



# 11 Century Farms presented awards

**BY DICK ANGLESTEIN**  
**SMOKETOWN** — Nearly two composite milleniums of agricultural history and heritage were honored at the Agriculture-Industry Banquet of the Lancaster Association of Commerce and Industry Thursday night.

Individually, continuous family ownership of the 11 honored farms ranged from

slightly more than a century to better than two and one-third centuries.

The honoring of the 11 Century Farms brought the number of Lancaster County farms which have been cited for remaining in continuous family ownership for at least 100 years to 66 since the program was launched four years ago.

Separate feature stories

detailing some of the history of the Century Farms appear inside. Present owners, length of family ownership and location of the feature stories include.

William and Fern Brossman, Ephrata, 148 years, page A18.

Noah and Marian Denlinger, R2 Paradise, 151 years, page C24.

Irwin and Grace Engle, R1 Marietta, 178 years, page B6.

Gerald and Judith Ann Erb, R3 Mount Joy, 158 years, page A36.

George Bishop and Harriet B. Herr, R1 Strasburg, 102 years, page C25.

Mrs. Maurice Herr, Refton, 170 years, page C26.

Martin and Mildred Heisey, R1 Kinzers, 188 years, page C22.

Robert and Charlotte McSparran, R2 Peach Bottom, 101 years, page A32.

Robert, John, Charles and Mary Shellenberger, R2 Columbia, 230 years, page B5.

Andrew and Virginia Martin, R1 Pequea, 235 years, page D2.

Certificates were presented to the Century

receiving the award were Donald Reinher, Kutztown; G. Lowell Morton, Annville; Charles Ackely, Ephrata; and Frederic H. Stillwagen, Schnecksville.

Stillwagen is the president of the PVATA.

Speaking to members during various ceremonies at the convention were Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland, entertainer Art Lankletter, baseball hero

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A member of top producing cows and cattle breeders were honored at the Lancaster County Holstein meeting Tuesday. Winners in the junior milk and fat contest were, from left, Arlen Keener, Steve Kauffman, and Leonard Stoltzfus.

## Lancaster Holstein Club honors top cows

**BY SALLY BAIR**  
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**LANDISVILLE** — Two hundred Lancaster County Holstein breeders met Tuesday evening at Indian Springs for their thirtieth annual meeting. Production awards for both adults and juniors highlighted the meeting.

Nelson Wenger, Manheim R6, was the only breeder to capture two production awards based on monthly dairy herd improvement reports.

A Rocket daughter, Bumblebee, owned by Wenger took first place in the junior two-year-old milk class with a 24,682 pound

record. Wenger's Faye won first place in the senior two-year-old fat class with an 835 pound fat record. Faye was sired by Valley Run Silver Tiger.

The junior two-year-old fat record was won by John P. Lapp's Ruby, with 768 pounds fat.

In the senior two-year-old class, J Mowery Frey, Jr., Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster, won the milk category with Amy Jean, who had a 24,014 pound record. Amy Jean was sired by Gay Ideal.

In three-year-olds, Robert L. Kauffman, Jr., Peach Bottom R1, took first place in the milk category with Terrie, a Royal Design daughter, with a 26,898 pound record. Ken and Nelson Stoner, Litzitz, were named first in fat with #81 Che who made a 1036 pound record. Che was sired by Kenny.

Robert Gruber, Mount Joy  
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### Bucks ag districts at annual meeting

## Farmers Union opposes milk checkoff

**BY CURT HARLER**

**LANCASTER** — Members of Lancaster Farmers Union voted Thursday night to oppose the upcoming Pennsylvania milk promotion referendum.

After vigorous debate they agreed to support the voluntary ag preserve district concept, and unanimously said they continue to recommend all farm products and items be priced at no less than 100 percent of parity.

Members said they are against the Pennsylvania milk promotion referendum

which state dairymen will vote on in January. If passed it would become effective July 1, 1981. The checkoff would require a three-quarters of one percent checkoff for milk promotion and research from all dairymen. There would be no ask-out provision.

Farmers Union, the only major farmer organization to oppose the Beef Checkoff proposal earlier this year, is hoping to generate momentum against the checkoff program. Farmers in Pennsylvania turned down the beef checkoff with only 10 percent voting for it.

Farmers Union pointed out the milk referendum will require only a simple majority to pass rather than a two-thirds vote of producers. Unless a farmer votes, the co-op or dairy serving the farm will be able to block vote using all members' uncast votes as it sees fit.

Farmers Union said the state secretary of agriculture has ultimate control of the promotion fund which may amount to

over \$9 million per year, rather than farmers. There will be an advisory committee appointed by farm groups and co-ops.

The checkoff will cost farmers between nine and ten cents per hundredweight on \$13 milk at the three-fourths percent rate. But the current proposal allows for the program to be increased as high as one percent, or 13 cents per cwt on the same

milk. So, it will average farmers \$1 a day for promotion.

In other action the group voted to support the Lancaster County voluntary ag preserve district concept, with the necessary amendments to Act 42, as a means of preserving ag land.

The proposal they supported basically is Amos Funk's ag district idea.

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## Lebanon celebrates successful Farm City Week

**BY SHEILA MILLER**

**PRESCOTT** — A crowd of 300 packed the Prescott Fire Hall on Thursday evening for the first Lebanon County Farm City Week banquet, culminating a week of successful communications between the farm and urban communities.

Lebanon County's celebration of Farm City Week preceded the National Farm City Week November

21-27. This year's national theme is Farm and City, Partners in Economic Progress — Key to the Future.

Lebanon County joins, for the first time, other organizations throughout the state who have been observing Farm City Week for a quarter of a century.

Sponsored by the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce, Farm City Week in

Lebanon County featured a farm equipment display and Sheep to Shawl contest last Friday evening at the Lebanon Plaza Mall. See story on page D-23.

In a poster contest for 3rd graders in five county school districts, more than 300 students created scenes of farm life. A winner was chosen from each of the districts during ceremonies.

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