J.D.'s saga

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Tony Dobrosky calculated by day's

end. The raffle-ticket sales will be split between the FFA and 4-H, based on the number of tickets sold by each organization, with a portion of each group's total

amount going to their county organizations and the remainder to local chapters and clubs. Future rarmers treasuries will split \$6,705 and \$16,040 is earmarked to 4-H, with over \$3,000 of that amount to become part of the 4-H center trust

Hallowell to serve as Ag Day Chairman

HARRISBURG - State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell has agreed to serve as honorary state chairman for Agriculture Day 1983, a nationwide celebration of America's agricultural successes.

Govenor Dick Thornburgh will proclaim March 21 as Pennsylvania Agriculture Day, in recognition of the essential role agriculture plays in Pennsylvania as our number one industry. The theme for the observance is "Agriculture: America's Heartbeat!"

Hallowell said, "Agriculture is truly Pennsylvania's heartbeat. It provides a wide variety and abundance of food at reasonable prices, the most stable source of jobs and a standard of living of which we can all be proud. Agriculture Day is designed to let everyone understand how important agriculture is in their daily lives whether they are a farmer or not."

Pennsylvania has more than 60,000 family owned and operated farms with a total gross income of\$3.3 billion last year. These farms support a complex agribusiness industry, employing 900,000 Pennsylvanians and accounting for about \$50 billion in economic activity each year.

"We are pleased to have Secretary Hallowell as our honorary chairman again this year," said Robert C. Lanphier, III, president of the Agriculture Day Foundation.

Agriculture Day is coordinated by the Agriculture Day Foundation with a staff provided by the Agriculture Council of America Foundation. The council is supported by more than 2,500 voluntary members from the agribusiness community, with farmers and ranchers serving as elected officials.

The Agriculture Day celebration is a volunteer effort in cities, towns and rural areas alike, aimed at celebrating our bountiful agricultural achievements. This marks the third year Agriculture Day has been proclaimed as a national observance.

On hand, to select the winning tickets was Congressman William Goodling who announced the winners to a cheering crowd of over one hundred club youths, parents and officials. Godfrey Brothers in Loganville is handling butchering of the famed steer.

Top prize went to Bruce Etter, Manchester, whose winning ticket earned him 150 pounds of roasts, steaks and hamburger. Other meat-pack winners were N.L. McCann, Glen Rock, 125 pounds; Eleanore Wesoloski, York, 100 pounds; Wally Reiling, Livingston, N.J., 75 pounds; Timothy Foke, Spring Grove, 50 Pounds.

Five winners will enjoy steak dinners for two at the historic Accomac Inn, north of Wrightsville overlooking the Susquehanna River. They are Terry Strayer, York, Margaret Weaver, Lebanon, Lynn Potts, Dillsburg, Ronald Hash, New Park, and C. Fisher, Dover. An alternate ticket, held by H.L. Mann, New Cumberland, was drawn in case any prizes are not claimed.



Making the official selections of the winning tickets was U.S. Congressman Bill Goodling, left, assisted by extension agent Tony Debrosky.

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LVF answers own surplus problem

LANCASTER - "Perhaps where we're most different is that we take the bull by the horns and do our own advertising," Alpheus Ruth, president of Lehigh Valley Farmers said, Tuesday, at Lancaster County Dairy Days.

Ruth's remark was sparked by earlier dicussion from Truman Graf, agricultural economist, and Edward Coughlin, director of the Ag Marketing Service with USDA's dairy division, who each expressed the need to balance production and consumption, and to increase promotion in attempt to end the milk surplus.

"To us, there is only one customer — the consumer," Ruth

Last year the cooperative spent almost \$600,000 for advertising, Ruth reported. This year, they are budgeted to spend \$1 million, and, Ruth added, "We have the support of our producers for our promotion program."

This promotion includes advertising for Lehigh's new products, such as Lehigh Valley Farm's All-Natural Ice Cream. According to Ruth, this ice cream, made with 12 to 13 percent fat, has become very popular worldwide.

LVF's ice cream sales amount to about 15 million gallons of ice cream each year.

The cooperative, serving 1100 producers, processes all its products in Allentown. -DK



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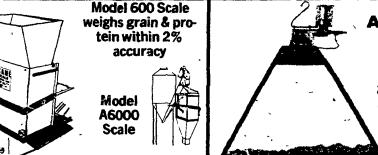
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