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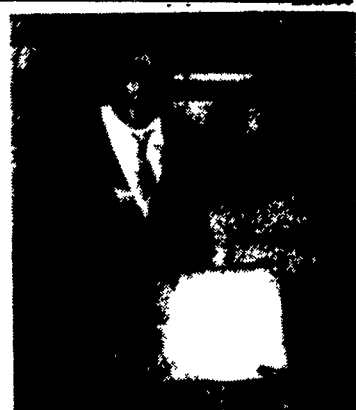
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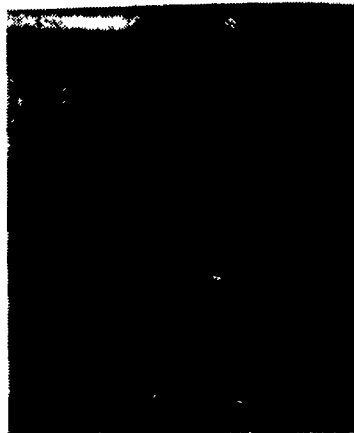
Women in ag speak out

There are some new voices out there in the countryside speaking up for agriculture. And, they're female voices.

To hear what some of those voices are saying, look inside.

The editorial on A16 addresses this subject, along with the PFA annual meeting story in the A Section.

In the B Section, PFA women are handling the group's membership drive on Page B21 and on Page B16 Dairy Editor Wendy Wehr provides a revealing insight into a dairy wife who's helping to promote milk in Pa.



Sarah Ann Stauffer

Lancaster fetes 6 Century farms

BY JACK HUBLEY

STRASBURG — Six Lancaster County farm families were honored with the Century Farm Award at the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Agricultural-Industry Banquet held at the Historic Strasburg Inn on Tuesday night.

The highlight of this eighth annual event, the Century Farm program spotlights those farmers whose farm has remained in the family for 100 years or more.

Cited for the longest history of ownership were Charles and Sarah Ann Stauffer of Rohrerstown, whose Lime Spring Farm has been in the family since 1745. Other Century Farms honored were:

- Daniel and Grace Rohrer, Jr. of Manheim, whose farm has been in the Rohrer family since 1850.
- Vincent and Mary Hershey of Paradise, whose farm has been in the family since 1860.

- Thomas and Elaine McKelvey, whose family has continuously owned their Holtwood farm since 1865.

- Glenn and Mary Snyder of Mount Joy, who trace their family farm to 1868.

- J. Earl and Helen E. Martin, Jr., whose Mount Joy farm has been in the family since 1876.

Presenting the families with their awards was Lt. Governor William Scranton, III, who gave a brief overview of Pennsylvania agriculture in his opening remarks. Scranton pointed out that agriculture is the state's number-one industry, and that farmers must indeed be, "doing something right" while enjoying this status in a state that not only led but created the industrial revolution.

Emphasizing the strength of the Commonwealth's ag economy, Scranton pointed to last year's

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Price setting study tied to PMMB House approval

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board moved a step closer in the State House to staying in business this week, but its retail price setting powers will receive close scrutiny during a year-long study in 1985.

The State House by a resounding 181 to 16 vote passed Senate Bill 1527, the Sunset legislation on the PMMB, with the House Appropriations Committee amendment that a Task Force study its retail price setting powers and

report back by the end of 1985.

In lengthy discussion on the House Floor, three amendments were beaten back, which would have altered the PMMB entirely.

One amendment to make the price setting powers discretionary was withdrawn. And two other amendments, including outright abolishing the PMMB, were defeated.

In the House's 181 to 16 vote in favor of the PMMB all but two of the no votes came from Pittsburgh

area representatives, who have targeted the PMMB for a number of years.

The House amendment also provides for the makeup of the membership of the Task Force. It will include four producers — one to be named by the Majority and Minority leaders in both the House and Senate; four dealers to be named in the same way; the Majority and Minority leaders of the House and Senate or their

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PFA honors man who got it moving some 34 years ago

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

HARRISBURG — PFA members from throughout the Commonwealth gathered several hundred strong in Hershey this week to honor their first leader who took over the reins of the fledgling organization back in 1951 when total statewide membership totaled just about as many as came to the convention this year.

In addition to naming Clarence M. Wilson, PFA's first administrative secretary, as recipient of its 1984 Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award, the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association gathering also honored its top young couples and county associations, elected some officers, passed resolutions to go on to the Farm Bureau annual session and heard from NBC News Washington Correspondent Peter Hackes.

But sentimental highlight of the Tuesday evening banquet at the Hershey Convention Center was the honoring of Wilson and his wife, Irma. He served as top administrator of PFA for a decade from 1951 to 1960 and saw membership increase from less than 500 to nearly 10,000 farm families.

Wilson came from Iowa to head

the newly-formed organization in June, 1951, and helped launch such services as insurance and farm management and business analysis.

After leaving PFA, Wilson became chief administrator of the Washington Farm Bureau and editor of Northeast Agriculture.

Now retired, Wilson lives on a farm in York County with his wife, Irma.

Wilson took the banquet audience on a nostalgic tour of the early days of PFA and had some good-natured banter with some of the other pioneers like Chet Heim.

Various county associations were honored for excellence in seven areas of activities.

Seven-Star or perfect counties were Franklin and Clearfield.

Six Stars went to Adams, Huntingdon, Mifflin and Northumberland.

Five-Star winners were Centre, Clinton, Cumberland, Butler, Erie and Schuylkill-Carbon.

Four Stars went to Berks, Chester-Delaware, Clarion, Crawford, Dauphin and Lehigh.

Three Stars: Beaver-Lawrence, Lancaster and Union. Two Stars:

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Clarence and Irma Wilson, of York County, are honored as PFA's recipients of the "1984 Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award."