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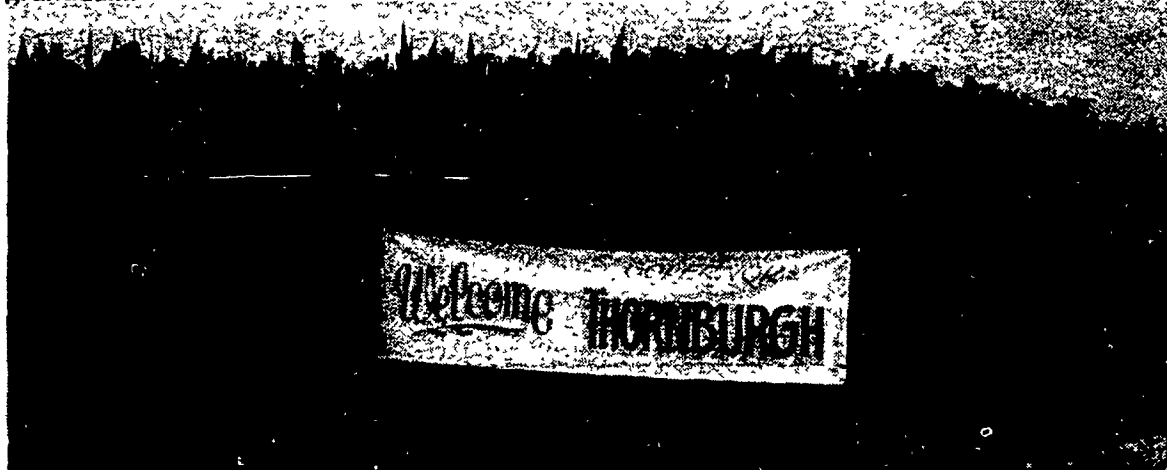


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Governor Thornburgh was all smiles after receiving the voiced confidence from some of Pennsylvania farmers including Lancaster County Holstein breeders Bob and Mim Kauffman. Posing for pictures is Penn Spring Elevation Candi Ex-91, a homebred Elevation daughter who recorded more than 25,000 pounds milk, 975 pounds fat, and a 3.8 test. She is out of an Ex-91 Admiral daughter and an Ex-94 Astronaut granddam.



This welcoming sign stood at the entrance to the Robert and Mim Kauffman farm on Thursday. Governor Thornburgh visited the immaculate farm, where corn is already "high as an elephant's eye" and received the endorsement of farmers for re-election.

selected for the dry milk program and further expansion will not be announced until later this year.

Thornburgh's reaction to the question, however, was music to the ears of the dairymen in the audience. "We're not interested in a giveaway program for Pennsylvania. What farmers need is to be able to sell their products for a fair price and get a fair return. You don't solve the problems on farms by giving away food."

When asked about the possibilities of Pennsylvania buying farm development rights, Thornburgh said optimistically, "That's something we'll work on next year. We're not working for control in Harrisburg but to keep balance between rural and urban factions in a tension-resolving, positive role."

When asked if Pennsylvania might be facing similar court cases where nonfarm citizens are opposing the state's purchase of development rights for farmland



Lancaster County's Rep. Noah Wenger was on hand for the festivities during Thursday's swelteringly hot press conference. Here he chats with host Bob Kauffman, right. Both sport the "Farmers for Thornburgh" buttons on their pockets.

preservation as is occurring in neighboring Maryland, Thornburgh stated, "I don't expect litigations here. Our farmers are self-reliant. They're not looking for handouts."

On the same note, Thornburgh also predicted the state would not step in to pick up where federal dairy price supports fall short if the "new federalism" passes the buck to individual states. He termed a state price support program for agriculture "a major departure for the state" and "unlikely."

Instead, Thornburgh said the state's agricultural budget will

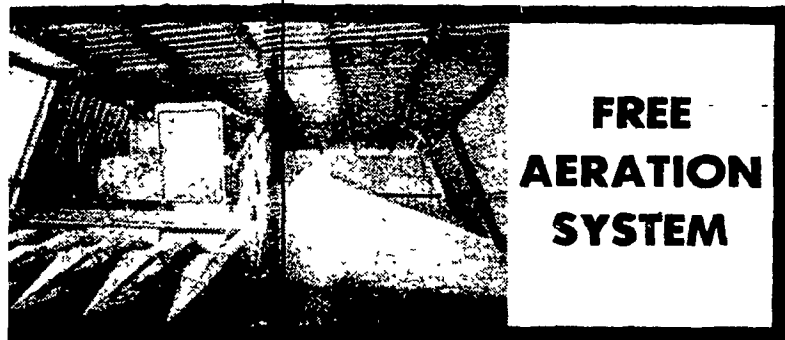
continue to fund research, veterinary and other services — with no cutbacks.

Benner co-chairs the farmers' Thornburgh reelection committee with Nellie Crawford of Port Royal, a dairy farmer and chairman of the State Women's Committee of Pennsylvania Farmers' Association. Benner noted the committee will work with the Thornburgh-Scranton campaign and with the Pennsylvania Ag Republicans. He added the committee's membership is bipartisan and will represent all agricultural sections of the state, as well as all farm commodities.

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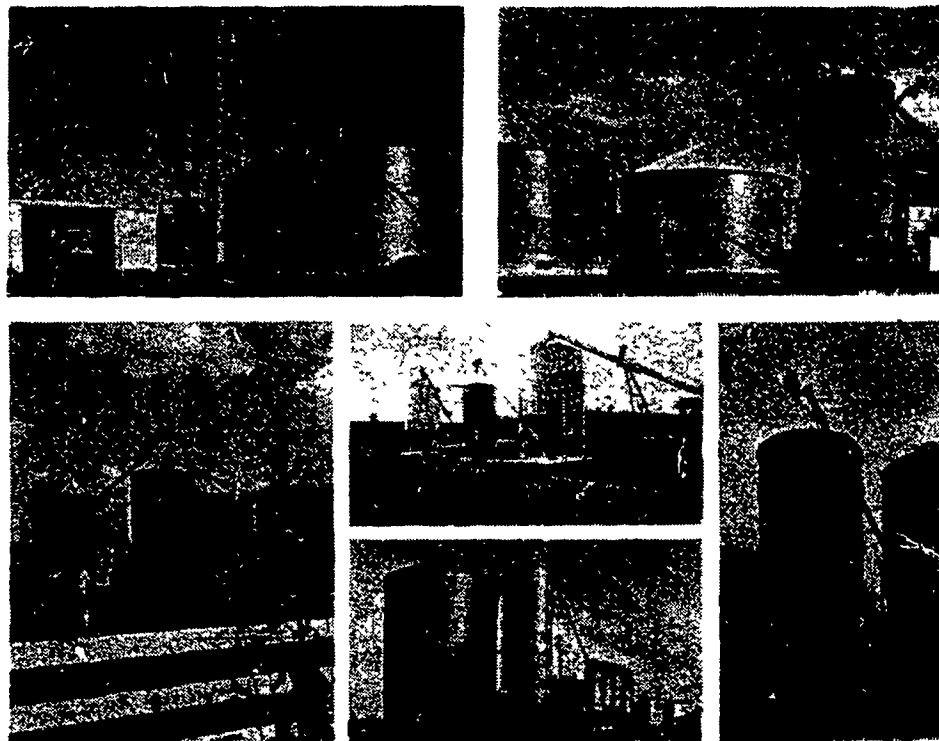
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