

# Farm Business News

## Ag lender made vice president

LANCASTER—Darvin E. Boyd, Akron, has been promoted to vice president of Hamilton Bank. Boyd, who joined Hamilton Bank in 1976, will continue to serve as director of agri-finance, a post he has held since September 1977.



the House, the post he held before joining the Bank.

An Ephrata native, Boyd holds a B.S. degree in animal husbandry from Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture and a master's degree in public administration from Penn State. He has also completed several American Institute of Banking courses, completed the Bankers School of Agriculture at Cornell University in 1978 and is currently completing the Pennsylvania School of Banking at Bucknell University.

For six years after completing his master's degree, Boyd was 4-H program director for the American-Korean Foundation, Inc., in Korea, with responsibility for development of a rural youth program.

He returned to the United States to become executive director of the Pennsylvania House Committee on Health and Welfare, and later served as associate legislative research analyst for the minority caucus of

Boyd serves as a member of the agriculture and land use committees of the Lancaster Association of Commerce and Industry; as vice chairman of the Lancaster city-county Human Relations Committee; and as a member of the American Society for Public Administration; the American Academy of Political and Social Science; the Lancaster chapter of the American Institute of Banking; Ephrata Lodge No. 665, F & AM, and the Ephrata Church of the Brethren, where he is chairman of the stewardship and finance commission.

## Schuylkill County Council

to meet April 16

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN — Officers were elected and plans made at the March meeting of the Schuylkill 4-H County Council.

The new slate of officers includes: Daryl Dissinger, Schuylkill Haven, president; Katrice Dreher, Schuylkill Haven, vice president; Tracey Stripe, Orwigsburg, secretary; Sheila Adams, Orwigsburg, treasurer; and Lisa Adams, Orwigsburg, news reporter.

Christine Balmer, a 4-H

alumni, reported to the group on past County Council Activities. Plans were made to put up "4-H Welcomes You" signs at the county boundaries on April 27 with a pizza party to follow. The group will also plan the 4-H Kick Off Party, which will be held May 10.

The next County Council meeting will be held April 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. All county 4-H teens are encouraged to attend.

## Chuckwagon Gang rides the Gospel trail

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — western songs and one D.P. Carter and his wife, Carrie met at a singing gospel feature was heard five days a week.

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Deciding there should be a quartet in the family, Dad called together three of his nine children, Rose, Anna, his oldest son Earnest (Jim), along with himself—to make up the Carter Quartet.

In less than a year they had a popular radio program, but the desire for greater outreach led them to the big city of Ft. Worth. Upon learning some of the smaller stations did not need a singing group, they auditioned for WBAP, one of the nation's largest stations. The station hired them immediately, and a Saturday program called The Round Up followed.

When they left the station, the Carter Quartet, who had only been with the station three months, was asked to assume the name Chuck Wagon Gang along with a radio program of the same name. Their program of

western songs and one gospel feature was heard five days a week.

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Meanwhile, Don Law of Columbia Records heard them, and phoned to ask if they would like to make records. Later that year, 1936, at a small studio set up in a San Antonio hotel, the Chuck Wagon Gang recorded their first song, The Son Hath Made Me Free. They remained with the same company for forty years, an achievement unparalleled by any other gospel group. During those years, the group has sold millions of albums and singles.

In the early fifties, the Gang began 10-day personal appearance tours. These tours brought brothers Roy and Eddie Carter into the group, as well as the late Howard Gordon, Anna's husband, guitarist for the group. Turning to television

## Produce firm shut down for failure to pay fine

BETHEL PARK — Charles N. Simeone, who does business as The Fruit Basket, Bethel Park, has failed to pay a Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act reparation award of \$558 set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in favor of a Pennsylvania wholesaler for numerous lots of mixed produce shipped during March and April, 1979.

According to the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, which administers PACA, the firm failed to answer the charges, and based on the evidence, it was

in the mid sixties, they were guests on several programs, and later co-hosts on their own program Gospel Roundup.

The Chuck Wagon Gang, noted Gospel quartet, will be appearing at 8 p.m. tonight, April 12, at the Guernsey Barn, 5 miles east of Lancaster, on Route 30. Doors will open at 6:30.

ordered to pay the amount claimed.

As a result, the firm is not eligible to operate in the produce business subject to the Act until the award is paid. Simeone may not be employed by or affiliated with any PACA licensee without USDA approval.

Under PACA all interstate traders in fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables must be licensed by USDA, which is authorized to suspend or revoke any trader's license for violation. The Act established a code of good business conduct for the produce industry.

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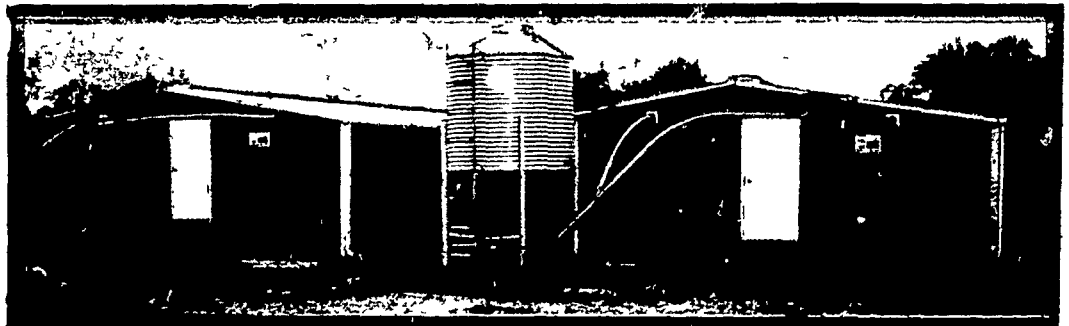
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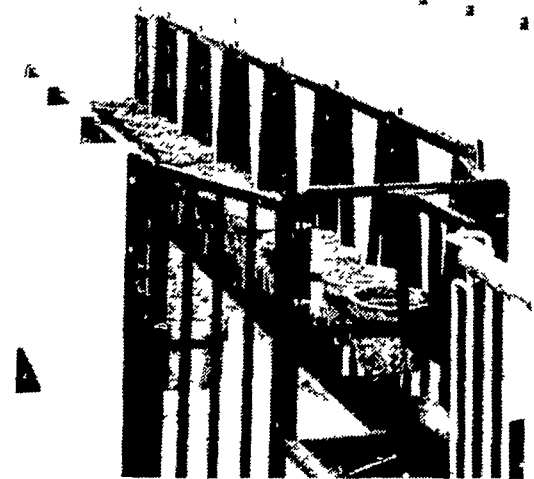
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