

Thornburgh opens '83 Farm Show, lauds Lions



Saluting the "official" drink.



Say cheese!

FARM SHOW — As Farm Show 1983 got underway Sunday, the largest grand opening crowd ever, was welcomed by Governor Thornburgh and wife Ginny.

The Thornburghs spent most of the afternoon greeting the throngs of people who turned out to salute the Keystone state's blue-ribbon industry.

"Blue ribbons are nothing new to Farm Show," Thornburgh noted, "And Pennsylvania agriculture deserves a 'blue ribbon' designation because it has become the state's number one industry."

Yet amid the accolades for the state's number one money-maker, Thornburgh took on the special pleasure of recognizing Pennsylvania other blue ribbon winner — football.

The Governor and the First Lady were joined by Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell and wife Trish and Assistant USDA Secretary Wilmer D. Mizell, Sr. and wife Nancy. The group was greeted by Sperry-New Holland's mechanical mouthpiece "Inno" the robot sporting a blue and white scarf and singing "Hail to the Lions."

The gubernatorial entourage visited with machinery dealers, made their way through the livestock quarters, greeted a Guernsey and then were transported by a Clydesdale-drawn Victorian carriage to the main arena for opening ceremonies.

Following the governor's remarks, representatives of 22 state farm and food associations presented him a variety of gifts ranging from a Pennsylvania ham to Penn State National Champion sweatshirt.

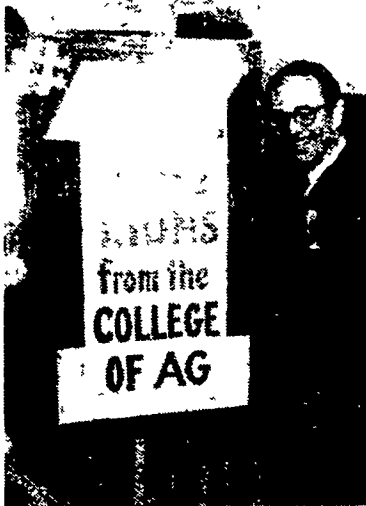
The public participated in the festivities by filling the large arena and munched their way through the commodity stands which served up just about anything from soup to nuts. —DT.



The Governor samples part of the \$25 million of machinery displayed during Farm Show week with his annual "crawl into the cab."



A group of opening day Farm Show visitors nibbles it's way through the large arena beginning with the state dairy princess' cheese booth.



A royal welcome.



The mystique between little girls and horses is nurtured with this youngster's visit to Farm Show 1983.



Make no mistake, the Nittany Lions are number one! This regal sweatshirt will find its way into the Governor's Mansion, thanks to the Penn State College of Agriculture.



Governor Thornburgh and Ginny Thornburgh welcome the newest member of the Penrose Hallowell clan. Little Elizabeth Hallowell is the center of attention while her proud grandparents, Trish, left, and Penrose, far right, look on. Elizabeth is the daughter of Jim and Nancy Hallowell.