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With show stick and halter in hand, Lancaster's Red Rose Beef Club Queen Debra Greider was selected as the top showman during the stiff competition between 4-H'ers from Dauphin, Lancaster and Chester counties.

## MacCauley, Greider top District Show

**BY SHEILA MILLER**  
LANCASTER — Bill MacCauley, III, a fifteen-year-old Chester County 4-H'er, led his 1035 pound lightweight steer to the grand championship during the Southeast District Show held at the Lancaster Stockyards on Tuesday.

Before tagging the purebred Angus champion, judges Ron Bolze and Lee Wagner selected the MacCauley steer as champion lightweight.

Showing steers is a new sideline for the Chester County youth who has been showing Suffolk sheep since he was 8-years-old. This was MacCauley's second attempt at raising a 4-H steer.

The steer, called Midnight, came to the 18 acre farm owned by Bill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William MacCauley at Rt. 1 Atglen from the Sam Wylie farm, near Nottingham.

Said Bill, "I made the switch to beef from sheep

because I always liked the bigger animals — they're more fun."

They also produce more profit since Lancaster Stockyards, Inc. purchased the steer with a bid of \$2 for each of its 1035 pounds — a total of \$2070.

What will MacCauley do with this new wealth?

"I'll probably save the money for college," he said, "so that I can study animal

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## Go 'agricultouring' this weekend

PENRYN — The farm of the Barry Haldeman family, along with eight other agricultural operations in Lancaster County, was a beehive of activity last evening and this morning.

The activities were in final preparation for this weekend's tours in which a total of nine farming facilities will be opened by rural folk to their city and suburban neighbors.

Preparations were particularly brisk at the Haldeman farm because it will be the center for an extensive and varied display

of 4-H projects and club activities.

But agricultural activities to be viewed will be just as diversified at the eight other locations, ranging from large dairy and poultry operations, horse training and fruit growing to artificial insemination.

Directions to the nine tour locations, which will be open today and tomorrow (Nov. 15 and 16) between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., include:

Atlantic Breeders Cooperative — 1575 Apollo Drive. Exit Rt. 283 west at

McGovernville Road and turn onto Apollo Dr.

Haldeman farm — From Rt. 501 north of Lititz, turn west on Newport Road to Penryn, then north on Gish Road to the first farm on the right.

Lower Hopewell Horse Center — Turn south on Long Lane Road, the first road west of the Rt. 501 intersection on Rt. 322 at Brickerville. Then right on Speedwell Forge to the farm on the right.

Jesse Balmer family — Home of the Lancaster County dairy princess. From

Rt. 501 north of Lititz, turn east on Newport Road to the (Turn to Page A26)

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## R. McSparran elected head of Inter-State

**BY DICK ANGLESTEIN**  
LANCASTER — Robert McSparran, Peach Bottom dairy farmer, was elected president of the 3000-member Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative this week.

The Lancaster County dairyman, a long-time leader in co-op activities, succeeds retiring Inter-State head Lester C. Jones, a Medford, N.J. dairy farmer.

McSparran's election took place at Inter-State's 63rd annual meeting held Tuesday and Wednesday at the Host Farm Resort Motel. Other important action at the session in the form of approved resolutions included:

—An increase in membership dues from 10 cents to 12 cents per hundredweight to "help improve Inter-State's equity position."

—Approval to opt out of contributing to the Pennsylvania Milk Producers Security Fund.

—Reaffirming the concept that milk hauling

negotiations and deductions be handled at the local level by the individual hauling committees.

—A continued expression of support for the work of the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board.

Support for the increase in the dues had been expressed at the meeting by retiring president Jones, James E.

Honan, general manager; and Robert Dever, treasurer.

The three officials stressed the absolute necessity for improving Inter-State's equity position so that the cooperative could fit into the changing future patterns of cooperative organizations.

Honan told the members

that in the Middle Atlantic and Northeast regions he sees new cooperative relationships being analyzed and discussed. He reported on meetings and conversations among Mid-Atlantic and Northeast dairy cooperatives and between

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## Agri-Women conclude week-long convention

**BY JOYCE BUPP**  
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HERSHEY — The American Agri-Women convention concluded Thursday afternoon following a week of elections, workshops, business meetings and tours of Lancaster County.

Over 200 members participated in the week-long session representing 24 states.

Highlights of the convention included Washington-on-the-line, with AAW members directing questions to foreign attaches; election of the first national officer from Pennsylvania; and one members seemed to enjoy immensely, "The Double Burden of Soviet Farm Women." For more information on the convention see the index on page A32.

A bridge of friendship has been formed between Australian farm women and the American Agri-Women meeting through three "down under" pioneers in farm woman involvement.

Lynn Johnson, Wilma Burn and Dorrien Mason

traveled several thousand miles to observe the AAW's organization and activities, hoping to carry some ideas back to Australian farm women interested in banding together to boost their industry.

According to Lynn Johnson, some 800 Australian farm women did meet for a conference in recent years, but little has been done since. After visiting the United States in 1978 and hosting foreign farm groups at the Victoria dairy operation, Lynn learned of farm women's activities in America. She wrote to a California acquaintance and was put

in touch with California Agri-Women.

Although the three visitors were asked to speak as the impromptu program in place of The Great Debate speakers, who were unable to attend, it quickly became apparent they were a highlight of the sessions and received a standing ovation from the Agri-Women audience Tuesday afternoon.

"Together, women of the world can achieve great things," said Lynn Johnson, who presented AAW president Evelyn Landis with the "Order of the Kangaroo." She called attention to the fact that it was

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### Legislative roundup

## Farm nuisance bills to get extra push

**BY CURT HARLER**  
HARRISBURG — Two bills to protect farmers from outside interference will receive a big push from farm groups Monday when the state legislature reconvenes in Harrisburg.

Meanwhile, chances for any state-funded weather-

related disaster relief money look dim.

Both the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association and the state Grange are pushing for passage of HB 1793 and HB 1794.

HB 1793 is one of the top items on the Senate Ag Committee's docket when it meets Monday.

HB 1793 would allow municipalities to establish ag districts and will allow purchase of development easements. It would protect agricultural areas from land grabs by state agencies, notably the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation or Department of Environmental Resources, if those areas were in one of the ag districts having the eight year renewability period allowed under the bill.

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