

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, March 21, 1981

\$7.50 Per Year



The Charles family, from right, James, Mr. and Mrs. Ray H. Charles, were honored as Lancaster's Outstanding Conservation Cooperators at Thursday's banquet. Presenting the aerial picture of the Charles farm is Technician Abner Houseknecht.

Economist addresses Eastern Co-op farmers

BY DEBBIE KOONTZ

BLUE BALL - "You're going to make money this year, but you're not going to get rich by a long, long shot," Joe Mathis, economist for the Eastern Milk Producer's Cooperative Assn. told over 40 area farmers who gathered Thursday at the Blue Ball Fire Hall.

"We're looking at a year similar to what we had last year The milkcheck is not going to go up as the bills come in," he added "On the average, your prices are not going to go up as much as the cost of production."

Offering the farmers what he termed a "run down on where the cooperative stands at this point." he discussed farm news from Washington as well as production rates of participating farmers

"As you know, Reagan is in the process of cutting the budget \$48.6 billion. Of this number, \$3 4 billion

hoping to cut the school lunch program by as much as \$26 billion," he added

Moving from discussion on Washington to how farmers stand locally, Mathis offered the farmers some comparisons of last year's farm rates, adding that a big problem right now may be handling excess milk due to over production.

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Conservation district honors outstanding cooperators

BY CURT HARLER INTERCOURSE — The Lan caster County Conservation District presented four awards at its annual meeting Thursday night

In addition, the 205 guests at the 30th annual banquet were told by the man who designed the Mason Dixon Farms methane generator that farms can become energy self-sufficient today

Roy H and James Charles Millersville, were cited as the 1980 Outstanding Conservation Cooperators by the District. Award was presented by District Technician Abner J Houseknecht

From a farm which admittedly had some bad washing and gully problems in the early 1970s, the Charles opereration has grown to a model of conservation practices

Details of their conservation program begin on page A20.

High Properties' Greenfield Industrial Part was cited as the County's outstanding storm water management program.

Designed in 1973 by Huth Engineers Inc , the East Lampeter Township project essentially was complete by 1975. Although the system looked good on paper, it was not until more recently that it proved its value after several buildings were erected and it still performed according to design

which otherwise would spill into education programs at the Stauffer Run.

Raymond G Herr presented the sessions. award to the owners of the industrial park, the design engineers, and the township

Outstanding service awards were presented to Sonia Shaner and Nancy Burkhart by County Commissioner James E. Huber.

Shaner, a Warwick vo-ag

storage capacity for excess runoff teacher, was cited for her help with county's summer conservation

> Burkhart, the SCS office's friendly phone voice and secretary-treasurer of the District, was honored for her 15 years service to SCS.

Featured speaker John R Sheaffer, is a native of Lancaster (Turn to Page A30)

Favorable operation reported by Lehigh

BY VIVIAN PALIL. Staff Correspondent

LANCASTER — Lehigh Valley Farmers, holding its first annual meeting since its formation last summer, reported favorable results for its first eight months of operation.

General Manager William Stout told more than 400 producers the Co-op had an operating margin of \$74,000. In addition, Stout said Lehigh Valley Farmers also holds \$675,000 worth of equity in Atlantic Processing, Inc., to which Lehigh sells its milk.

A detailed financial statement is The most obvious feature of the expected within a few weeks when system is a series of three con- the annual report is released. It trolled outlet ponds which provide was explained that farmers

shipped 332 million pounds of milk during the eight months for which they were paid \$45.5 million. Both Stout and Board President

Alpheus Ruth expressed optimism about the Co-op's early performance and about its future. They said they hope to acquire 300 new shippers before the end of 1981.

The new member drive will coincide with several important improvements to the incentive

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Bangs indemnity falls short for local dairyman

BY SHEILA MILLER

COCHRANVILLE – 'It's like working 10 years for a dead horse," said David King, dairy from Cochranville rarmer cerning his current plight with brucellosis and government red tape.

It the herd depopulation goes through, it will bring to a sad close a situation that has been dragging its heels in the King barn since last July.

We could still ship the milk because it's allright as long as it's pasteurized. But we weren't allowed to drink it raw

My youngest boy, Gerald, like

will be in agriculture. So if things go as projected, almost nine percent of the whole budget cut will come in agriculture," he said

Two big programs to be cut are the milk price support program and the school lunch and nutrition program according to Mathis

"They (the administration) are

Beginning next week, King said he will be depleting what's left of his original 75 head grade Holstein milking string, along with 52 bred heifers.

Area Holstein breeders active

at MGM Grand Sale in Nevada

King recalled how the brucellosis, also called Bang's disease, was postively identified in his herd last summer.

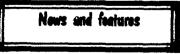
"The milk company we ship to took a ring sample of our milk and discovered brucella We had to quit using the milk," King said.

the rest of us, had the habit of dipping some milk when he got thirsty during milking. Unfortunately, it was discovered he got brucellosis - he started getting tired so we took him to the hospital for blood tests last December The doctors put him on medication, and he's getting better None of the rest of us got it "

What is brucellosis '

According to Paul Becton, director of the national brucellosis eradication program for USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, brucellosis "is an easily spread bacterial disease of cattle, swine and other animals that may be transmitted from animals to human beings ... The disease costs U.S. cattle owners about \$45 million annually in reduced calf crops and lower milk yields brought on by abortions, weak calves and slow breeding

According to King, last summer was the first time he ever ex-(Turn to Mage A22)



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BY DICK ANGLESTEIN LANCASTER — Earl C. Stauffer, R1 Ephrata, sold a Holstein calf to J. Mowery Frey, of Willow Street.

But before the 10-month-old calf could make the approximate 20mile move from Sunny Craft Farm in northern Lancaster County to Fultonway Farm in the southern section, she traveled more than 5200 miles to and from Reno, Nev., and basked in the glamor and

glitter of the resort town that is usually reserved for show business celebrities.

The young heifer was just one of a number of top Holstein breeding stock that moved into and out of Lancaster County herds through the sale ring of the MGM Grand Holstein Sale held earlier this month in Reno.

In all, transactions involving Lancaster County area breeders at the sale held before an audience of

some 2000 in the ballroom of the MGM Grand Hotel, totaled more than \$140,000.

Average sale price for the approximate 100 head that went through the ring topped \$8500.

The MGM Sale is a bit different from the customary county sale you expect to see at New Holland, Vintage or even the Guernsey Sales Pavilion Held for only the second time on March 6, it is

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