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E.E. Denlinger, V.M.D., from Lancaster County, receives the Cattleman of the Year Award from Pa. Cattlemen's Association director Harry Stambaugh.

## Weinberger crowned queen

# Denlinger chosen Cattleman of Year

BY SHEILA MILLER  
STATE COLLEGE — At their annual meeting on Thursday evening, the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association selected E.E. Denlinger, V.M.D., as Cattleman of the Year.

Denlinger accepted his award in front of the 144 cattlemen gathered in State College for this annual event.

Making the presentation,

Harry Stambaugh, director, stated the cattlemen were grateful for Denlinger's service to the cattle industry.

After studying pre-veterinary courses at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster and receiving his veterinary degree from the University of Pennsylvania, Denlinger practiced in the Lancaster area for 22 years. His practice, physically located in Paradise, was concentrated in the large animal area.

In 1969, he accepted a position with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture as the superintendent of meat inspection. Denlinger explained when the federal government took over those

responsibilities in 1972, he then became the head of the Bureau of Animal Industries for PDA.

Denlinger has served as a director for the Pa. Cattlemen's Association for over four years. He also serves on the Pa. Beef Council as a director.

Since his retirement from PDA in 1977, Denlinger has remained active in the programs affecting the livestock industry.

He resides in R2 Ronks, Lancaster County.

Other ceremonies at the cattlemen's annual meeting included the coronation of the 1980 queen.

Laura Weinberger, a junior at Penn State, was selected to represent the

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## Legislative roundup

# Farmers flock to Washington

BY DICK WANNER  
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Farmers from Pennsylvania nearly wore grooves in the road to Washington this

week, as both the Pennsylvania Farmers Association and the Pennsylvania Grange sent members to the nation's

capitol for meetings with their senators and representatives.

The Pennsylvania Farmers Association spent two days at the Quality Inn, within sight of the Capitol Building. Some 260 PFA members drove in from every part of the state to spend Wednesday and Thursday with their Congressmen and Congressional staff members.

Nearly every one of Pennsylvania's 25 Representatives - or a staff member - received a call from a PFA delegation. Senator Richard Schweiker paid a brief visit to Wednesday evening's banquet,

and Representative Allen Ertel, from Dauphin County, spoke at length during

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# Local farmer nominated to Condemnation board

BY CURT HARLER  
CONESTOGA — John E. Barley, Conestoga, was nominated this week by Governor Dick Thornburgh to serve on the state Agricultural Lands Condemnation Approval Board.

Also nominated for a four-year term on the board is

Charles Benner, Middleburg, Snyder County.

If approved, the pair will be the two required farmer-members to sit on the board. By law, other board members will include State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell, Environmental Resources

Secretary Clifford Jones, and Transportation Secretary Thomas Larson.

The Ag Lands Condemnation Approval Board was created in December 1979 to determine the feasibility of condemning

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## Memories of a year ago

# Farm family scrapbook recalls TMI

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN  
MIDDLETOWN — Mrs. Clair Nissley, of Dauphin County, has kept a family scrapbook for the past 25 years.

Last year's scrapbook began much like many of the other years that traced the personal activities of the farm family living just across the Conewago Creek from Lancaster County.

January, 1979: "The beginning of another New Year and I spent a lot of time this winter getting our scrapbook up to date.

"We finally got the grandfather clock finished after setting around since 1976."

February: "Daddy gave me a valentine. We are really going through something now with the bridge away. We have to drive out of the way several

miles every time we go to town, church, Grandpa Nissley and other places toward Elizabethtown."

(This entry refers to the Nissley Mill covered bridge which was burned by vandals in August, 1978.)

February 17: "Sharon made me a beautiful cake for my birthday."

March 13: "We started the horrible job of tearing up the old kitchen linoleum, which was in since 1960."

March 27: "Daddy's 48th birthday. I gave him a card and a blue shirt."

The very next day the Nissley family scrapbook takes a dramatic turn and recounts events that reached around the world.

On the pages following those containing the cards that Clair received for his birthday were pasted these few words clipped from a

large, bold headline that appeared in the Middletown newspaper:

"7 Days March 28 - April 4."

The Nissleys, who live and farm in the shadow of Three Mile Island, recorded those first few unforgettable days following the nuclear accident.

Wednesday, March 28: "The nightmare began," Mrs. Nissley labeled her overall impression of the week or so that followed.

"I was in the kitchen working and suddenly decided to turn the radio on, which is unusual since I like it quiet. We first heard about the accident at Three Mile Island. As the day progressed and the news kept coming, we were wondering what was happening."

Her husband recalled he

was packing eggs in the nearby 50,000-layer house at the time. He didn't know anything about what was happening a mile away at the plant until he came home for lunch. Then, he began to follow the news, too.

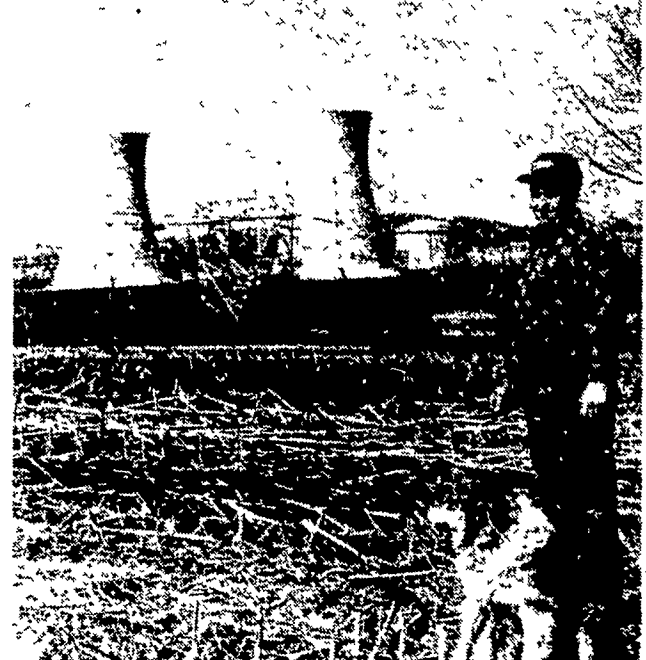
Thursday, March 29: "The helicopters are flying over our place and around the area at regular intervals."

Nissley snapped a photo of his 80-foot silo as a remembrance of that day and entered it in the scrapbook.

"Two photographers from Time and Newsweek came to the farm and wanted to take some pictures from the top of the silo," he said.

"I went along up and it took quite a time for them to climb the silo. They were huffing and puffing already

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From elevated field Clair Nissley has panoramic view of neighboring Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant.