

Cumberland Co. farmers and businessmen share breakfast, ideas

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CARLISLE — As the adage proclaims, "the early bird catches the worm." Well, the early birds who attended the Cumberland County Farm-City breakfast did catch a rather delicious 'worm' when a plate of juicy hot ham, steaming eggs and oversized blueberry muffins was placed before them.

One city dweller remarked, "This was worth getting out of bed for." And the farmer sitting beside him commented, "This is a real country breakfast."

The country breakfast was delicious, but was merely an introduction to the purpose of the morning meeting.

Duane Duncan, Cumberland County Agent, stated that this "morning gathering" had been taking place for a number of years acquainting the city workers, bankers, lawyers, and county officials with the county farmers. He added, "The meeting also offers a glimpse of the goals and accomplishments of the Agriculture Extension Service to its tax paying public."

With this purpose in mind, Cumberland County 4-H Agent, Alan Wentz, told the group about a recent 4-H activity that incorporated the services of county officials and 4-H'ers for a better

understanding of the juvenile justice system in our county. During the two day session, Wentz and the 4-H'ers learned about the many facets of the juvenile system — the personnel and what they do, how the judge makes decisions, the costs of the system and rehabilitation procedures.

Now, with a better understanding of the system, the 4-H'ers organized a mock trial with the assistance of the probation supervisor, district attorney, public defender and judge.

Wentz stated, "With the knowledge the 4-H'ers have gained from the program, it is now possible for them to help correct their peers who are veering towards a life in crime."

Wentz concluded, "4-H isn't all cows and cooking" as many people think; it is a youth organization diversified in many areas. 4-H'ers are the adults of the future and are interested, knowledgeable and dedicated in promoting the farming community and making the city world a better place to live."

Agent Duane Duncan explained another aspect of the Extension Service programs that help the farmer and city person in the county.

One of these programs is the Dairy Herd Improvement Association. The Extension Service promotes the benefits of the

association through educational programs to the dairymen and businessmen. Duncan stated that DHIA Program tests the farmers milk, assists the farmer in calculating feed needs according to production, offers life history records of cows and helps merchandise top breeding stock.

Cumberland County has 6,500 cows in the program and each of these cows stated Duncan are milking an average of 15,000 pounds a year. "Some people will ask how does this help the businessman?" remarked Duncan.

The farmers with the 6,500 cows will support the grain mills for top quality feed, the breeding business will be offering the best possible sires to these farmers and buyers from all over the world have brought international commerce and trade to Cumberland County, he explained.

"These are just a few of the ways the farmers and businessmen are working together for the enrichment of both worlds," stated Duncan.

Duncan closed the program by handing out a Cumberland County Dairy Fact sheet. The sheet contained this information:

- * Last year the average cow on DHIA produced 7½ tons of milk;
- * Cumberland County dairy

- animals produced 125 million quarts of milk last year;
- * There are 400 dairy farms in Cumberland County;
- * It costs the farmer \$838 to feed the average cow on DHIA for one

- year;
- * Cumberland ranks 7th among the 67 counties in milk production, and
- * Pennsylvania ranks 5th among the 50 states in milk production.

USDA extends grain warehouse comment period

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has extended until Dec. 16 the deadline for receiving comments on three proposed changes in regulations governing warehouses that store grain which is owned by the Commodity Credit Corporation or which serves as collateral for CCC loans.

According to CCC executive vice president Everett Rank, the comment period is being extended 30 days so everyone will have an opportunity to offer alternative procedures or other suggestions. The three proposals made by USDA's grain elevator task force would amend regulations governing CCC grain storage contracts by:

- requiring warehouses to furnish CCC an annual financial

statement which has been examined by an independent certified public accountant. In addition, the warehouse would have to submit a copy of the CPA's audit report, prepared in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, of its financial statement.

—deleting the provision that the net worth of the warehouse need not exceed \$250,000 and changing rate used in calculating the net worth requirement with respect to grain warehouses.

—permitting warehouses to furnish CCC an irrevocable letter of credit as security to meet such net worth requirements.

Comments should be sent to Paul W. King, acting director, transportation and storage division, ASCS-USDA, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C., 20013.

Nat'l Grange

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IL were selected 1982 National Grange Youth Couple of the Year, National Prince and National Princess. The announcement came at a Youth Coronation Pageant last Saturday at Riverpark Center.

Runners-up were James and Sarah Grafton, Columbus, OH, Tom Gwin, Hoquiam, WA, and Carol Grubb, Greentown, Ohio.

The Crumplers are graduates of Washington State University, have two children and are active in community affairs. Brad is a farmer and Sarah, a piano teacher. Both are members of Half-Moon Grange.

Clark, who was selected National Grange Prince, is 18 years old, member of Eknok Grange, a former FFA district vice president and is assistant manager of Iron Mountain Farm. National Princess Purcell is a 19 year old sophomore at Illinois

State University where she is majoring in special education. She is a member of Hopewell Grange.

On Friday, Nov. 13, musical and variety performers representing their state granges competed in a Family Musical Contest and Talent Finals. Winners in the family musical were vocal (first) place, the James Butler, Jr. family of New Vienna, OH, and (instrumental) first place, the Joseph Skipper family, Elk, Washington.

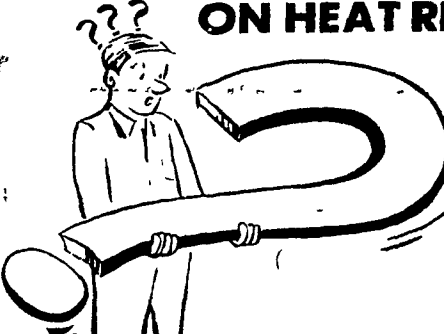
First place winners in the talent contest were (vocal) Frances Greer, Hesperus, CO, (instrumental) Dennis and Gail Secord, Port Angelus, Washington.

Also on Friday, Mrs. Mary Beth Heberer, director of Junior Grange Activities announced that the 1981 Junior Grange of the Nation is Capital Junior Grange, Dover, Delaware. Mrs. Lulu Carrow also of Dover, DE, was recognized as Junior Leader of the Nation.

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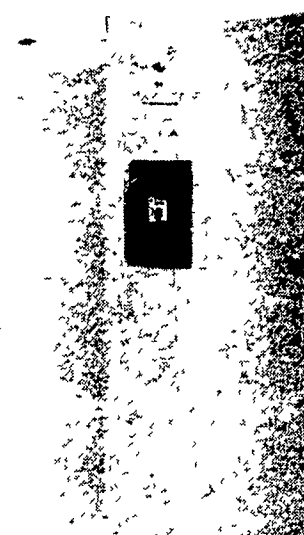


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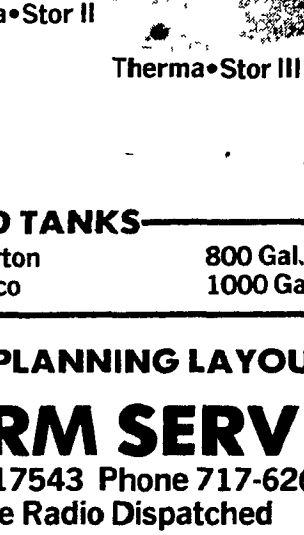
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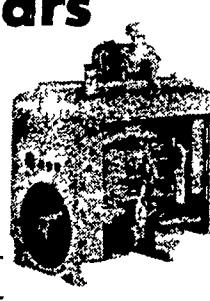
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