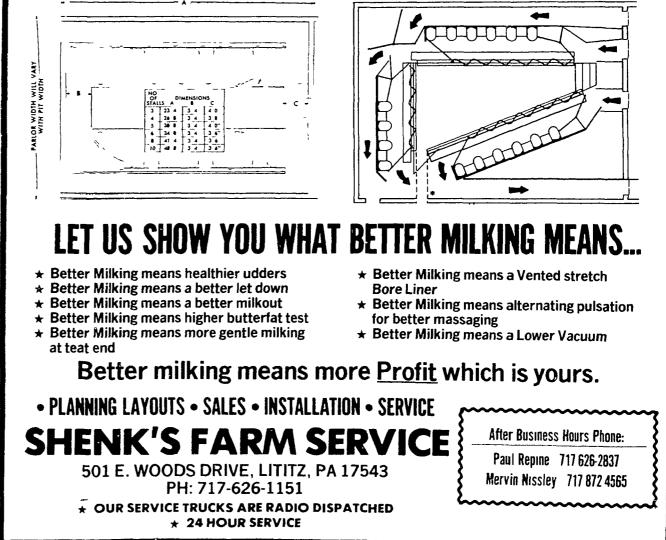
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