

Century farms

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- Paul H. and Emma M. Krantz, RD 1, Strasburg, whose farm has been in the family since 1864. (Each Century Farm family is featured in this week's issue, with a short article about their family's farming heritage.)

John Barley, Washington Boro dairyman and member of the Chamber's Agriculture Committee, was the master of ceremonies for the festive affair, introducing such honored guests as Secretary of Agriculture Penrose

Hallowell, Congressman Robert Walker, and County Extension Director Jay Irwin.

In his remarks to the group Hallowell said, "Lancaster farmers have a lot to be proud of, they are helping Pennsylvania to grow better, and more effectively."

But addressing the current Avian influenza epidemic plaguing the County, Hallowell remarked, that the disease has become a wide spread problem that will challenge the perseverance of the poultry industry.

"Officials from six surrounding

states met today to discuss control of the disease. It is now apparent the Avian Influenza problem is a long term problem, not one that can be corrected quickly."

In a premier presentation of "Lancaster County, PA - The Nation's Garden Spot" listeners learned that one third of the jobs of all people working in Lancaster County are agriculture related. The 13 minute audio-visual presentation was developed by Victor F. Weaver and Sperry New Holland for the Lancaster Chamber.

The program provides an overview of Lancaster County's

diverse and productive agricultural economy. It was developed with the intention that it be shown throughout the County and in particular, to those unfamiliar with the economies of Lancaster agriculture.

The program is available in both slides and video tape.

To make arrangements for showing "Lancaster County, PA - The Nation's Garden Spot" call the Public Affairs Division of The Lancaster Chamber at 397-3531.

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mentions went to Donald Mack, PenArgyl, Northampton County; and Kenneth S. Beer, Perkasie, Berks County.

Hershey Bare moved up to the

1983-84 presidency after serving as Vice President of the Pa. Forage and Grassland Council this past year. Tim Markowitz, of Pioneer International, is vice president; and Richard C. Hann, of Milton Hershey Schools, was reelected secretary-treasurer.

John E. Baylor, professor emeritus of agronomy at Penn State and director of market development for Beachley-Hardy Seed Co., was renamed executive vice president.

New directors for three years are Michael A. Balas, of Sperry New Holland; William England, Blair County dairyman and father of Lancaster Farming livestock editor Laura England; and William Stringer, of Penn State's Department of Agronomy.

Leath was recipient of the Council's special award to recognize his many contributions to Pennsylvania forage and livestock agriculture.

On the staff of the Pasture Research Lab since 1966, Leath has worked with plant breeders to develop disease resistance in new legume varieties. He has participated in many meetings and conferences to improve agriculture in the state, including forage sessions, county agent training and agribusiness meetings.

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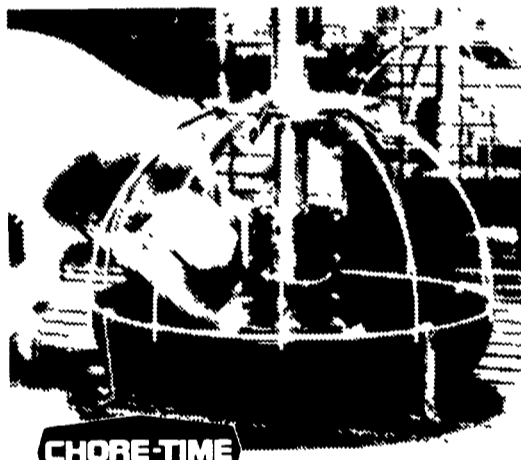


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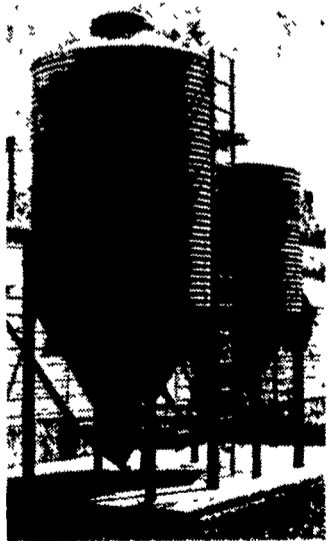
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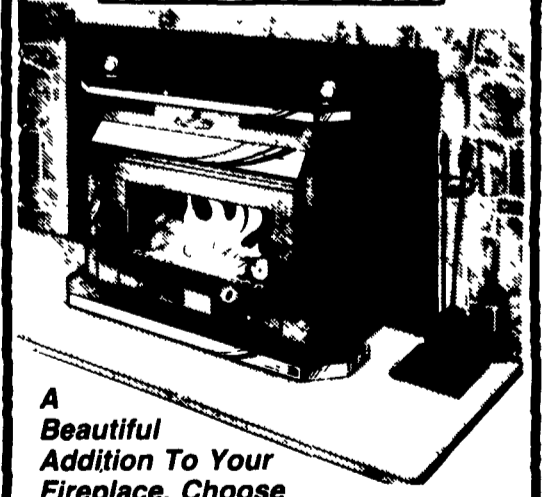
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