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# Welcome to Farm Show '81

BY CURT HARLER

**FARM SHOW** — An 8 a.m. start Saturday morning for hog judging marks the beginning of the 65th annual Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Activities at the Show will continue through Friday, January 16 for a total of seven days and four nights of Farm Show action.

**LANCASTER FARMING's** special Farm Show pullout with hour-by-hour listing of show events, floor plan, and up-to-date exhibitor list begins on page D-21, but you'll want to read all of this largest-ever issue of the paper for full Farm Show coverage.

It's easy to get to the Farm Show from any place in Pennsylvania. The Complex is located just off Interstate 81 at Exit 23 (Cameron Street). Although admission to the building still is free, parking on the complex's 60-acre lot will cost \$1 per car.

The theme of this year's Show echoes the state's ag marketing program: "Pennsylvania Agriculture—We're Growing Better."

The hog show jumps the official opening of the show because of scheduling difficulties. Due to the pseudorabies scare in Pennsylvania, hogmen did not know until the last minute whether they would be able to compete at Farm Show. When they got the green light, Saturday was the only time they could be fit into the small arena.

The grand opening of Farm Show will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. in the 7600-seat Large Arena. The Governor once again will be offered the traditional giant snifter of milk by the state dairy princess. Other commodity queens will be on hand to display their products.

Traditional show-stopper is the naming of the Junior Champion Steer, slated for 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, con-

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## Old home week for 'Mann on spot'

**BY DICK ANGLESTEIN**  
**HARRISBURG** — From the top tier, he gazed down across the expansive, circular seating to the show area of the large arena — one of the physical symbols of the Farm Show.

A few workmen were putting the finishing touches to a final grooming of the arena's surface.

But in a few days, that surface will be churned constantly by the heavyweight elite of Pennsylvania farm livestock, ranging from the gracefully lumbering Clydesdales or Holsteins seemingly haphazardly splash painted from a palette with only two colors to the massive but docile baby beeves, the Cinderella animals of the show.

Slowly, the man's eyes move from the arena back up across the seating, now vacant and waiting.

"It's been like old home week for me," says Horace



Horace Mann

Mann, acting director of the State Farm Show.

What the twinkle in his eyes and smile in his voice disguise is that it's admittedly been a busy and hectic old home week.

"I'm seeing a lot of old friends and renewing acquaintances," he continues.

"Final preparations have been going real well and it should be another good show."

Although he only stepped back into the job on an acting basis a few weeks ago after an absence of nearly a decade, Mann views the job and the Farm Show as he always has.

"I've always looked at it from the standpoint of how I might help improve things," he explains.

Primarily, I try to keep in touch with the exhibitors. After all, it's their show. We should always be looking to how we can help them better promote our agricultural industry."

The acting head, who served as director from 1964 to 1972, regards one of the primary roles of the Farm Show as an educational tool for the general public.

In this view he ties together the director's task and the goal of the show.

"We must ask how best we can help exhibitors tell the story of Pennsylvania agriculture and particularly the rising costs of production to the public."

Answering this self-posed question takes Mann beyond

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## 1200 farmers turn out for no-till meeting

BY SHEILA MILLER

**LANCASTER** — The walls of the Host Farm auditorium were bulging at the seams Thursday as 1200 farmers from Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia and West Virginia gathered in Lancaster for the 7th Annual Mid-Atlantic No-till Conference.

Along with commercial exhibits displaying the latest in no-tillage equipment, the farmers heard from experts in the field on how and why to practice no tillage.

Donald Daum, Penn State Extension Engineer talked to the attentive crowd on proper herbicide spraying

for adequate weed control. And Stanley Gesell, Penn State Extension Entomologist discussed the problems and challenges of controlling the insect pest, the stalk borer, in corn.

The farmers learned how lucky they are to be growing crops in the U.S. in the 1980's as compared to Chinese farmers' operations. William Hinton, a Berks County farmer, author, and agricultural consultant to China, told of his work and experiences working with the Chinese farmer. He explained how the Chinese farmer practices various tillage operations, from no-

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## Residents dissect Manor land use plan

BY DEBBIE KOONTZ

**ROHRERSTOWN** — A proposed land use plan to keep 38 percent of Manor Township, Lancaster County, agricultural in nature was criticized and challenged by over 70 residents at the planning commission hearing Wednesday evening.

The proposed ordinance restricts development to three percent of any given farm or 60,000 square feet (which ever is greater) at the time of adoption of the provision.

It also would require farm buildings be erected a certain distance from residential housing.

The meeting, which began as a hearing for residents to voice their opinions, soon turned into a chaotic, divided session with no two parties agreeing on any two or more parts of the provision.

Even the farmers, the majority of the participants, divided into at least three groups.

Some farmers outside the proposed area seemed to feel that legal problems, especially hearings about easements, would be avoided.

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## After 44 years service

### Max Smith to retire

**LANCASTER** — "Since I am completing my 44th year with our Penn State Extension Service, I have decided it is about time for me to retire."

Pennsylvania's and Lancaster County's Senior County Extension Director M. Maxwell Smith told the Penn State Extension Service Wednesday of his plans to retire after two generations of service to county farmers.

"I plan to officially retire as Lancaster County Agricultural Extension Agent, and County Ex-

ension Director, effective Saturday, March 28, 1981," Smith said.

Smith was only the second person to hold the top Extension position in Lancaster County. He followed the late Dutch Bucher in the job in 1949. Smith started with the Extension Service in 1937. Service in 1937.

Smith's superior, James M. Beattie, head of the Penn State College of Agriculture and Extension Service Director, said he was "surprised but not shocked"

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