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## Federation fund raiser has "miracle" turnout



The Pa. Poultry Federation's Distinguished Industryman and their wives were honored at Thursday evening's annual fund-raising banquet at the Hershey Convention Center. Broiler Industryman of the Year is Melvin

Mitchell and wife Dot from Lancaster Co., right; Egg Industryman is Bill Carlin and wife Jean, Lancaster Co.; and Turkey Industryman of the Year is Lowell Koch and wife Betty from Schuylkill Co., left.

BY SHEILA MILLER

HERSHEY — "I consider it a miracle," commented Pennsylvania Poultry Federation's Executive Secretary John Hoffman in describing Thursday evening's 1,600 guest turnout at the poultry industry's annual fund-raising banquet.

Even though this year's attendance fell 50 short of meeting last year's record crowd, Hoffman said he was pleased with the response for the ninth banquet since the economy of the industry and the entire economy of the country has been depressed.

Part of the drawing card for this year's crowd is the fact that the annual event had singer Frankie Lane providing the featured entertainment, along with comedian-impressionist Jim Teter.

Another factor that may have encouraged more folks to try to steal an evening away from the daily drudgery in the chicken and turkey world is that this year's gala festivities were held here at the Hershey Motor Lodge and Convention Center rather than at the Lancaster Host Farm where it was held the previous five years.

Whatever the reason, the fund-raiser certainly overshadowed the Federation's first attempt which was held at the Penn Harris Hotel

in Harrisburg and drew all of 300 people.

The income the Federation receives this year will continue to be used to provide an organized voice for the poultry industry and to protect producers' interests. Money will go towards research, disease control, scholarships, and youth activities.

Co-chairing this year's "miracle" were Jay Greider of Greider Farms, Inc. and Melvin Mitchell of Victor F. Weaver, Inc.

The evening would not have been complete without the presence of the distinguished industryman and their wives who enjoyed sharing the evening with Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell.

The Broiler Industryman of the Year is Melvin Mitchell. He and wife Dorothy, who prefers to be called "Dot", are Lancaster County natives. Mitchell is currently vice president of marketing with Victor F. Weaver, Inc. of New Holland where he has been employed for the past 36 years.

The Egg Industryman of the Year is William "Bill" Carlin, egg stock sales manager for Hubbard Farms, Inc. of Walpole, New Hampshire. Carlin has been with

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## Surplus ideas move closer to White House

BY DONNA TOMMELLEO

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block is expected to submit a plan to the White House next week, designed to reduce existing dairy surplus and alter the current price support program, a USDA spokesman said Thursday.

Although spokesman John Oches was not specific on what the plan contained, he noted that the USDA is still considering the variety of proposals submitted during the recent Kansas City symposium.

Lack of specificity in dairy programs seems to be the current underlying feeling in the nation's capitol.

"No one wants to touch dairy with a 10-foot pole," commented U.S. Representative Robert Walker (R—Pa.).

"There's a lot of posturing but actions are very limited," Walker added. He remarked that various groups within the dairy industry seem to be split over the critical issue of solving the massive surplus problem. Part of the split may stem from proposals which impose the same conditions for all producers, nationwide.

According to Walker, northeastern dairies produce about 8 percent of the surplus while western dairy producers contribute almost 50 percent.

"Our guys get penalized," said the Pennsylvania congressman.

On April 5, Wisconsin Congressman Steve Gunderson submitted a base-excess proposal, dubbed H.B. 6076 to the U.S. House of Representatives. Under Gun-

derson's program each U.S. dairy farmer would be assigned a base, dependent on past production, explained Gunderson aide Jim Reck.

Reck termed H.B. 6076 as, "a quite workable piece of legislation."

In addition to setting base, the National Board would be responsible for assessing those farmers in excess of base. Assessments would be determined four times a year.

The Board will not assess any producer marketing at or less than assigned base. Depending on estimated surplus, the Board could call for a percentage reduction and assess those producers maintaining above cutback levels.

For example, if the surplus was estimated at 5 percent, the net hundredweight price on that 5 percent would be about \$7 or near world market price. That would apply to producers marketing at 100 percent of base during periods of cutback.

A double assessment exists for producers marketing at more than 100 percent of their base levels.

For example, if the Board calls for a 5 percent reduction and a

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## Milk soon to be official state drink

HARRISBURG — Governor Dick Thornburgh has until next Friday, April 30 to make it official — what dairy producers have been waiting for since last April. With his signature, Thornburgh will seal the fate of House Bill 1351 and will make milk the Keystone state's official drink.

It's hard to believe this 7-line bill has met with so many road blocks on its way to becoming law. But it's been almost a year since Rep. Joseph Grieco (R-84th) introduced the legislation in response to a suggestion made to him by visiting 4-H'ers during a Capitol tour.

After making its way through the House in short order, H.B. 1351 was stymied in the Senate by one senator who amended the bill in order to make alternative

suggestions on what beverage should be dubbed the state drink — beer, wine, soft drink, etc.

Just this month, the bill "escaped" from the Senate Ag Committee when the imaginative senator withdrew his amendments and allowed the bill to pass favorably to the Senate floor. It was there, last Wednesday, that H.B. 1351 was voted on and passed with a vote of 49-1.

The sum and substance of the bill can be found on two short lines: "Milk is hereby selected, designated and adopted as the official beverage of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

The Senate members performed more work involving dairy legislation this week when they unanimously passed Senate Bill

1349, the Milk Identification bill. This piece of legislation introduced by Senators Frank O'Connell (R-20th), Edward Helfrick (R-27th), and Patrick Stapleton (D-41st) on March 17, 1982 amends the 1961 law and adds a definition for manufactured dairy products.

S.B. 1349 is now in the House Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee. Its side-kick bill, S.B. 1350, also introduced by O'Connell, remains in the senate on second consideration. This legislation amends the milk sanitation law and establishes minimum sanitation standards for handling and processing manufactured dairy products.

The House Ag Committee was not idle this week. Members unanimously voted Senate Bill 1283 out of committee to be put on the House calendar for consideration. Sponsored by Senate Ag Committee Chairman Edward Helfrick, this bill provides the language for state-owned farms to be preserved as agricultural land through deed restrictions if sold, and calls for leasing fees to be used towards improvements on the land or buildings.

Lancaster County's Rep. Noah Wenger watched his Scenic River bill take another step towards amending the present law as the

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## Walebe ETs top Waverly Sale

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CLEARBROOK, Va. — A full brother and sister Jersey ET duo, born August 1981 and consigned by Walebe Farms, Inc., Collegeville, Montgomery Co. commanded a combined selling price of \$30,000 to top the prestigious Thrd Waverly Invitational Sale. The sale was held April 21 here at the Frederick County Fairgrounds and was

hosted by the Robert Stiles Family.

Sired by Reglus Deni Hi Power and out of the incomparable Generators Valencia of Ogston, Ex. 5-5 305 days 25,980 pounds of milk and 1154 pounds of fat, Walebe High Value ET topped the sale for a bid of \$19,000. He was purchased by a syndicate and Tri-State Breeders Coop, Baraboo, Wis. He was the first bull ever to be

sold in the Waverly Sales series.

His full sister, Walebe Hi-Power Valerie ET, sold for \$11,000 to the Valerie Syndicate, Collegeville with Walebe Farms retaining a quarter interest. Their dam, Valencia, has two VG-88 percent daughters with CPIs of plus 327 and plus 280. She is also the dam of A-Nine Call Me Great, USDA 1-82 +2026M - +55F +236\$, and

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