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Century Farms, Max Smith honored

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

SMOKE TOWN — Four Lancaster County Century Farm families and retired County Agent Max Smith, who served nearly half that long, were honored Wednesday night at the fifth annual Agricultural-Industry Banquet.

The honor was no surprise to the attending current generations of the four farm families. After all, it's taken at least 100 years of family tradition, hard work and progress to achieve the century laurels.

But the added recognition for Smith came as something of a surprise to the "Dean of County Extension Agents."

As Smith quipped in coming to the podium to accept the handsome plaque from State Ag Sec. Penrose Hallowell and Gov. Dick Thornburgh.

"I thought we were all finished with these kinds of things last Spring."

And it was Smith, who acted as emcee for the honoring of the farm families, including John H. and Mabel C. Hershey, R1, Marietta; Frey's Dairy Farms, R2, Conestoga; J. Robert and R. Naomi Spahr, Neffsville; and Mark and Hazel Nestleroth, R5, Manheim. (For more information and photos of the Century Farms, turn to Pages A26 and 29).

In addressing the capacity crowd of more than 400 at the

banquet at the Good 'n Plenty Restaurant, Governor Thornburgh praised the dignity, hard work and individual enterprise of the Lan-

caster County farm community while calling for action on his state reform proposals in three main areas — welfare, spending cuts

combined with business tax incentives, and an all-out attack on crime.

His triple call for action brought

ample applause of approval from the audience at the banquet sponsored by the Agriculture Committee, of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

"Pennsylvania has become a welfare haven for able-bodied people who should be taking care of themselves," Thornburgh said.

His welfare reforms call for single, able-bodied, employable adults with no dependents to be phased out of the state's general assistance program and into job placement and training programs. Savings would then be used to increase aid to the legitimately needy.

Turning to the economy, Thornburgh asked that "Reaganomics be given a chance."

"I can't guarantee that it's going to work," he said.

"But I can guarantee that it will fail if not given a chance."

"And let's tighten the state's belt yet another notch and get approval for state business tax incentives."

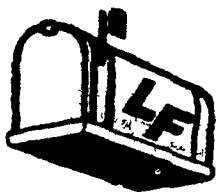
His proposals in this area specifically cite a 10 percent across-the-board cut in state spending and adding state tax incentives for business investment to complement similar incentives at the federal level.

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Flanking Max Smith, retired Lancaster County agent who was honored Wednesday night at Ag-Industry Century Farms Banquet, are Penrose Hallowell, left, State Sec. of Agriculture, and Governor Dick Thornburgh.

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State cancels Expo; but animal sales on

HARRISBURG — There will be no Farm Equipment Exposition at the Farm Show Complex in March, 1982.

The Equipment Expo, which has been steadily withering on the vine since first held in 1979, has fallen victim to its proximity to the mid-January Farm Show and the current agricultural economy which has cut into the display dollars being spent by exhibitors.

"There will be no Expo this coming March," Horace Mann, of the Farm Show Commission, said this week.

"Its future status is entirely in limbo."

Mann added that a look may be

taken at another time of the year, but there is nothing definite at this time

While the Expo will not be held, plans are moving ahead on a number of the livestock events which had been held in conjunction with the Expo in the past.

Both the Pennsylvania Angus Association and the Pennsylvania Cooperative Swine Breeders Association are reportedly close to final decisions on holding sales.

The Angus people returned to the Farm Show Complex last year at the Expo and the Swine Breeders have held their Keystone Classic

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Dep. Ag. Sec. forecasts veto

BY DONNA TOMMELLEO

LANCASTER — Within days after the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives agriculture committee conferees agreed on dairy support levels, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Richard

Lyng announced Thursday that the dairy provisions will probably encounter a presidential veto.

"The conference committee has adopted a position on dairy that we find unacceptable," Lyng said before the Annual Meeting of Inter-

State Milk Producers' Cooperative.

Lyng explained that the dairy title was just one of 18 titles the conference committee has to settle in the turbulent Farm Bill. The wheat title remains unresolved as does feed grains, meat imports and an emergency loan title.

The agreed on dairy support calls for a support price of \$13.10 per hundredweight of milk testing 3.67 percent butterfat and \$12.80 for milk adjusted to 3.5 percent butterfat for the current marketing year. The parity level of

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Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng delivers his somber message Thursday night that President Reagan will probably veto current dairy price support levels. Lyng was a keynote speaker during Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative 64th Annual Meeting.