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## 40-Year 4-H Leaders Honored At Banquet

BY LISA HAMM

LANCASTER — Ruth Nissely and Mylin Good have made a substantial investment in America's future. These Mount Joy residents have given of themselves to countless boys and girls over the years. And now it is their turn to receive.

Good and Nissely were honored for serving as Lancaster County 4-H leaders at a banquet Tuesday night. Also recognized at the annual 4-H Leadership Banquet for their work were 152 other leaders; and the Elmer Boyd Memorial Leadership Award was presented to Amy Jo Strausbaugh, the county's outstanding 4-Her.

Nissely has been involved in 4-H since she was a young child

when she joined along with her brothers and sisters. Her first ventures were in the sewing, babies, and chicken clubs. From there she assisted her leader and went on to team leader and local leader.

Good got his start in 4-H while he was in high school. His interest was baby beef. He also was interested in a fellow 4-H steer exhibitor. So interested in fact, that he married her.

Later, when their daughter was a 4-Her, Mylin was appointed a club leader, and that's what he's been doing ever since. "I like to work with young people and see them get a farm background," he commented.

Ruth agreed adding, "4-H is an activity where I appreciated what I

had learned, and I wanted to pass that knowledge on. Working with young people has kept me young."

Nissely's first love is sewing, and it naturally is a favorite to teach. Seeing completed projects is what she likes best about teaching. "I am always thrilled to see how the girls finished their projects, even if it wasn't perfect. Perfection doesn't matter, not when they put all they have into a project."

Good enjoys working with the boys, and "I like meeting people from all walks of life," he said. "I also enjoy the social aspect: reminiscing about old times."

Such as reliving the years when he would go to New York and Colorado to buy feeder cows for which



Ruth Nissely and Mylin Good were honored by their fellow 4-H leaders Tuesday night for 40 years of service.

## Lancaster Observes Farm Women's Day



Over 280 women gathered at Country Table, Mount Joy, on Wednesday to observe Farm Women's Day. Pictured: Helen Hess, left, farm women member greets Senator Noah Wenger, speaker at the event and his wife Barbara who is a member of society 3. For more details on the largest-ever turnout for this annual celebration, turn to B16.

## Lower Prices For Dairymen Likely

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — No matter how one sizes up the confusing situation in Washington these days, the bottom line looks like lower prices for dairymen.

Whether through another assessment for promotion, an assessment to cut program costs, a cut in the support price, or, most likely, some combination of these means, dairy farmers will likely have to get by with less money for their milk in 1988.

Washington-based observers say dairy farm fortunes are hostage to two major phenomena.

One is the federal government's continued inability to balance its books. Congress has resurrected the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings

deficit reduction process, which requires automatic cuts in spending "across the board" if Congress and the Reagan administration cannot agree on a budget that meets specified deficit goals. For fiscal 1988, which began Oct. 1, \$23 billion in cuts will be required in announced programs if no new taxes are approved. Agriculture's share of this is about \$1.2 billion.

The other key is the seemingly inexorable increase in milk production. In August, even before the end of the whole herd buyout program, production was on the upswing again, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture figures. The rebound — nationwide, August 1987 output was one percent higher than August 1986 production — has been faster than

many analysts predicted and dims hope that the dairy lobby can strike some sort of deal to avoid a 50-cent support price cut Jan. 1.

Before the current round of budget wrangling in Congress, the dairy industry was focused on what would happen Jan. 1. Under the 1985 farm bill, Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng has the authority to reduce the support price 50 cents if the department estimates the government will buy more than 5 billion pounds of surplus dairy products in 1988. With private estimates centered right around the 5 billion-pound "trigger," most observers were saying Lyng, who represents an administration that has consistently supported lowering the support

the club members drew numbers from a hat. Good feels that method of obtaining calves gave everyone an equal chance to come up with a winner. "Doing it that way, the poor boys had as much chance of winning as the rich ones," he said.

Both Good and Nissely encourage people to become 4-H leaders. "We need all the help we can get to help these children," Nissely said. "Every bit of talent that a person has is appreciated in helping the children of the future."

## Dairy Management Conference In November

UNIVERSITY PARK — "Managing for a Profitable Future in Dairying," will be the topic at the Penn State Dairy Management Conference, November 16-17 at the Sheraton Penn State, State College.

The Dairy Management Conference will be focused toward dairy farmers and their spouses, but extension agents and agri-business personnel are also encouraged to attend.

The conference will offer a mixture of general and concurrent sessions, with topics ranging from dairy nutrition and forage crop economics to effective management of farm employees. Penn

State personnel, along with Dr. Terry Smith of Cornell and Mr. Russ Farrow of Farm Credit Service, will conduct the conference.

Penn State Cooperative Extension asks that interested persons preregister by November 6. The registration fee is \$30 and \$25 for an accompanying spouse and includes an evening banquet, milk/coffee breaks, a printed proceedings and general conference expenses.

For more information and a registration brochure, write to: Dairy Management Conference, Room 8 Borland Laboratory, Penn State, University Park, PA 16802, or call (814) 865-5491.

## County Poultry Association Hosts Banquet

LANCASTER — Lancaster County Poultry Association will hold their annual banquet at Olde Hickory Inn, Lancaster, on Thursday, October 29, at 6:30 p.m.

The Katie Brooks Show will provide entertainment at the func-

tion. Tickets are \$15 and reservations should be made by November 24. Contact one of the following: Wilmer Yost, 717 656-7395; Robert Zimmerman, 215 484-4085 or Barry Renno, 717 653-8900.