

PFA women hear animal rights issues

HERSHEY — Pennsylvania Farmers' Association Women's Committee President Nellie Crawford, Juniata County, announced that "it's time for the women of PFA to become more

active". She was addressing the group during the PFA annual meeting held here this week. As part of their involvement in key agricultural issues, the women sponsored a panel discussion of

animal rights — featuring various experts in the field of animal husbandry and behavior.

A USDA veterinarian, Dr. Dale Schwindaman, spoke to the group about his involvement in writing the regulations and amendments of the Laboratory and Animal Welfare Acts and the history of this type of legislation on the national level.

Schwindaman announced that USDA recently has been given \$380,000 for research related to animal welfare. These funds will be used to study present animal husbandry practices in an effort to determine statistics and facts to present to Congress on whether there is a problem.

According to the APHIS vet,

legislation on animal welfare has been on the books since the late 1800s. The early regulations governed the rail and water transport of livestock and required that animals be fed, watered, and rested at intervals of 28 hours. The time period, in reality, was 36 hours, Schwindaman explained, (Turn to Page A34)

PFA presents awards

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Tioga/Potter, Fulton, Huntingdon, Butler, Elk, Jefferson, Columbia, Luzerne, Susquehanna, and Wyoming/Lackawanna.

PFA's 'Distinguished Service Award' was presented posthumously to Taylor A. Doebler Sr., Lycoming County. Doebler was recognized as a pioneer in the development of modern hybrid seed corn for the Northeast.

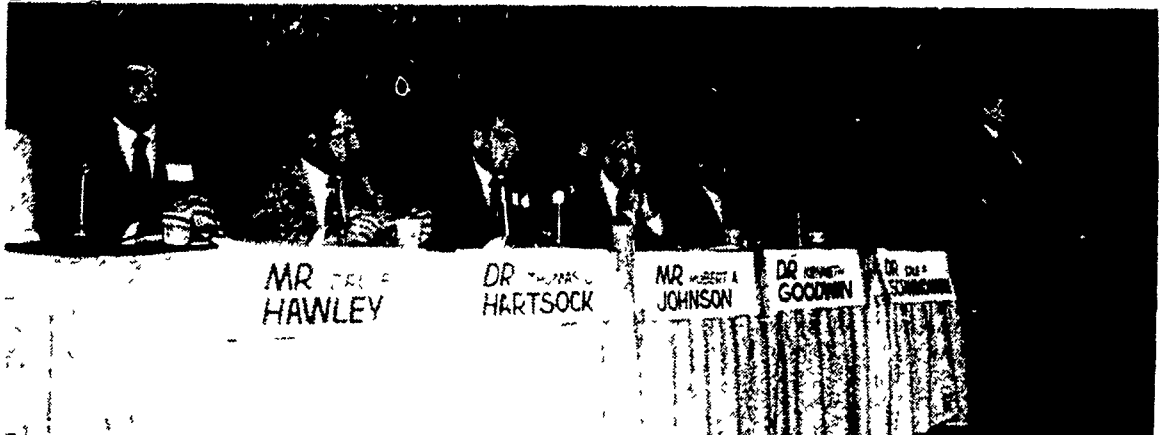
PFA President Keith Eckel presented the award to Doebler's son, Taylor A. Doebler Jr. on Tuesday evening.

Doebler, who died Sept. 16, founded T. A. Doebler and Son, Doebler's Pennsylvania Hybrids Inc. and the Pine Creek Seed Farm which research and produce seed

corn for distribution in the Northeast.

The seed corn pioneer was active in his farm community and was interested in conservation. He organized the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee in Clinton County and was a committee member from 1940 to 1949. Doebler also helped organize the Clinton County Conservation District in 1956 and was appointed to the state conservation committee in 1967.

Doebler's interest in hybrid seed corn research began in 1937 at the Pine Creek Farm. Over the years, he provided test plot land for Penn State researchers and served as a member of the ag research advisory council at the University.

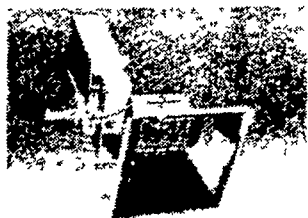


The PFA Women's Committee sponsored a panel discussion on the animal rights issue during Tuesday's annual meeting program. They heard from various experts, including

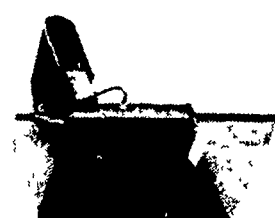
animal behaviorists, an APHIS veterinarian, AFBF political lobbyist, and a representative of the Massachusetts SPCA.

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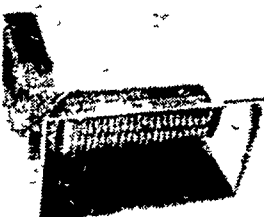
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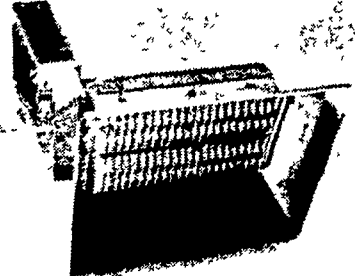
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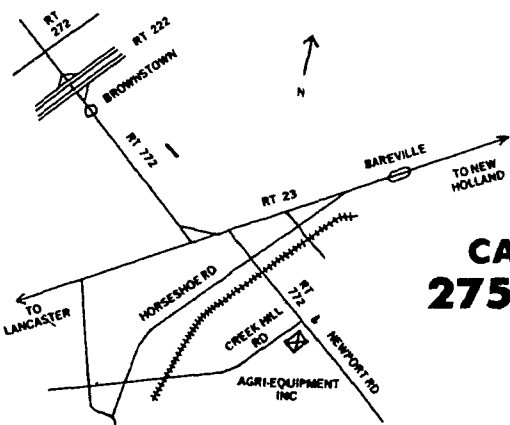


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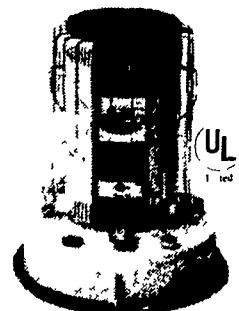
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