

Addition proposed to Lancaster Co. Ag Preserve

LANCASTER — The Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 7:00 p.m. at the Warwick Township municipal building on the addition of 550 acres of farmland to the adjoining Agricultural Preserve.

Landowners in the Lititz-Rothsville vicinity of Warwick Township have requested that their properties be included in Agricultural Preserve I, the

County's first preserve area which was established in 1983. Agricultural Preserve I contains more than 12,000 acres of productive farmland in Warwick, Clay, Elizabethtown, Ephrata and West Cocalico Townships.

The intent of Agricultural Preserve designation is to establish a defined geographic area of predominantly prime farmland which will be preserved for long term agricultural use.

Agricultural Preserves are afforded local protection from unplanned, public capital projects such as water and sewer line extensions, new highways and landfills.

Agricultural Preserves establish strong county policy which protects normal farming practices from nuisance complaints and suits. In essence, farming is the preferred activity in an Agricultural Preserve.

Most importantly, Agricultural Preserve designation gives farmers eligibility to fully participate in the voluntary preservation deed restriction program, including deed restriction sale and donation. The Agricultural Preserve targets preservation benefits to those areas most important to the future of agriculture, and excludes those areas necessary and planned for growth and development.

Landowners and interested

citizens are invited to attend the meeting to receive more detailed information and to offer comments and pose questions about the proposed preserve addition and the preservation deed restriction program.

Prior to the public hearing, the Agricultural Preserve Board staff can be reached at 299-8355.

National FFA officers to tour United States

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The national officers of the FFA will take time during February to travel throughout the Midwest to learn about American business and industry. This year, the Star Agribusinessman of America will also accompany the six national officers and others in the FFA group visiting 13 cities in seven states.

Approximately 150 businesses and industries in the Central United States will host the group in an effort to teach the officers and stars about the structure of the U.S. economic system.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will be the starting point for the two-week tour. The group will meet with William Munsell, Chairman, Creswell, Munsell, Fultz & Zirbel Inc., and executive vice president of Young and Rubicam, USA, of Cedar Rapids. Munsell is also the chairman for the 1986 National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Board. From there, the group will divide into three teams and cover Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota.

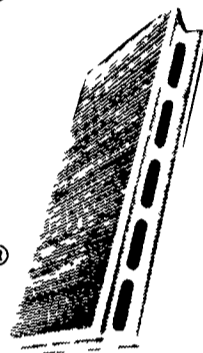
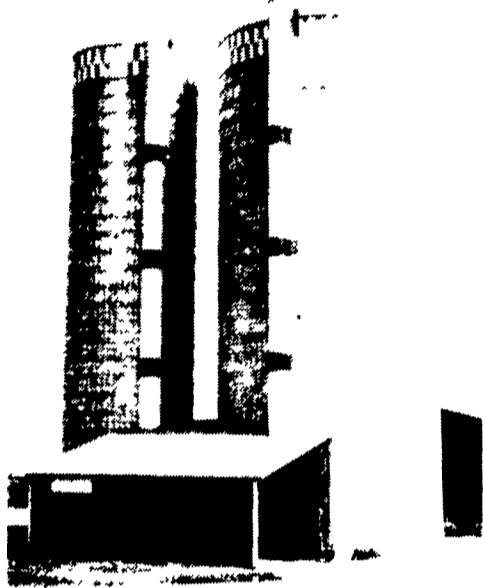
"The U.S. tour will give us the chance to visit with many businesses and communities that support vocational agriculture and FFA," commented Rick Malir, National FFA President from Wilson, Kansas. He added, "It is our chance to learn about their work and service as well as an opportunity to express our appreciation to them and explain our current activities."

The U.S. tour follows the officers' return from a visit to Japan, sponsored by Mitsui & Co. where they toured the country to further their understanding of international agriculture.

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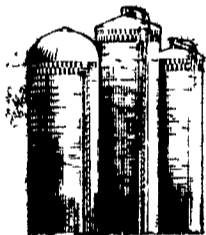
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