

# Cumberland Extension holds annual meeting

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CARLISLE — The Cumberland County Extension Association could retire this year at their 65th Annual Meeting and Banquet, but President Robert Berkheimer said, "We hope to keep the Association working for another 65 years."

Duane Duncan, county agent, presented awards to several Extension Association members who have given years of their time, leadership and services to the county's agriculture and home economics programs.

The leadership and service awards were presented to Mr. and Mrs. William Otto and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snoko.

Mr. Otto has been a 4-H Leader for 44 years, helping to train, raise and assist 4-H'ers with over 1,760 baby beef. Otto served on the Extension Board of Directors from 1956 to 1963. While on the Board, he served as president from 1962 to 1963 at which time Otto was instrumental in revising the Board's by-laws. Duncan noted that these by-laws are still in use in the organization.

Mrs. Snoko has been a 4-H Clothing Leader for over 30 years. She has worked in all facets of the 4-H program from camping, to crafts, to round-ups. Mrs. Snoko has served on the Extension Board for a number of years, also.

Mr. Snoko has also been a prominent figure in agriculture programs in the county. Duncan said, "Charles and Janet Snoko have been great friends to Extension."

Duncan told the Extension Association of Donald Overdorff's resignation and presented him with an attache case before the group. Overdorff served as county agent and agronomy specialist for



Janet and Charles Snoko received the Extension Leadership and Service Award presented at last week's Cumberland County Agriculture and Home Economics Extension Banquet.

eight years. His new job will take him to western Pennsylvania with Agway as a Crop Specialist.

Marion Deppen, assistant director of the Penn State Extension Service, spoke to the group. Deppen remarked, "We at

Penn State are interested in what the people want."

Deppen said that few other universities in the country, "share the cooperation we at the University share with the Extension Services like Cumberland County's."



Mr. and Mrs. William Otto were happily surprised at last week's Cumberland County Agriculture and Home Economics Extension Banquet. The couple received the annual Extension Leadership and Service Award.

"Cumberland County was one of the early counties in the state to initiate this program of informal education as a service to its citizens and the success of this system has been followed by other counties and states," said Deppen. Deppen added, "I hope you can

keep up the excellent work for another 65 years."

Five new directors have been appointed to the Board for 1982. They are: Frances Mains, Richard Muster, Margaret Smith, Mabel Strock and Philip McLane.

## Beef industry braces for dismal '82

UNIVERSITY PARK — The year 1981 was a disaster for the nation's cattle industry. It was a year when profits were expected to return to producers as production was anticipated to drop.

A series of unforeseen events combined to make it a worse year than 1980, according to H. Louis

Moore, Penn State Extension agricultural economist.

The appearance of another recession cut consumer purchasing power and meat sales dropped. Producers marketed more, rather than fewer cattle, aggravating a supply problem. In the first 11 months of 1981, the

supply of beef was up 3 percent over 1980. During the late fall the price of market cattle averaged about \$5 per hundredweight less than a year earlier.

Early 1982 prospects do not look much brighter for the cattle industry, Moore says. There is much uncertainty in the economy as unemployment approaches 9 percent. It is certain that consumer spending cuts have spread beyond housing and automobiles. Demand for red meats is expected to remain weak at least through spring.

Cow-calf operators with adequate feed supplies should probably keep their calves until late spring as feeder cattle prices have been severely depressed in recent months, Moore recommends. Late in December, 400-500 pound feeders were moving at about \$14 per hundredweight less than a year earlier. Feedlot operators have not been aggressive purchasers of feeder

cattle because of the uncertainty in the economy and the memories of more than 2½ years of consistent losses in cattle feeding.

Supplies of beef will continue abundant in 1982 as production is expected to increase 2 to 4 percent. The supplies of other meats, except pork, will increase in 1982, too, Moore predicts.

Some improvements in beef profit prospects could come at mid-year if the economy begins a recovery, he forecasts. This would make consumers more optimistic buyers of nondurables at about the same time the 10 percent tax cut takes effect next July 1. Continuation of low feed prices and a further decline in interest rates would help hold down production costs.

It will take such a combination of events to bring profits back to the cattle industry. In the meantime, producers must keep costs to a bare minimum, Moore concludes.

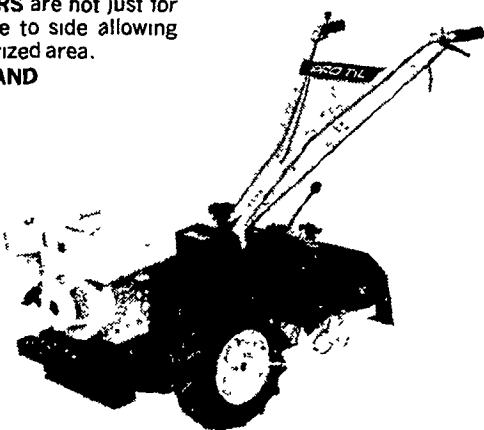
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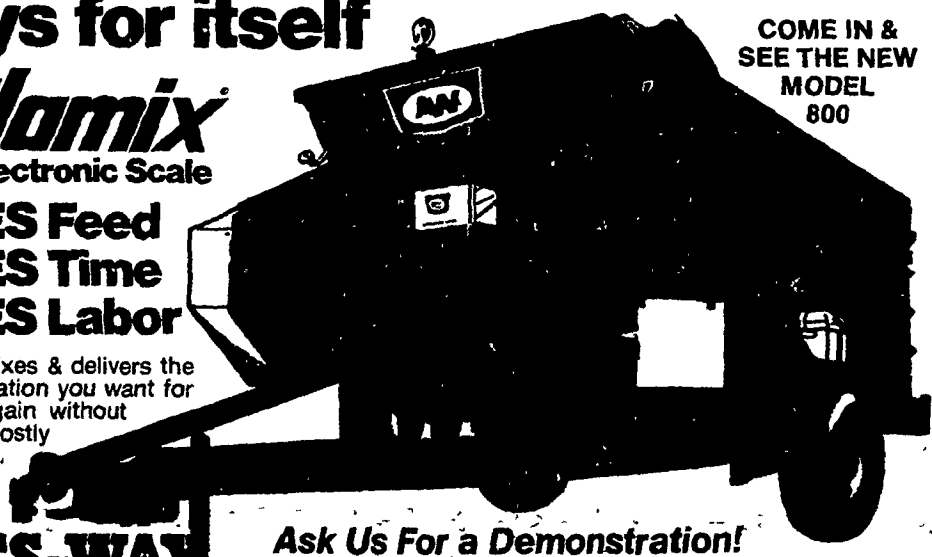
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