

Farm Women Attend Washington Seminar

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Annette Schucker and Jane Bresee, of Bradford County, were among the 140 rural women attending a White House briefing to hear from John R. Block and other top government officials about the status of current issues of importance to the agricultural community.

Mrs. Schucker is a member of the state Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) Committee and owns a dairy farm near Troy. Mrs. Bresee, a correspondent for Lancaster Farming, and a dairy farm wife, lives near Ulster.

Other farm and ranch women from around the nation were invited to the special meeting held for them in honor of National Farm Women's Month at the New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Charles Mosher Wilson, assistant to the Secretary

of Agriculture, John Block, and by Mrs. Carolyn Sundseth, associate director of the Office of Public Liaison.

Speakers for the morning briefing were Edward Dale, assistant director for public affairs, Office of Management and Budget; Burleigh Leonard, deputy assistant director for agriculture, Office of Policy Development; and Constantine Menges, special assistant to the President and

Senior Director for Latin American Affairs, National Security Council.

After the briefing, the rural women were treated to a tour of the White House, and later had luncheon on the patio of the Department of Agriculture. The luncheon was provided by Deere and Company in recognition of National Farm women's Month.

Secretary John Block appeared

briefly and told the women that it is important that they have an interest in government. "Washington is an important place for farmers to monitor," he stated.

Frank Naylor, Under Secretary for Small Community and Rural Development, also was a featured luncheon speaker explaining the importance of FHA loans and REA.

Later in the afternoon, the

women met with Ray Lett, executive assistant to the Secretary to discuss farm issues. From 4 until 6 p.m., a Thanksgiving Reception was held at the patio of the Department of Agriculture with guest speaker, Peter Myers.

According to Mrs. Mosher, coordinator, another Farm Women's Forum will be held in Washington next April 11 to 13.

New State 4-H Program Associates Named

STATE COLLEGE — Wendy V. Hamilton and Thomas E. Walker have been named state 4-H program associates at Penn State University. Their appointments become effective in January 1984. Ms. Hamilton will provide leadership for the youth component of the Expanded Foods and Nutrition Education Program, as well as for 4-H foods and clothing

projects. Walker will coordinate statewide 4-H youth programs in the areas of livestock, horse and poultry.

A graduate of Oregon State University, Ms. Hamilton earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in clothing and textiles. Prior to joining the Pennsylvania 4-H staff, she worked as an agent in home economics for Oregon's

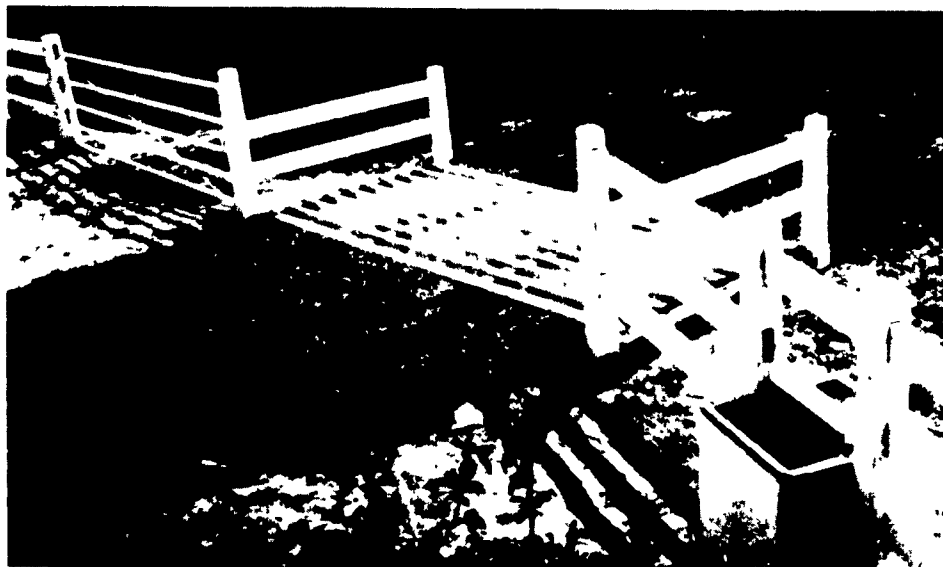
Extension Service. While there, she developed newsletters, project materials and evaluation tools. She also coordinated television interviews, radio news stories and public service announcements. Among Ms. Hamilton's 4-H accomplishments and the initiation of a five-year plan for the Douglas County 4-H program.

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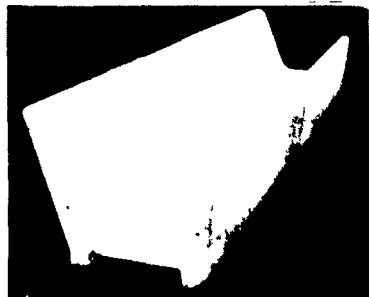
both the National and Oregon State Associations of Extension 4-H Agents and the American Association of University Women.

Walker, currently associate Extension agent in Washington County, received the 1982 State Achievement Award for organizing a Sheep and Wool Field Day for southwestern Pennsylvania sheep producers. The event drew more than 1,500 visitors who participated in educational workshops and viewed demonstrations and exhibits. Walker also has coordinated an equine symposium. Horse owners representing breed associations from New Jersey to Colorado participated in the event.

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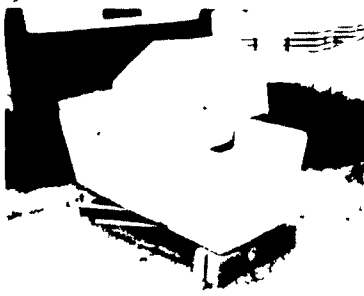
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