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people who keep our economy going."

Concerning the Water Bill, Wenger conceded that parts of the controversial bill were good. "D.E.R. should have done a study, and only that, first," he commented.

"This legislation puts state bureaucrats, who are not always known to be sensitive to local needs, in charge of local resources." He noted that even though there is a growing concern among Pennsylvania citizens about the possibilities of water shortages and droughts, Wenger said that, "on weighing the choice between weather and bureaucrats, 'maybe we're better off taking our chances with the weather.'"

Speaking on Senate actions, Sonntag spoke to the group of Lebanon County farmers about hazardous waste site recommendations.

"Business has got to find a place to put hazardous waste, and agriculture has to have a hand in it. Business will be looking to rural areas as the easiest places to get rid of the waste, resulting in a serious impact on agriculture," he said.

To deal with the problem, Sonntag announced that Senator Helfrick's committee will be looking at tagging a clause onto Act 43 which would prohibit hazardous waste sites to be located in agricultural districts.

He also noted the bill which would exempt manure storage structures from real estate taxes is currently on the House floor, awaiting the vote which could send

it off to the Governor's office for signing into law.

On the lighter side of the Farm-City celebration, four spinning and weaving teams competed in the second annual Sheep to Shawl contest. The first place shawl was created by a four-woman team called Ewes, Limited. The team included Vivian Lord and Nancy Meyer of Millersville, and Pat Nelson and Margaret Wadeck of Washington Boro.

The team completed their 77-inches long, 22-inches wide winner in just 94 minutes. The design of the shawl was a canvas weave with rhubarb-hue hand dyed wool accenting the natural fibers. The champion shawl brought a bid of \$180 from Pat Houser, Lebanon.

Ridley Creek Craft Guild created the second place shawl in 81 minutes. The team of Emily Nelson, of Glen Mills, Lynn Henderson, Nancy Krivanek and Mary Lou Van Scoter wove a Swedish-lace folk pattern that was developed in Chester County by the Swedes who settled there. The 80-inches long shawl sold to Tressie Caton, Reading, for \$200.

Taking third place in the contest were the Fiber Fanatics, with team captain Ginny Leber of Camp Hill; Jane Eggleston, Harrisburg; Sharen Worley, New Cumberland; and Ruth Clark, Camp Hill. This lavender-hued shawl matched the outfit of buyer Sandy Bachman, Anville, who's bid of \$160 bought the hand-woven wrap.

Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Chet Heim was on hand to boost the bidding of the final shawl to the top price of \$220. Created by the Fancy Flock Flyers' team captain Carol

Buskirk, Linglestown, along with Dianne Dilger, Lebanon; Jimmie Hepford, Harrisburg; and Alice Winner, Grantville, the natural-color shawl was purchased by Sandy Plummer, Lebanon.

The sheep shearer for the contest was Lebanon Countian Ben Bow.

Keeping the crowd at the Farm-City banquet in stitches, the job exchange participants shared some of their day-on-and-off-the-farm experiences.

First on the-program to divulge his eye-opening revelation of what farming involves was Bethlehem Steel's Lynn Rankin.

"I had to make a decision on whether to take a day's vacation before I went to the farm in order to rest up, or after I came back from the farm to recuperate," Rankin quipped. He commented on the early hours that dairy farmers keep, with the day starting at 5 a.m. when Leroy Geesaman

brought in the cows. "Then we jumped in the pickup, while the boys did the milking, and we went to visit the neighbors," laughed Rankin.

In his final comments, Rankin exclaimed that "farming has come a long way. All the capital it takes to run a farm parallels the steel business. Today farming is a scientific field."

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The tasks of farming and business were shared by this year's Lebanon Farm-City Week job exchange participants during Thursday's banquet. Taking a break from their tough day on the farm are, seated from left, Howard

Boose, Alcoa; Lynn Rankin, Bethlehem Steel; and Jim Meluskey, Ace Aluminum. No worse for wear, the farmers included, from left, Cyrus Bomberger, Leroy Gessaman, and Hershey Bare.

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