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reduced, it would reduce the need for lawyers to get the cases through the judicial system and would therefore save money and lives

Ranck said the "habit" of giving probation for a first burglary offense is encouraging many young people to "go into the business" he added We should stop giving probation and give jail time even as a first offender "

Reporting on behalf of the 4-H program, Joanne Enders, organizational leader for the Mountville Community 4-H Club, called the 4-H program "exciting, unique and rewarding" Mrs Enders said that it was a unique program because it appeals to a wide age span and offers coeducational opportunity which facilitates positive interaction among youth She said, "It is a sound program, based on knowing, feeling and doing What better philosophy than to learn by doing?"

Mrs Enders said 4-H offers the feeling of self-worth and a feeling of achievement for its members as well as teaching personal commitment and an ability to follow through

She called the program unique in that it teaches "young people how to handle competition constructively and very creatively" The wide variety of projects and their flexibility is another unique feature of this youth program, according to Mrs Enders

Giving credit to the understanding, dedicated and well-trained staff," Mrs Enders said individual leaders can assess the needs of their area and develop a program which meets those needs She added, "It gives skills necessary to live life and to use and enjoy the world and find time for happiness "

Saying that an estimated \$6 50 is spend per member per year, Mrs Enders says it is a good investment as a "preventative measure" in developing good citizens

Opal Ruhl, president of the county's 33 Farm Women Societies, said "Many of our members are touched by programs offered by the extension service" She cited the newsletter, individual classes, the Christmas in October programs as examples of ways in which the extension program "enriches the lives of all persons "

Larry Weaver, livestock



Newly elected members of the Extension Board include (From left) Robert Kindig, Conestoga R1; Katherine Fry, Manheim R7; Carlton Groff, Kirkwood; Doris Zimmerman, Ephrata R1; and Kenneth Meck, Willow Street R1.

Swine producers

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the Junior division and once in the Senior division In 1979, he exhibited the grand champion market hog in the county.

Beam, a senior at Twin Valley High School, Morgantown, is presently employed on his father's commercial farrow-to-finish operation His responsibilities as over-all herdsman for the 60-sow operation include record-keeping for farrowings, feeding rations, and breeding cycles Along with his barn duties, Beam also helps with crop work

After graduation, Beam plans to attend Penn State, majoring in Animal Production He hopes to return to the home farm after college and continue building a successful swine operation

Presenting the production test

awards for best evaluation on-foot and on-rail was Max Smith, Lancaster County Extension Agent

The on-foot award went to Mark Nestleroth of Dutch Valley Farms, Manheim, for his top score of 42.7 out of a possible 50 points Kreider Mum Farm received the carcass award with a score of 58.56 percent red meat on their entry

Following his presentations, Smith also received an award from the Association's president, Abe Fisher. Noting the retiring County Agent said he plans to have a small garden as a hobby, the Swine Producers' chief rewarded Smith's dedication and service over the years with a small, but potent, supply of liquid hog manure — just dipped from the pit —SM

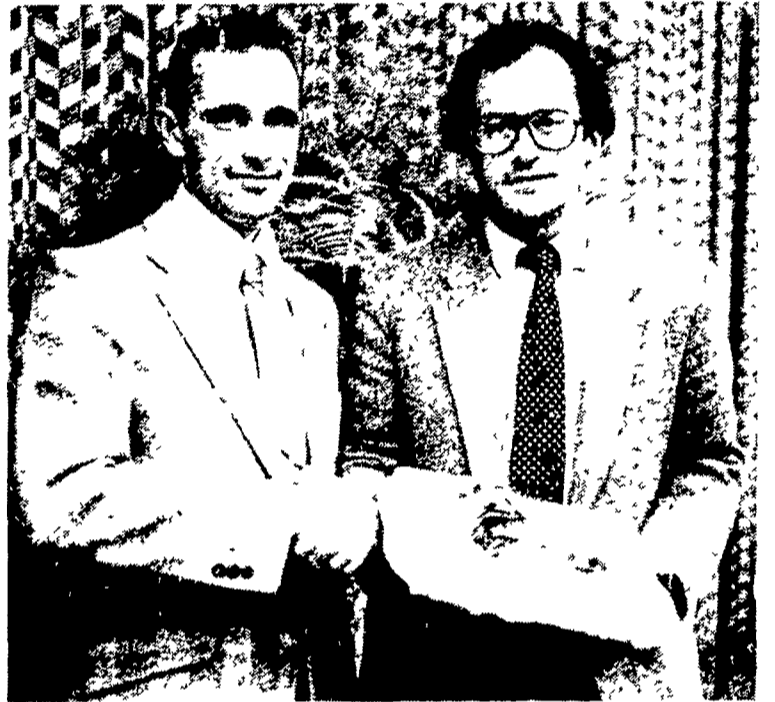
producer and former 4-H member, said, "A nation is only as prosperous as its agriculture Extension plays a big part in this prosperity "

Weaver pointed out that agriculture is big business and that in 1979 farms in Lancaster County produced products worth \$560,000,000 totaling one-eighth of the state's total value of agricultural products He said, "In addition to producing food, we provide jobs for the many other necessary services We have both the supply and demand, and the rural atmosphere of Lancaster County and the work ethic makes it attractive to others "

Weaver also noted that the real estate which provides the riches also provides a large tax base which requires few services

He said the need for services from the Extension office will continue to grow. Complimenting the Extension Service for providing up-to-date information on current problems as they arise,

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Extension Board President Donald Hershey, left, presents District Attorney Michael Ranck with a platter of Lancaster County products.

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