



Sell-Out Crowd Attends Poultry Banquet

BY LOU ANN GOOD
LANCASTER — A sell-out crowd attended the Lancaster County Poultry Association's Annual Banquet on Thursday night at Olde Hickory Inn.

Robert E. Zimmerman, vice-president of the organization, said 100 additional tickets had to be printed to accommodate the 464 people who attended.

According to County Agent Jay Irwin, Lancaster County chickens laid 72 eggs per second last year. Those statistics again support the strength of the county's poultry industry. The organization reported on their yearly activity and Clair and Shirley High who

headed Ephrata Fair Food Booth in September presented a \$3,167.38 check to Milton Landis, president. The check represented the profits from the sale of chicken corn soup and other poultry entrees sold at the sale.

The county poultry queen and her alternate received their scholarships last night. As queen, Theresa Martin, a junior at Messiah College in Grantham, accepted the \$500 scholarship and Lonna Rohrer, Paradise, was given a \$300 one. Both Theresa and Lonna have been busy representing the industry at fairs and promotional

events. The queen reported that they have perfected their omelet making skills and "if you need any hints come to us."

Four new members were nominated to the association's board of director. They are as follows: Joseph K. Hemler, Jr., Lancaster; Roger C. Garber, Mount Joy; Paul M. Wolgemuth, Jr., Elizabethtown; and J. Doug Wolgemuth, Elizabethtown.

Katie Brooks and Band entertained the audience with their foot-stomping, hand-clapping show "Country...On Stage."



Milton Landis, Lancaster County Poultry Association President, presents scholarship checks to Theresa Martin, Poultry Queen, and alternate Lonna Rohrer, center.

The Referendum: An Important Issue For PA Voters

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UNIVERSITY PARK — The state-wide referendum on November 3 concerning farmland preservation is a complex and important

issue for all Pennsylvania voters. This is not just a rural issue nor will it be decided by rural voters alone.

The loss of Pennsylvania farmland has been a public concern for over 20 years. In the late 1960s Governor Raymond P. Shafer

created the Governor's Committee for the Preservation of Agricultural Land to study the problem. Since that time, many of the Committee's recommendations have been enacted by the General Assembly. The most well known

of these are popularly referred to as Clean and Green, Right-to-Farm, and Agricultural Security Areas.

The November 3 voters will be asked to approve a \$100 million bond issue to fund a state-wide agricultural preservation program. Proceeds from the sale of bonds will be used to finance the purchase of agricultural conservation easements from farmers, ensuring the long-term retention of Pennsylvania farmland.

The term agricultural conservation easements, also known as development rights, refers to landowners' rights to develop or improve their land for many non-agricultural uses. Because farm-

land may be more valuable as residential, commercial or industrial land, farmers forego the development value of that land by keeping it in farming.

However, by selling the development rights to the county as specified under the proposed program, the farmland owner would be compensated for development without having to take the land out of production. Counties would be able to prevent nonfarm use of these properties by holding conservation easements.

The bond referendum, together with implementing legislation now in the General Assembly,

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Farm Credit Owners Have Opportunity To Exercise Local Control

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BALTIMORE, MD. — The general election on November 3 is not the only opportunity Middle Atlantic farmers have this fall to cast votes for their chosen representatives. Owners of the Farm Credit System also have until December to cast a vote for an at-large director to represent them on the Board of Directors of the Baltimore Farm Credit System.

The issue of local control is one Congress is debating as it struggles with Farm Credit legislation. But as that theoretical discussion rings through the Capitol, a practical

application exists today for Middle Atlantic farmers. At issue is not only the first at-large election of a Farm Credit District director but also the balance of power on that Board.

Until this year, the Board of the Baltimore Farm Credit System has been composed of two representatives from the Production Credit Associations, two from the Federal Land Bank Associations, two from the Bank for Cooperatives and one appointed at-large.

Today, that at-large position is open for a District-wide vote. The current composition of the other six Board seats is one each from

Delaware, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and three from Virginia. After this election Pennsylvania will have two directors or Virginia

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Darwin Boyd

Boyd Honored For 4-H Support

UNIVERSITY PARK — Everybody needs a friend and the 4-H program is no exception. Over the years Darwin Boyd, Akron, has been a friend the extension office can count on. In appreciation for his dedicated service, Boyd was awarded the Epsilon Sigma Phi—State Friend of Extension Award. The extension's honorary fraternity presented the award at their annual meeting held on Tuesday at Penn State University.

Boyd is vice president and director of the Agri-Finance Department of Hamilton Bank for

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Annual PA State Grange Convention

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BUTLER — An estimated 500 PA Grangers were assembled Sunday evening, October 25, in the Auditorium of the Butler Area Senior High School as the first event in the week's convention activities was opened by Wanda Gallimore, PA State Grange Director of Deaf Activities. Gillamore was Mistress of Ceremonies for the Sunday evening program that served as the kick-off for the 1987 PA Grange convention. The event showcased first-place winners of the State Junior Grange Talent Contest, which was held in June at the All-Granger Summer

Jubilee, and presented state finalists in the Deaf-Sign-A-Song Competition. Program events were interpreted for the evening by signer Mimi Loughhead from the Mid-West Intermediate Unit IV.

Gillamore called upon Dave Parker, founder and leader of a group called "Breakthrough," to perform the program's opening number. Parker heads a non-profit Pittsburgh-based troupe that joins the beauty of sign language with music. Gillamore introduced Parker's number as "the ultimate in sign-a-song." Parker's solo performance delighted the crowd and got the evening off to a lively start. Gillamore then turned the

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Component Pricing Could Be Just Around The Corner

BY LISA HAMM

LITITZ — Getting the most for your product is the goal of every businessman regardless of whether the product is a car or a toothbrush. Perhaps this is what motivates the current interest in component pricing, which refers to paying for

milk on the basis of its components.

Most farmers in the northeast receive a blend price on 100 pounds of milk plus a bonus for the percent fat in the milk that is more than the standard 3.5 percent.

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Several Thousand Farmers Attend Agway Meeting

SYRACUSE — Several thousand farmers here this week heard the president of their farm cooperative report a good year; received the announcement of a major seed corn distribution agreement; accepted the retirement of their board chairman and elected 2 new directors from Pennsylvania.

Speaking at the 23rd Agway annual meeting, William A. Hiller, president and CEO, stated that information and knowledge are the basis of the new economic order that has emerged throughout the world.

"We're in the midst of a major restructuring of the agricultural production system in the United States," he said. "Tomorrow's most successful farmers will be

those who continuously and effectively apply technological developments combined with sound business management procedures."

Referring to a recent report entitled "Toward 2005," commissioned by the Northeast Regional Council of the National Joint Council on Food and Agricultural Sciences, Hiller stated that action is necessary to reverse a trend of falling market share. Northeast agriculture must reclaim a strong competitive position in comparison with agriculture in the rest of the United States.

Hiller predicted four key technological changes on Northeast farms in the years immediately

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