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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 pm on Thursday, con-

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cluding the junior market shows. Given the present economy, the results of Friday's bidding for the champion lambs, hogs and steers may turn out to be the real surprise - one way or the other.

Between the Saturday morning opener and the close Friday at 4 p m. there will be tons of other farm-related activities.

The state farm women, FFA members, dairymen's association, Christmas tree growers, corn growers, potato cooperative, maple producers, horse and mule association, and almost all of the breed associations, will hold annual meetings. In all, about 30 groups will meet in conjunction with Farm Show.

Food, at ever increasing prices, will be offered by members of statewide dairy, poultry, livestock, potato, honey, mushroom, vegetable, and horticulture associations as well as some church groups. Those looking for food for the spirit can find fresh or potted flowers at the florist association stand

Evening features Monday through Thursday night range from appearances by the Navy bluegrass band and Miss Pennsylvania on Monday, through the folk dance festival Tuesday, the horse pulling Wednesday, and the 3rd annual pony pull on Thursday

About 220 commercial exhibitors will display their wares, including everything a farmer could need from giant tractors to nuts, bolts and screws. In between those extremes will be exhibitors offering one-stop shopping for seed corn, dairy parlors, disposable boots, grain bins, cattle prods, silos, moisture meters, barns, newspapers, AI service, farrowing crates, manure spreaders, and more If Farm Show doesn't offer it, it probably doesn't

Showmen will be there in force. Over 4000 entries are registered in the hog, sheep, dairy and beef cattle, poultry, and horse classes offered at the Show. Exhibitors will vie for \$109,000 worth of prizes in 28 categories.

In addition there will be competition in the corn, preserves, tobacco, nuts, quilts, window displays, dressmaking, apples, and all of the other things which combine to make Farm Show the showplace of Pennsylvania farming.

Although a lucky few will win ribbons and prize money, most people attending Farm Show will go home somewhat lighter in the pocketbook. Still, they will go home richer in appreciation of the State's farm industry and better off for having taken time to see the 1981 Pennsylvania Farm

# Old home week for 'Mann on spot'

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN the top tier, he gazed down across the expansive, cir- vacant and waiting cular seating to the show 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 Mann, acting director of the HARRISBURG - From move from the arena back up across the seating, now

It's been like old home area of the large arena - one week for me," says Horace



**Horace Mann** 

State Farm Show

mittedly been a busy and hectic old home week

'I'm seeing a lot of old friends and renewing served as director from 1964 acquaintances," he conto 1972, regards one of the

"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. What the twinkle in his After all, it's their show We eyes and smile in his voice should always be looking to disguise is that it's ad- how we can help them better promote our agricultural

The acting head, who 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 controling 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-(Turn to Page A22)

### Residents dissect Manor land use plan

BY DEBBIE KOONTZ ROHRERSTOWN propered 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

Some farmers outside the proposed area seemed to feel that legal problems, especially hearings about expenses, 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 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 Extension 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. Beattre, head of the Penn State College of Agriculture and Extension Service Director, said he was "surprised but not shocked"

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