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over one-third of U.S. production. This under-priced grain goes to such wealthy trade competitors as Japan and OPEC countries, and even the Soviet Union.

"It is fitting that this is a ื Thanksgiving petition. Let's be more responsible and respectful of God's gifts. Present policies are destroying both family farm agriculture and our irreplaceable topsoil. We are not mindless of the world's hungry. U.S. grain sold to poor countries at low prices discourages their agriculture.

"A proposal by Congressman Weaver, of Oregon, would have authorized setting a floor price on grain exports. It was defeated in the House of Representatives on October 20, after opposition from the Department of Agriculture and multi-national grain traders. We urgently petition the administration and the Congress to reconsider the facts of our

agricultural and expert policies that make the Weaver proposal so important.

Don Deichman Washington, D.C. Liaison American Agriculture Movement of Missouri

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Thornburgh attacked an atmosphere of predatory crime "that puts fear into the law-abiding citizen and not the criminal."

"Criminals must know that they will pay for their acts," the governor said, "and that they will not be able to return to the streets Laddonia, MO to repeat those acts."

## Who's tops in ag lending?

An article written by Dick Anglestein appeared in your October 24, 1981 edition, which was of great interest to us.

The article was entitled, "American Bank Now Top Ag Lender". The headline is not only misleading but it is not accurate. We are sure Mr. Anglestein intended to refer to the American Bank as the top agricultural lender among commercial banks. To assume that such a conclusion can be reached by your readers based on the contents of the article could possibly be assuming too much.

The Farm Credit Service is the largest agricultural lender in Pennsylvania. There are nine Farm Credit Associations in Pennsylvania with outstanding agricultural loans as of June 30, 1981 in excess of \$825 million dollars As you can see, this far exceeds American Bank's total agricultural loans of \$80 million dollars. In tact, six of the nine Pennsylvania Associations individually have agricultural loans outstanding in excess of \$80 million

We congratulate American Bank for their progress, however, we feel that it is important to Farm Credit employees, member borrowers and the farm community as a whole, to set the record straight.

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## **Century Farms**

In arriving at the banquet, Governor Thornburgh was greeted by several picketing protestors opposing the restart of Three-Mile-Island.

In remarks prior to the Governor, Secretary Hallowell paid tribute to the achievements of Lancaster County agriculture.

But not everything is bright though," he warned, "we must work to make things ever brighter in the future."

He cited such ag clouds as the closing of places like Penn Packing, Cross Bros., a Sealtest milk plant and a mushroom operation.

As a dairyman, Hallowell injected an indirect plug for the stalled State Milk Promotional Program.

"If we produce something, we must work to sell it and sell it at a profit," he said.

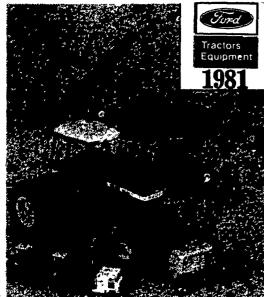
Also participating in the program were Darvin Boyd, Chairman of the Agriculture Committee; and Dan Dilley, Master of Ceremonies.



Max Smith expresses amazement of precise moment it's announced he's surprise honoree; while his wife, Ruth, shows

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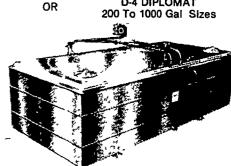
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