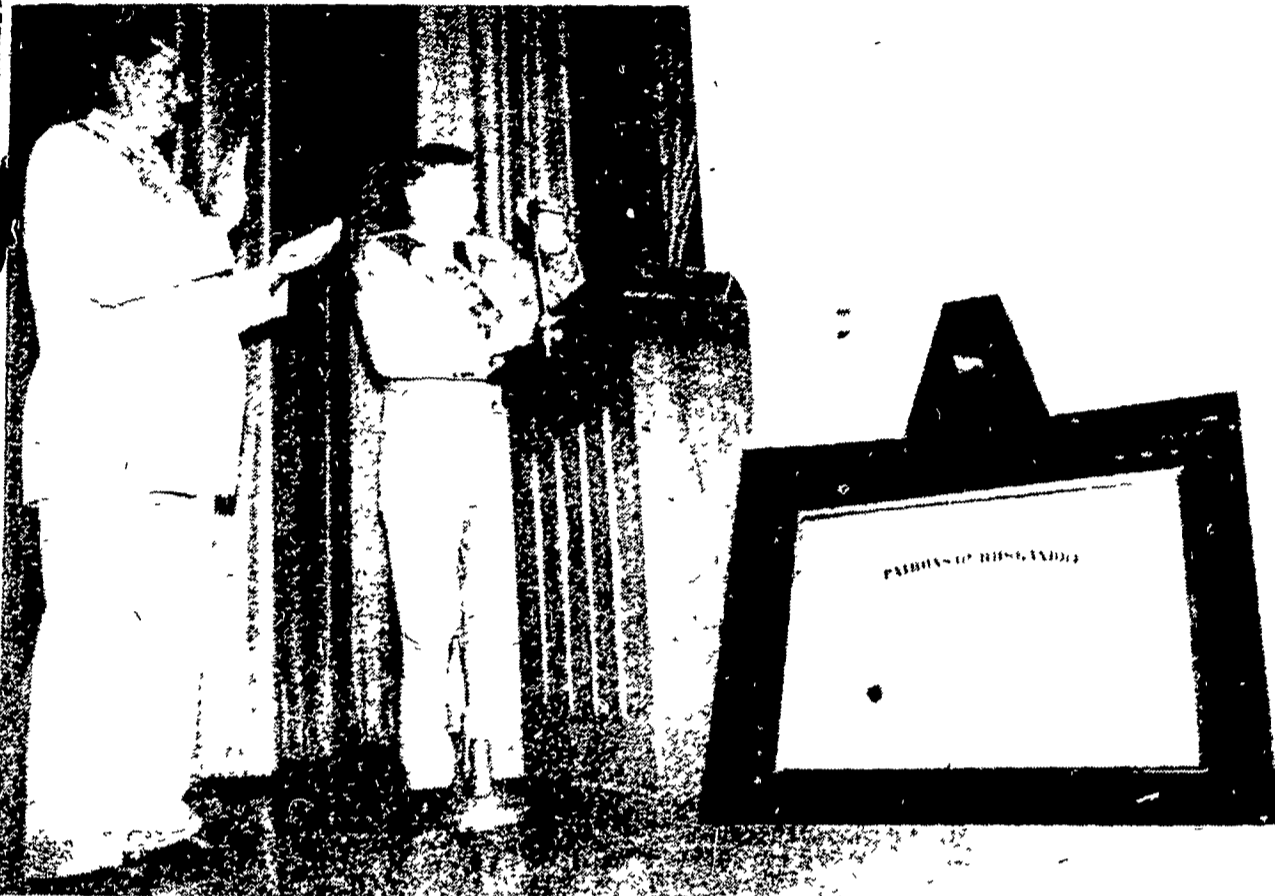


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John Scott, past Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange and past National Master, was draped with a sash commemorating his national

service by C. Rodman Myers, left, Master of the Maryland Grange and national representative to the Pennsylvania session.

Grangers close active session

BY CURT HARLER
LEWISTOWN — The 108th annual session of the Pennsylvania Grange concluded here Thursday with the reelection of Charles E. Wismer, Trappe, as Master of the State Grange.

In a busy work week, Grangers also passed many resolutions including one to support a dairy checkoff program, honored several of their own members, and heard talks from political leaders.

Delegates said they support a dairy checkoff of no less than one half percent and no more than one percent.

Other officers elected include overseer Carl E. Blank, Beaver; lecturer, Douglas Bonsall, Millerstown, treasurer, John H. Minor, Master, Greenville; lady assistant steward, Gladys Fry, Mercer; assistant steward, John Keith, En-triken; flora, Anna Mae Snyder, Camp Hill; cere, MeeCee Baker, Port Royal; pomona, Nettie Kauffman, Berks County; chaplain, James H. Gold, Perry County; William Buffington, Chadds Ford, executive committee.

They said no subordinate master can hold office for longer than six years in a row, just like the state master. They also said granges with 300 to 400 members get a third convention delegate, instead of

two. For every additional 100 members the grange will get an extra delegate. This was strongly supported by Berks County granges.

Grangers resolved to support ASCS cost sharing to eradicate of multiflora rose.

They want the state to contribute a share of ASCS conservation practice funds instead of just the farmer and federal government splitting the cost.

Grangers asked consideration be given to using bonding or letters of credit for commodities other than milk.

They want Farmers Home Administration to have a separate farm-only department. They called for more financial support for New Bolton Center, quicker approval for fly control products, voluntary ag preservation plans, and ASCS funds for stream bank improvement.

They voted to look for a permanent solution to the mushroom question, including a tariff, ad valorem tax, and quotas. Further, they want tariff revenues to be used for domestic research or promotion.

They asked that a Lands Management Commission be set up within the Department of Agriculture to oversee the operation of institutional farms.

They opposed gun control and opposed any cutoff of Saturday mail delivery.

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400 attend annual Lancaster County poultry banquet; elect 4 directors

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
STRASBURG — Some 400 representatives of Lancaster County's ever-expanding poultry industry, now "Number One" in ag ranking, gathered last night in Strasburg to review the past year and begin planning for the coming one.

Major item of business at the Annual Banquet of the Lancaster County Poultry Association, Inc was the election of four members to the board of directors.

Returned to the board were incumbents J. LeRoy Esbenshade, R7, Manheim; and Steven H. Ney, R1, Marietta, both producers. Newly elected were producer James M. Esbenshade, of Paradise, and Robert Woodward, of Pennfield Corp.,

representative of allied industry

Also featured were reports of past and upcoming promotional activities, including those of Poultry Queen Heidi Sue Miller, R1, Columbia.

Miss Miller told the full-house audience at the Historic Strasburg that one of the highlights of her recent activities was the selling of "eggsickles," a hard-boiled egg on a stick, at the Pennsylvania Foods Expo. A total of 7500 were sold.

The queen is looking forward to a similar sales campaign at the Farm Show and promotional programs in the elementary schools. Also attending Thursday night was Debbie Herr, alternate queen.

Jay Irwin, county extension agent, outlined committee activities and plans. Under education, the value of poultry manure, now estimated at \$3.3 million in the county, and production of ethanol will be stressed during the coming year. Promotional literature will again be distributed in food markets, along with the scheduling of mail displays.

An appeal was made for 1981 queen candidates. A membership report listed a present roster of 339.

Among guests were John Scott and Vicki Wass, of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture; Floyd Hicks, retired, and Owen Keene, of Penn State, and the complete three-member board of county commissioners Association President

LeRoy Esbenshade served as master of ceremonies

In a report on the success of the food stand at the Ephrata Fair, Mrs. Vernon Leininger presented a check for more than \$1700 to Esbenshade for association programs.

Entertainment for the evening was a program of Blue Grass music by "Still on the Hill."

Kauffman sweeps awards at county 4-H dairy banquet

BY DEBBIE KOONTZ
BLUE BALL — Stephen Kauffman emerged as top award recipient at the Lancaster County 4-H Dairy banquet, Thursday.

Kauffman, 18, received the Senior Showmanship award for all breeds; the Junior Champion award for the state junior dairy show and the district 4-H dairy show; and a dairy judging team award.

Steve, the son of Robert and Marian Kauffman of Elizabethtown, has participated in 4-H for 10 years with Holstein cows.

Another honored recipient was Pam Kindig, 12, from Conestoga

Pam received the Junior Showmanship award for all breeds and a project book award for all breeds.

Pam is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Kindig and has been in 4-H for three years with Holsteins.

Mary Witmer, 14, won the Grand Champion award for reserve grand champion

Guernsey at the state junior dairy show and at the district 4-H dairy show.

Mary is the daughter of Raymond F. Witmer of Blue Ball.

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Ag Secretary formalizes new inspection at Berks

BY SHEILA MILLER
READING — Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carol Tucker Foreman was here Thursday to take part in a new USDA program's inauguration ceremony at Berks Packing Co. The USDA official and the packing company, one of the nation's first, were formalizing Quality Control Inspection, designed to

modernize the inspection process for meat and poultry products.

Foreman told the press and local government officials there is nothing she enjoys more than "snipping away at red tape" that ties up the efficiency of private industry.

She explained that Berks Packing Co., along with 12 other plants across the

country, was involved this past summer in a pilot project for Quality Control Inspection.

"Berks Packing is to be commended for helping lead the way and implementing a more effective and efficient inspection procedure which will help control rising inspection costs," Foreman said

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