



Community Service Grange Awards went to, from the left, Carl Soisson, Hookstown Grange, Beaver County, fourth; Catherine Rabenold, Kutztown Grange, Berks County, third; Madeline Durbin, Pleasant Hill Grange, Cambria County, second; and Leonard Gochenaur, Perry Valley Grange, Perry County, first.



All-Grange Banquet address is given by U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter. To his left is Jeanne Davies, National Grange Flora and Colorado State Grange Master and her husband, Miles; and at right is Pa. State Grange Master Charles E. Wismer Jr. and his wife, Jane.

### 1/2 Arena contribution



Final check bringing Pa. State Grange contribution to Penn State Ag Arena to \$48,247 is presented to Dr. Sam Smith, Dean of College of Agriculture. From the left are Isaac Fox, state treasurer; Vernon Norris, State Grange Ag Arena Chairman; Dr. Smith and Linda Blake, Pa. Grange public relation director.

### Community Night winners



Community Night Grange Awards were presented to, from the left, Robert Hill, South Buffalo Grange, Armstrong County, first; Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange, Berks County, second; and Frances Davis, Ontolaunee Grange, Berks County, third.

### Outstanding public service



Outstanding Public Service Award of Pa. State Grange went to James R. McMullen, Northeast Area Director, ASCS, formerly of Indiana County, and his wife, Elaine; flanked by Marge and Clarence Orndorff, secretary and master of his home William Penn Grange.

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merdale, New Bolton Center of the University of Pennsylvania and Penn State.

Provision for bio-security facilities to handle live virus studies will be a continuing major part of the animal health program. This effort, brought to the forefront by the Avian influenza outbreak, was started during the past year with allocations going to both Penn and Penn State.

Dr. Smith outlined renovations underway in the Avian Department at Penn State to make two rooms bio-secure.

"We want to develop better ways to determine characteristics of animal disease viruses, study antisera and improve diagnostic methods," Smith said.

The expanded animal health program would include bio-secure facilities at Summerdale, as well as various operational allocations for the three institutions.

Pseudorabies indemnification was among the ag legislative concerns expressed by the Grange at its annual convention.

Hallowell said that a supplementary request would be made to the Governor in April for \$200,000, which could be used for indemnification to hog farmers. This supplementary request would replace monies already in the budget that had been transferred to the Avian flu effort.

Indemnification is expected to be a major topic of discussion at a state pseudorabies meeting scheduled on Nov. 7.

"We're going to have the best Extension computer network in the nation, with all counties included," Dr. Smith said.

With the funds provided this year by the State Legislature, Dr. Smith explained that 65 extra computers were able to be purchased through price discounts.

A \$700,000 request is expected to be made of the State next year for yearly operational costs and programming.

Demonstration of the system may be scheduled about March and the system could be

operational as early as April.

Sunset legislation for PMMB, which passed the State Senate recently, stalled in the House Appropriations Committee when the Legislature adjourned for the election. With a brief lame duck session coming up about Thanksgiving, there are apparently some efforts to attach study requirements to PMMB

approval in the House. The study would look at continuing need for PMMB powers to establish retail milk prices.

Without Legislative approval, the PMMB goes out of existence at year's end.

Sec. Hallowell said the Advisory Board that would approve new guaranteed loans, with deferred

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### Granger of Year



"Granger of the Year" Carl F. Rudy, of Allegheny County, is shown with son, Fred, Master of Dauphin County Pomona; and daughter, Janet, who was elected Lady Assistant Steward.

### Resolutions approved

GETTYSBURG — Delegates to the Pa. State Grange convention this week approved a number of ag-related legislative resolutions.

Some of the major resolutions include:

#### DAIRY

—A letter be sent to the Pa. House Appropriations Committee urging prompt passage of Pa. Milk Marketing Board Sunset legislation without any change in its powers to set retail milk prices.

—A National Dairy Price Support System be devised with payments automatically tied to a formula that fluctuates in response to supply and demand or the rate of milk purchased as surplus by the CCC. The National Dairy Promotion Program be extended only after a referendum vote and provisions be made for an emergency diversion program, if needed. Also, the present six-month diversion be continued beyond April 1.

—Prompt payments be made to dairy producers with payments for the first 15 days of production in a month be paid by the 18th of the current month and the remainder of the month's production be paid by the fifth of the following month.

#### FARM PROGRAMS

— Farm program benefits go to farmers based on need.

—Price supports and diversion payments be limited to intermediate-sized farms with \$20,000 to \$200,000 in annual income.

#### ANIMAL DISEASES

—Research on the prevention and cure of Avian influenza and rabies be funded and the State Grange promote a program urging local granges to conduct rabies vaccination clinics.

—There be federal or state indemnification for hog farmers who depopulate for pseudorabies.

#### ANIMAL RIGHTS

—Animal rights legislation be passed appropriating money for research on the economic impact if farm animals are to be "wild-raised."

#### LITTER

—Present Grange policy favoring a mandatory deposit on bottles and cans be retained.

#### MARGINAL LANDS

—A federal program provide incentives to put marginal (highly erodible) farmland in wood fiber production using animal wastes and sludge as fertilizer.

