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Highest selling calf at the Berks Dairy Calf Sale went for \$2325. It was donated by Linden-Loch Holsteins, Oley, and sold to Kevin Hertzog, Oley. With the calf are back left, Ernest Miller, chairman calf sale; Doty Remsburg and Denny Remsburg, auctioneers; front, Kevin Hertzog, Jim Shaw, and Wendy Shaw, who donated the animal. (See story page A40)

## Six local men to serve on task force

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Bob Walker announced Wednesday that six agricultural leaders from Pennsylvania's 16th Congressional District will serve on a National Task Force on Farm Export Expansion coordinated by the Agriculture Council of America.

Those agreeing to assist in this project include three farmers; James Hess, R1, Quarryville; Leroy Zimmerman, R1, East Earl; and Mack A. Reece, R1, Nottingham; as well as three representatives from agribusiness industries; Joseph Brown, Vice President and General Counsel to Sperry New Holland; Dale M. Weaver, Vice President of Victor F. Weaver, Inc., New Holland; and Tricia Breckenridge, Communications Specialist at Pennfield Feeds, Inc., Lancaster.

Congressman Walker said these leaders have been selected to participate in the nationwide U.S. Farm Export Education Project.

Its purpose is to develop a unified national plan to build a stronger U.S. economy through increased

farm exports in the 1980's," Walker explained.

Between now and the end of the year, the members of

the National Task Force will review "A Blueprint for U.S. Farm Export Expansion" (Turn to Page A13)

HERSHEY — Centre County dairyman Joseph Hartle, Jr. has been selected as the Grasslander of the Decade. He received his award during ceremonies at the 20th Anniversary Forage Conference, held here on Monday and Tuesday.

Recognizing forage farmers who are doing an outstanding job has become a tradition for the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council. During the 1970's, thirty farmers were named Outstanding Grassland Farmers in the annual Forage and Grassland Awards Program. From these individual producers, the selection of Grasslander of the Decade was made

Hartle, who was selected as a winner in 1975, has farmed side-by-side with his wife, Gladys, since the late 1950's. They were assisted in later years by their four daughters and son, working

as a family to make their farm a success.

After the purchase of their 115-acre farm in 1957, the



Joseph Hartle, Jr., left, of R4 Bellefonte, Centre County, accepts his trophy for Grasslander of the Decade from John Baylor, Penn State Extension Agronomist.

## PFA delegates pass dairy, tax measures

BY CURT HARLER  
HERSHEY — Pennsylvania Farmers' Association concluded its 30th annual meeting here Wednesday after voting in favor of a state dairy promotion package with provisions roughly the same as those now being considered by a 20-member board and establishing a school tax policy.

Delegates also voted to assess themselves an additional \$10 per year in dues, bringing the yearly fee to \$50.

Exact wording of those and other resolutions follows below.

PFA President Eugene Thompson set the tone of the meeting in his address to members Monday morning when he said, "It's decision time" on tax policy.

Noting the mood of the nation to cut government spending, he advised fellow farmers to look at agriculture's own business.

"Some areas of agriculture depend on government money for their existence," Thompson said. "We used democracy to get us into this fix — we can use it to get us out."

Thompson called on the delegates to "develop a fair tax policy."

He also said it was up to PFA to come to grips with ag land preservation.

"We will say how land will

be preserved when the legislature decides when to do it," he said.

Later the delegates heard Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell recount the successes of the most recent legislative session.

Hallowell told PFA delegates their organization had been instrumental in having many of the measures enacted.

Among successes cited was a revision of co-op laws which allows cooperatives to forgo annual audits by a certified public accountant, formation of a land condemnation board, a measure saying farmers do not have to fence cattle out of streams, and the milk security law.

Hallowell spoke of the (Turn to Page A28)

## 4-H'ers pack bags for Nat'l Congress

BY DEBBIE KOONTZ  
LANCASTER — This weekend 42 Pennsylvania 4-H members will arrive in Chicago for one of the most important events on the 4-H calendar — the National Congress at the Conrad Hilton, November 30 to December 4.

These members along with nearly 1800 other 4-H youth across the nation will represent over 5.2 million youth in 4-H and related programs in the 50 states, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

The Congress, now in its 59th year, annually recognizes the accomplishments of 4-H members and continues to

motivate members to achieve high standards of excellence, or, to expand their horizons.

Only 4-H members who have been named 1980 state winners in 4-H projects and activities may attend. Of those attending, 1,250 members will receive trips to Congress from national donors and about 450 will be receiving trips through state donors.

Among the 42 attending from Pennsylvania is Lucinda Risser, Lancaster County's state winner. Lucinda will take part in the gardening program and will vie for a national title.

But before national win- (Turn to Page A45)

## Hartle named Grasslander of Decade

Hartles went to work with a herd of 12 milk cows, "about all the land would support" according to Joe. In 1969, an adjacent farm of 130 acres was purchased, bringing the total farmland to 245 acres.

Of this acreage, 210 acres are cropland, 4 acres are permanent hayland, 18 acres are permanent pasture, with the remainder included in the farmstead and various other uses. The Hartles rent an additional 90 acres of cropland.

The Hartle's farm land consists mostly of Class I and II soils, and the soil type is a limestone soil called Hagerstown silt loam. To help control erosion on this valuable cropland, the Hartles farm on the contour with cross-slope strips and grass waterways.

About 110 acres of the cropland are in alfalfa and alfalfa-grass mixtures. Twenty acres of hayland are

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