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Federation honors poultry industry men

LANCASTER — The Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, notorious for keeping their industry men of the year a secret until that final announcement, virtually surprised two local, staunch poultry supporters and a Montgomery County producer Thursday night at the Federation's annual banquet here at the Host Corral.

The Federation, after a long day of conferences featuring such dignitaries as John Berry from the Washington Post newspaper and Lou Moore, economist from Penn State and other trade experts (see related stories), gathered to honor their choices for the 1982 Industry Men: Jay Irwin, Lancaster County senior Extension agent; Bob Bucher, Commonwealth National Bank's vice president and manager of the agri-loan department; and George Wentz, operator of two farms in the Montgomery/Lehigh area.

When bestowing the title of Broiler Industry Man of the Year on Irwin, last year's winner Melvin Mitchell said, "He just as easily could have been selected as our Egg Industry Man of the Year. Fortunately, the broiler industry reached out to him first."

Irwin and his wife Betty have five children and five grandchildren.

This new Industry Man grew up on a dairy farm near Altoona, Pa. After graduating from Penn State with a degree in agricultural economics, he became a management trainee for Pa. Farm Bureau Cooperative in Ebensburg, and in 1952 became the first manager of Mahoning Farm Bureau.

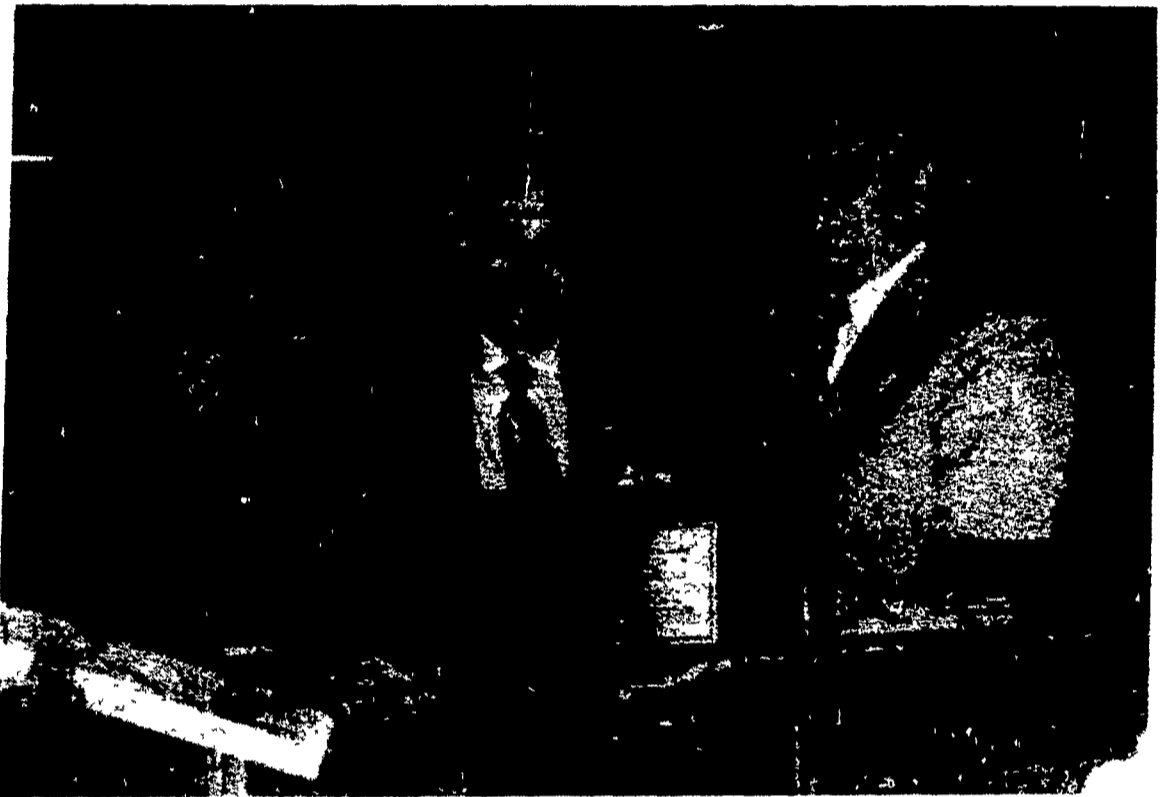
From the Mahoning Bureau, he went on to serve as manager of Venango Farm Bureau and then Westmoreland Farm Bureau which later became Agway.

In 1967 he joined the Lancaster County Extension staff and was just recently promoted to County Extension director, replacing retired agent Max Smith.

Irwin's poultry activities include 4-H, farm management, estate planning, safety and disease control, the Lancaster County Poultry Association, which he helped organize and still serves on in an advisory capacity.

He currently serves as Extension Capitol Region representative to the state

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Receiving the coveted title of Broiler Industry Man of the Year at the Poultry Federation's annual banquet, Thursday, was Lancaster County Senior Extension Agent Jay

Irwin. With him is his wife, Betty, and last year's winner and presenter of the award Melvin Mitchell.

State FFA holds contests

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
UNIVERSITY PARK — When the State FFA Band opened

Thursday's awards program with the theme from "Rocky," it was a most appropriate start for the final

session of the 54th annual summer convention of the Pennsylvania Future Farmers of America on the Penn State campus

The spirited strains of that popular movie selection always bring to mind the scene on the museum steps — a modern-day symbol of the triumph of the individual with total dedication toward a personal goal.

Well, among the 1800 blue-jacketed FFA'ers who assembled this week for competition and comradery, there were numerous stories of individual triumph laced with plenty of personal dedication.

Here, are just a few of them:

For Doug Hershberger, of Solanco Chapter, Lancaster County, retiring State FFA president, it was the culmination of one goal and the beginning of dedication toward another. As he passed the reins of the association along, he began the quest for that next goal — national FFA office.

For the Centre County farm youth who succeeded Doug, Michael F Dilliard, of the Penns Valley Chapter, it was achievement of a goal that was set some three years ago. In his acceptance speech, Mike explained that attainment of a state office has been his goal ever since attending the national convention in 1979.

For a brother and sister from the Derry Chapter, it meant what may be a first for the State FFA Association. When retiring Vice President from the Western Region, Paul Winklosky, stepped down, his place was filled by his sister, Amy Ann. This may be the

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Crop insurance contains corn replant provision

MUNCY — Lycoming County farmer, Roger Wagner, learned the hard way about a corn replanting provision in Federal Crop Insurance, which he believes may not be fully understood by other growers with policies.

Wagner, of R4 Muncy, and a neighbor, DioMaine Shetler, of R1 Turbotville, both had their crop insured when a violent thunderstorm hit on May 19. The storm dumped nearly four inches of rain in less than 25 minutes and there was hail, too.

"I thought I was covered under the insurance from planting to harvest," Wagner said.

When I contacted the private insurance agent who sold me the policy, he even said that I was lucky I had it."

It was after adjusters of the Federal Crop Insurance Cor-

poration were contacted that Wagner said he first learned of the provision in the corn policy that specifies replanting at the farmer's expense if a stand is damaged severely enough to require replanting and if enough time remains before the final planting date.

The final planting date as set for corn in this area was June 15.

Wagner explained that he and Shetler had to replant some 70 acres that were ruined by the mud, rain and hail.

"It's in the policy about the replanting but I wasn't told about it when it was sold to me," Wagner said.

"I was unaware of this June 15 date if the crop is severely damaged."

"I told the adjuster it's like

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Last call for dairy photos

LANCASTER — Attention camera bugs! June 23 is the last day to mail your entries to the Lancaster Farming Dairy Photo Contest. Remember, any amateur photographer can enter. If you entered last year and didn't win, send your entry in again. This year's contest has three categories, enter one or all. We're looking for Dairy Farms — farms with a scenic setting. Dairy Life — unposed events as they happen on a dairy farm and Dairy Partners — dairy animals together with their

favorite two-legged friends and they can be taken anywhere.

Winners will be announced in the July 3 issue. First place winner in each category will receive \$50, second place will receive \$30, third place will receive \$20. Any dairy animal can be featured in the photo. So have your camera loaded and ready. Don't miss that unexpected shot or that brilliant landscape of your farm.

Help us share a little of your dairy life with everyone.



Heavy responsibilities as State FFA president are passed along by Doug Hershberger, left, outgoing officer, to new leader, Mike Dilliard. Doug had the 45-pound solid mahogany gavel specially made in Solanco vo-ag for this week's summer convention.