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4-H club honors Smith, retiring county agent

BY DEBBIE KOONTZ

LANCASTER — For forty-four years of guidance and leadership, the Red Rose 4-H Beef and Sheep Club paid a touching tribute to Max Smith, retiring county agent, at their annual banquet, Thursday,

at the Farm and Home Center.

"I was always proud to be a member of this club because it was always a good club. Because of our work together through the years, we've grown and we've all learned," Smith committed after being

presented a leather coat which he described as "sheep wool and skin."

Following his remarks, amidst a candle-lit room and soft piano music, five associates in the 4-H field honored Smith with humorous stories and fond memories.

Judy Zimmerman, Ephrata, retiring 4-H member, said she would always remember his rain coat and hat, his trademark.

Fred Linton, Quarryville, told Smith to "be awful careful that you're not busier after you retire than you were when you were working."

Beef and sheep club president, Sarah Brubaker, said, "We realize that each of us has been only a small part of your life, but in return you've been such a large part of ours."

Others paying tribute were Larry Weaver, 4-H leader, Elvin Hess whose son graduated from 4-H Thursday, and Gary Dean who is involved in 4-H judging.

Smith received a round of applause when it was announced that during his career, he was part of 16 champions, 15 reserve champions and 14 winning livestock teams at the Farm Show.

During the 4-H awards ceremony, Gerald Hess, Conestoga, scooped up three awards for his past year in 4-H. They were: a colored photograph of his steer for being county champion, an electric clock for county beef champion showman, and an award for reserve champion.

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Vegetable growers, fruit growers meet

BY SHEILA MILLER

HERSHEY — Fruit and vegetable growers, wine producers and grape growers, by the bushel and peck, turned out on Tuesday to Thursday here at the Convention Center for their associations' annual meetings.

Scores of experts in various fields were on hand to enlighten the groups on the latest in research and management in their areas of interest. Kicking off the three-day event was Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell, talking on the general agricultural economy in the state.

At the horticultural workshops, producers learned about consumer concerns and increasing production. Panels viewed their experiences in growing apples and other fruit, while specialists made recommendations on proper land use planning, mechanical harvesting, pest management, along with what the best varieties are and how to plant them for top

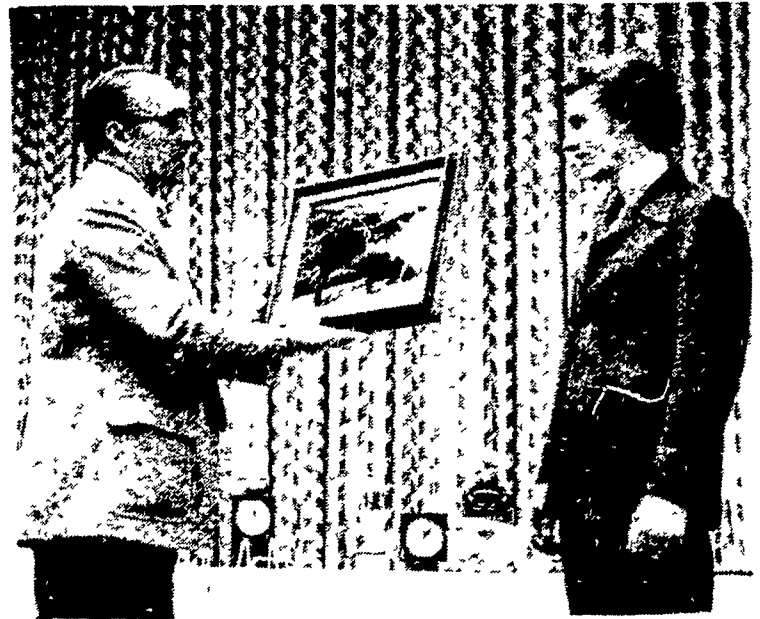
results.

The story was similar in the vegetable and grape growers sessions. Producers heard updates and panel discussions on the latest in harvesting methods along with disease and insect controls. Cultural practices effecting the total yields and methods of budgeting production costs held the groups' attentions.

The meetings were highlighted by the presentation of awards and the crowning of queens. The latest vintages of wines were sniffed and sipped for their bouquet and quality.

As participants crunched apples and polished off gallons of apple cider and tomato juice, they shared experiences and ideas and visited exhibits displaying the latest in fruit and vegetable varieties, machinery, and all the necessities of the packing, processing and growing business.

For highlights of the meetings, turn the pages of this week's issue



Gerald Hess receives a colored photograph of his steer, the county champion, at the annual 4-H beef and sheep banquet. Presenting the award is Max Smith, retiring county agent, who himself was honored at the ceremony.

2 dairymen receive Young Farmer honors

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

MARIETTA — Farming practices — their success and efficiency — play a sizable role in the selection of an Outstanding Young Farmer.

In the case of Irwin Engle, R1 Marietta, who was selected along with fellow dairyman, Joseph Wivell, R3 Columbia, to this honor, such practices can range from the more unique and unusual, which

might be experienced only a single time, to planned, long-range programs of operational improvement.

Engle and Wivell, both members of the Elizabethtown Young Farmers Chapter, have been selected as regional Outstanding Young Farmers. More information on Wivell can be found on page 1.

Among the more unusual recent farming practices of Engle is the likely distinction of being the last farmer to bale hay in 1980 and the first to resume this normal summertime chore in 1981.

"People who drove past the farm in mid-December and mid-January probably thought I was baling bedding," Engle explained.

But as it turned out, it was some real good alfalfa, which we're feeding to the young heifers."

The alfalfa was cut in mid-November immediately after the first killing frost. About half, or some 250 bales, was baled on December 15. An afternoon snow halted the baling at the midway point.

The final 250 bales were finally made on January 24 while the ground was still frozen.

Engle just got an analysis back on the final batch of bales. It tested out to 22.6 percent crude protein on a dry matter basis.

"The leaves stayed on and it looked real nice," Engle said.

"The top was a little brown, but it was nice and green underneath. The heifers really relish it and there's not a bit of waste."

Engle's wife, Grace, has a name for the mid-January hay.

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Pa. is in line for second land grant school

BY CURT HARLER

OXFORD — Pennsylvania could have its second land grant University before July 1.

Lincoln University, located just

East of Oxford in Chester County, is in position to become a land grant school by that time.

K. Leroy Irvis, the powerful Pittsburgh Democrat, is spon-

soring HB 2616 which would give Lincoln University land grant status under the federal act of 1890. Irvis has over a dozen co-sponsors for the measure which presently is in the appropriations committee.

Both Herman R. Branson, president of the predominantly black Lincoln University, and observers in other states which currently have black land grant schools, say there should be few conflicts between any 1890 land grant school and any 1862 land grant school. Pennsylvania's 1862 school is Penn State University.

Should the Pennsylvania legislature approve HB 2616 and the governor sign it, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education would get a copy of the measure. At that time Lincoln University would be eligible for federal funding.

"The last I heard it could mean \$750,000 for us," Branson said. That would represent about one-fifteenth of the University's current operating budget.

Branson said the funds would be used to fund programs in nutrition, home economics, human resources, human development, and consumer programs.

He said there probably will be little production agricultural

research conducted outside of what would be done by the chemistry department.

He explained Lincoln University is not going into widespread agricultural research, preferring to leave it to ag businesses.

Plus, he noted, the percentage of people in production agriculture is almost minuscule and the University plans to put its efforts where they will benefit the greatest number of people.

Branson said he hopes the measure making Lincoln University a land grant school will be in Washington, DC to the Education Department by July 1, 1981.

The bill has the support of the black college association, leaders in the house of representatives, and many state politicians, Branson said.

Lincoln University is noted primarily as a black school.

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LF modernizes its format

Readers will notice several changes this week in Lancaster Farming. Most obvious will be the wider columns in the news stories on most pages including page 1.

There will be five columns of news at the top of each page rather than six. The five column format won't eliminate any stories.

Reader research shows our new column width is easier to read, more pleasing to the eye. Photographs, in general, can be larger and better displayed.

The editors will attempt to keep regular features right where they were. But because of the change in column width some items, especially the markets, will be in slightly different locations this week and in the future. We will try to keep them snug in their new locations and not have them bounce around any more.

The index, at the bottom of this page, takes on a new, easier-to-read look.

We have added a new cartoon called Hay Haws. It debuts on page 10. - RGC

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