Crawford Extension honors Schlosser

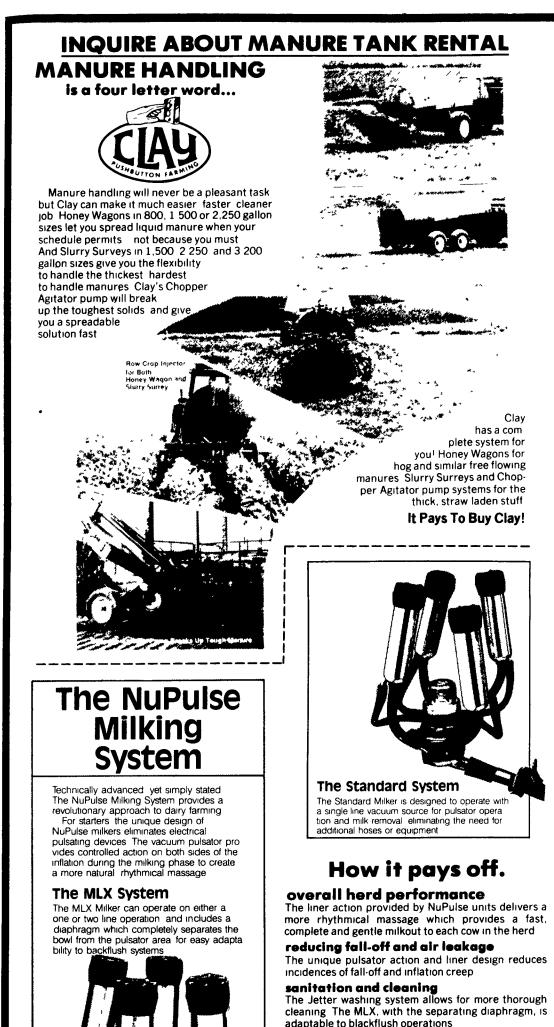
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COCHRANTON — The annual Crawford County Cooperative Extension Service banquet and meeting was held Nov. 10 at the Cochranton Fire Hall, with ap-

K proximately 175 in attendance.

Several guests were introduced, including County Commissioners Ivan Rose and Oakley Lamb. Also Dairy Princess Kathy Worley, NW Pa. Lamb and Wool Queen Susan McClellan, and Pa. Alt. Jersey Queen Ann Sanderson, all of Crawford County, were on hand to welcome everyone.

A short business meeting was held which included election of Executive Committee members. Three awards were presented.



Carolyn Gilles, supervisor of the Nutrition Dept. presented awards to retiree Jean Bennett and special project winner for the NW Region, Margaret Mills.

President of the Extension Executive Committee John Tautin introduced Bernard Wingert, Warren Co. Ext. Agent to make the final special presentation.

Wingert, while adding humor to his talk, was serious as he related the nature of the award. He announced that Crawford Co. Extension Agent Blaine Schlosser has recently been given the Distinguished Service Award by the National Assoc. of Co. Agric. Agents. In addition Wingert, on behalf of the Pa. Assoc. of County Agents, presented Blaine Schlosser with the coveted "Nittany Lion" statue.

He added that Schlosser had begun his Extension work in 1959 and for the first two years worked in Warren Co. with him. Schlosser has been in Crawford County since 1961.

"Blaine is one of 106 in the nation to be considered the "cream of the crop". To be honored by one's peers is the highest award one can receive," Wingert said.

As Schlosser stepped forward to accept the well-known Nittany Lion, the applause continued as the group stood to honor the hardworking, and well-deserving county agent.

Schlosser was deeply touched as he modestly said: "I like to give credit where credit is due. My family...the county commissioners...the secretarial staff which is second to none, my coworkers with whom I've been fortunate to have little turnover and most importantly the people of the county who support the Extension programs."

The Extension programs were

what the evening was all about. For something new this year the program consisted of seven county people directly linked in activities with the Extension. The "Extension People Report" began with Dave Reusing, a Jersey breeder involved with the milking school and the NW Pa. Colored Breed Assoc. Marge Foreman spoke on the activities of the Family Living Advisory Board and 4-H and Liz Vadosky talked of her satisfaction working at Nutritional Day Camp. "My rewards were hugs and smiles," she related.

Seventeen-year-old Letha Vlasnik spoke on her various 4-H activities; County Council, 4-H Camp, Textile Judging, etc. She said that Extension has backed her all the way and that 4-H has taught her to "appreciate what you can do for others and what they do for you."

Pat Bender, an avid 4-H supporter and mother, is directly affiliated with the NW Pa. Sheep Grower's Assoc. and was instrumental in getting their Queen contest started. "I've been trusting Blaine for 15 years to help me with my sheep", she added.

The sixth speaker, Mrs. Doneva Hyde asked of those present: "Can your hand work without your arm?" Can a tractor run without fuel? Can we farm without Extension? She knows as a DHIA director and 4-H leader the importance of the Extension Service.

The final report was by Ron Kerr, agricultural loan officer for Pennbank. He explained the importance of farm finances and knowledge of them. He helped with a two day seminar, in conjunction with Extension, on "Farm Financial Management". "With farm finances becoming increasingly demanding, we'll see more of this.", he concluded.



Crawford county agent Blaine Schlosser, left, receives "Nittany Lion" award to commemorate his national honors from Bernard Wingert.

Centaurs 4-H Horse Club

Members of the Centaurs 4-H Horse Club have been busy during October and November. They held a driving clinic and picnic at the Round Valley Youth Center. Many members attended the annual Horse Achievement Dinner in late



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