

# Adams Extension holds 67th Annual Meeting

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MCSHERRYSTOWN — Following a roast beef dinner, the business of the 67th Annual Meeting of the Adams County Cooperative Extension Service was underway last Thursday, with President Donald Trostle noting that the Extension is part of a democratic way of life which "provides the freedom of opportunity for citizens to participate in the planning and conducting of educational programs.

Highlights of the 1982 Adams County Extension program were featured in a slidetape show prepared by members of the Extension staff and were noted in the 1983 Annual Report, also prepared by the staff and edited by County 4-H Agent Jared K. Tyson.

In the area of agriculture, County Agricultural Agent Thomas E. Piper noted that "it was the gypsy moth which made the headlines." Both farmers and non-farmers were alarmed by the heavy defoliation of forests as well as damage to orchards, gardens and shade trees by gypsy moth larvae. Pest control also was prominent feature of a four-day Tree Fruit Production school in which 71 fruitgrowers enrolled.

Emphasis has continued to be on integrated pest management, with the problems of dairymen and poultrymen also addressed, he said.

Piper also noted the donation of a microcomputer purchased by the Adams County Poultry Assn. for the Extension office and the development of marketing programs for dairy, poultry, livestock, fruit and crops farmers.

Especially successful was the seminar conducted on the use of commodity futures contracts. One of the six farmers who attended reported that the training was worth \$4,050 to him as he sold a December/1982 contract at \$3.01 per bushel and corn at harvest was bringing only \$2.30, Piper said.

Helen D. Tunison, Extension home economist, stressed the emphasis on family living stating, "Family members leave and return to homes that constantly must adapt to change." She called the home "the enduring center in

which the family goes through its life cycle."

The Home Economics portion of the Extension Service works with families to improve their quality of living and to encourage optimum development, she said.

Among the workshops and tours noted were: restoration, rehabilitation and remodeling of homes; progressive architecture; solar homes; home decoration, drapery making; furniture refinishing; lampshade making; restoring chair seats; and selection and construction of accessories.

Crafts workshops included: quilting, basket-making, grapevine wreaths, wheat weaving, and rug hooking and braiding.

Food and nutrition programs also were held and a Safe-Slimming behavior modification program conducted.

Especially noteworthy was a program for young parents co-sponsored with the Gettysburg YWCA and followed-up with a newsletter and correspondence courses.

The varied programs for Adams County 4-H youth were described by Tyson, who noted the emphasis placed on communication skills through use of the demonstration talk.

Thirty-two 4-H'ers presented demonstrations at County Demonstration Night, he said, while two of those scored in the top 10 percent in state competition and received state medals.

The communication skills learned through demonstration talks are utilized by 4-H members throughout their lives, he said, quoting parents and leaders who commented on the confidence and self-assurance their youngsters gained through the program.

Also highlighted was the interstate 4-H exchange with Tennessee. "The exchangees developed positive personal attitudes about self and others as they spent six days with a host family they'd never met before," he said.

Other 4-H educational programs included: project teen leadership skills; comparison judging skills;

citizenship development; safe tractor and machine operating skills; International 4-H Youth Exchange; embryology for elementary school students; adult leader recruitment and recognition; 4-H Fair; leadership development through camping and clowning experiences; and private sector financial support of the program.

Community development also was a topic for the Extension service in 1982 and focused on the preservation of land for agriculture and the conservation of soil and water. Meetings were held for farmers and local government officials concerning agricultural districting.

Mary Grim reported on the local involvement in Extension programming; and remarks were made by Roland Herring, president of the PA Council of Cooperative Extension Associations, and Marion Deppen, assistant director for the Capital Region of the Extension Administration.

Awards were presented to: Helen and Glen Slaybaugh for their nine years' service on the executive committee; Mr. and Mrs. Clair Fetters and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Smith, hosts for foreign youths in the International 4-H Youth Exchange; and Jennifer Hartman, Gettysburg YWCA Program Director and coordinator of the program for young parents.

The Rev. Paul W. Unruh, director of the Family Counseling



Jennifer Hartman, Gettysburg YWCA program director, left, receives a certificate for service from Helen Tunison, Adams County Extension home economist at the Adams County Extension's 67th Annual Meeting, held in McSherrystown last week. Hartman coordinated a program for young parents, co-sponsored by the Extension service last fall.

Service in Greencastle, was the featured speaker of the evening and talked about the future of the family in the 1980s, noting the necessity of acceptance, commitment and communication, based on a fulcrum of love.

New Executive Committee members elected to three-year terms at the annual meeting were: Rhoda C. Conover, Gettysburg; Mary C. Grim, East Berlin; Ed Hildebrand, Biglerville; David Kehr, Littlestown; Helen D. Rex, Biglerville; and Mark Wilson, Biglerville.



For their "real life demonstration of family life on a farm," John and Margaret Lott of Hunterstown Road, Gettysburg, received Adams County's Extension Leadership Recognition Award for 1982, presented by Donald Trostle, master of ceremonies at the 67th Annual Meeting of the Adams County Cooperative Extension Service last week.

## Lotts exemplify 4-H "family"

MCSHERRYSTOWN — With an emphasis on family it seemed fitting that John K. and Margaret Lott of Hunterstown Road, Gettysburg, received Adams County's Extension Leadership Recognition Award for 1982 at the 67th Annual Meeting of the Adams County Cooperative Extension Service held here last week.

The couple was cited for their devotion to family, church and community service, and a family biography prepared by County Extension Director Thomas E. Piper was read by County 4-H Agent Jared K. Tyson.

It was noted that the two met at the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church and were married in 1938. The former Margaret Benson of Guernsey, she is the daughter of O.H. Benson who originated the 4-H clover emblem and applied it to 4-H club work.

During the early 1960s, the couple was interviewed by the U.S. Information Agency for the Voice of America Broadcast "Profile of Americans."

"It was the idea of the family unit" that the agency wanted to communicate to foreign nations, John Lott said in an interview following the program. "We even got letters from some of the people who heard it and wanted to come live on the farm with us."

The Lotts have four children and six grandchildren, all of whom were 4-H members and were guided by their parents, who served a total of 22 years as volunteer leaders in the 4-H Beef Club and cooking and sewing projects.

Both were active in the church, while John, a full-time farmer, was active in the Boy Scouts and served as a township auditor for 30 years.

Margaret, a home economics teacher, served 10 years on the Extension Homemakers Advisory Committee and currently serves on the board of directors for the Gilliland Home.

The Lott farm consists of 165 acres, now 100 percent in grass to provide for a beef cow/calf operation of 32 brood cows. Through the years John maintained a 25-acre orchard; he produced sheep, hogs and some poultry, in addition to beef cattle, and was a member of both Knouse Foods and Mountain Orchard Cooperatives.

"John and Margaret Lott have given us a real-life demonstration of family life on the farm.... We thank them for presenting us this legacy and would recommend it as a course for other to follow," Tyson concluded as he presented a plaque honoring the two.

## Who's living in your house?

UNIVERSITY PARK — Now that winter's well under way, you may find that you have some uninvited guests.

"Homes near wooded areas are especially attractive to nuisance wildlife looking for a cozy home," says Robert G. Wingard, Extension wildlife specialist at Penn State. While most of these squatters are relatively harmless, some will gnaw wood, leave a mess of nuts and seeds, leave odors, and make bothersome noises. In short, whenever possible wildlife should live in the wild, not in your home.

If you hear strange noises in your walls, attics, or under the eaves of your roof, it's time to do a little investigative work. Your first job is to identify your guest. In Pennsylvania, the most likely candidates are squirrels. To get rid of squirrels you should use traps, not toxic baits. That means you either have to coax them out and then close the door, or trap them and remove them to a more appropriate habitat.

If your guest is up and about during the night, running around while you are trying to sleep, it's nocturnal. Those that keep reasonable, daytime hours are

diurnal. Knowing your guest's habits will help you choose the most appropriate method of control. Here are some basics on squirrels:

— Squirrels come in several varieties. Those active in the day are apt to be gray squirrels or red squirrels. You can tell the difference between where they nest and may not even go outside every day. Gray squirrels, common visitors to homes in wooded areas, usually go outside each day to find individual nuts they've buried.

— Flying squirrels are nocturnal. They not only create a racket as you are trying to sleep, but are so comfortable with their cache of food, that they often stay inside to eat and frolic the night away.

— To rid your house of squirrels, use commercial wire traps baited with corn, nut meats, peanut butter, sunflower seeds, or rolled oats. You may have to try several locations to find the best place for your traps. Release squirrels several miles away — preferably in a well-wooded area. Once you've gotten them out, check your house for entry holes and use heavy-gauge wire or sheet metal to seal openings.