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Phillips Named Jaycees Farmer

GETTYSBURG — Robin Ann Phillips, 33, R.D. 1, Mohrsville, has been selected by the Pennsylvania Jaycees as their Outstanding Young Farmer for 1988. A panel of judges, experts in the fields of agriculture and agribusiness, picked Mrs. Phillips from a field of 17 nominees. Phillips is Lancaster Farming's Berks County Correspondent.

She will be honored at the Outstanding Young Pennsylvanians Awards Congress to be held February 6-7, 1988, in Harrisburg. Quaker State Corporation, Oil City, Pennsylvania, has sponsored the Outstanding Young Farmer Program for more than a quarter of a century.

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The tobacco auction season kicked off Monday at the Pennsylvania Tobacco Auction near Intercourse with 26,000 pounds selling for an average of \$1.02 per pound. Prices held steady for the rest of the week.

Tobacco Prices Up Over Last Year

BY LISA RISSER

LITITZ — About 75 buyers and sellers gathered Monday afternoon at the Pennsylvania Tobacco Warehouse in Intercourse for the first tobacco auction of the season.

Buyers paid an average price of \$1 per pound for 26,000 pounds of Maryland-type tobacco, with \$1.06 being the day's high and 10¢ the lowest price for extremely low quality leaf.

These prices represent a 60 percent increase over last year's prices when the opening week brought approximately 65¢ per pound for top-quality leaf and

dropped from there.

"I'm pretty well pleased with how the sale went," commented Bob Todd, manager of Pennsylvania Tobacco Auction. "This is probably 10¢ more than has been offered on the farms. The highest that we knew of was \$.95. Some sold here for \$1.06."

"This is a good crop," said an Intercourse farmer. "These prices are definitely better than last year, but they won't go much higher than today."

In order to encourage reluctant farmers to sell on the first day,

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Spirit of Crisis Not Present At Faith/Farming Conference

MT. PLEASANT — Long term solutions and finding ways to cope with real problems were two attitudes present in the fourth annual gathering of farmers at Laurelsville Mennonite Church Center, near Mt. Pleasant.

"The spirit of crisis that was present four years ago isn't here now," said Levi Miller, Program

director for the Center.

In his evening talk, Calvin DeWitt, a professor of environmental ethics at the University of Wisconsin, shared many stories of how people he had met were coping and having fun while they went about the business of farming. Though his stories may have presented idealized situations, they gave specif-

ic examples of how some people had managed to be both keepers of God's creatures and the creation

Art and Jocele Meyer, Fresno, OH, also called for a return to the ideals of a former time in their illustrated presentation of Chief Seattle's famous farewell speech "If you sell the land..." That speech was originally given in the north-

western US at the point the Indians were about to sign over their land to the "great chief in Washington."

After a lamp lit dinner, attendees shared stories with the whole group. In these "true" stories from their experience, they gently poked fun at preachers, and reality of death.

Registration for the event was about the same as last year with about 85 persons attending according to Levi Miller, Laurelsville program director. Miller also felt that a wide range of geographic areas were represented with people from as far away as Oregon coming in for the gathering. This is the last year for the event to be hosted by Laurelsville, at least until it has been held in another area, Miller said.

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Mertz, Kissling Split Top Honors In Berks Co. DHIA

BY ROBIN PHILLIPS
Berks Co. Correspondent

LEESPORT — Two farms, long familiar to Berks County dairymen for their yearly high herd averages, again divided the top

honors for milk, fat and protein at the Berks County 1987 DHIA Awards Banquet. Held at the Berks County 4-H Center, the well-attended banquet recognized the 41 cow herd of the Mertz

Red Rose DHIA

Brothers, R.D.1, Kutztown, as the highest herd for milk and protein, and the Hiddenview Holstein herd of the Kissling Family, R1, Robersonia, as the highest herd for

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Shelly, Hershey and Stoltzfus Receive Top Honors

BY PAT PURCELL

LANCASTER — Hundreds of Red Rose DHIA members gathered for their annual meeting in a different way in 1987. For the first time the Red Rose DHIA annual meeting and awards banquet was held in two locations in order to better accommodate all

Lancaster Farming Is Being Sold To Lancaster Newspapers

LANCASTER — Lancaster Farming newspaper is being sold to Lancaster Newspapers Inc. according to an announcement made this week by John M. Buckwalter, president. The sales agreement was signed Tuesday with settlement scheduled for January 4 and effective January 1.

Also included in the sale was the Lititz newspaper Express, a town weekly newspaper published in the same office with Lancaster Farming, Susquehanna Printing, a com-

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members. Willow Valley Restaurant hosted members from the southern end of the district and Yoder's Restaurant hosted members from the northern area.

Ellis Denlinger, state director, informed members that all DHIA rule infractions will be settled by the state hearing board instead of locally as had previously been

done. In 1987 Denlinger reported 60 rule infractions had been handled. Also, board meetings will be increased in 1988 to six per year up from four previously.

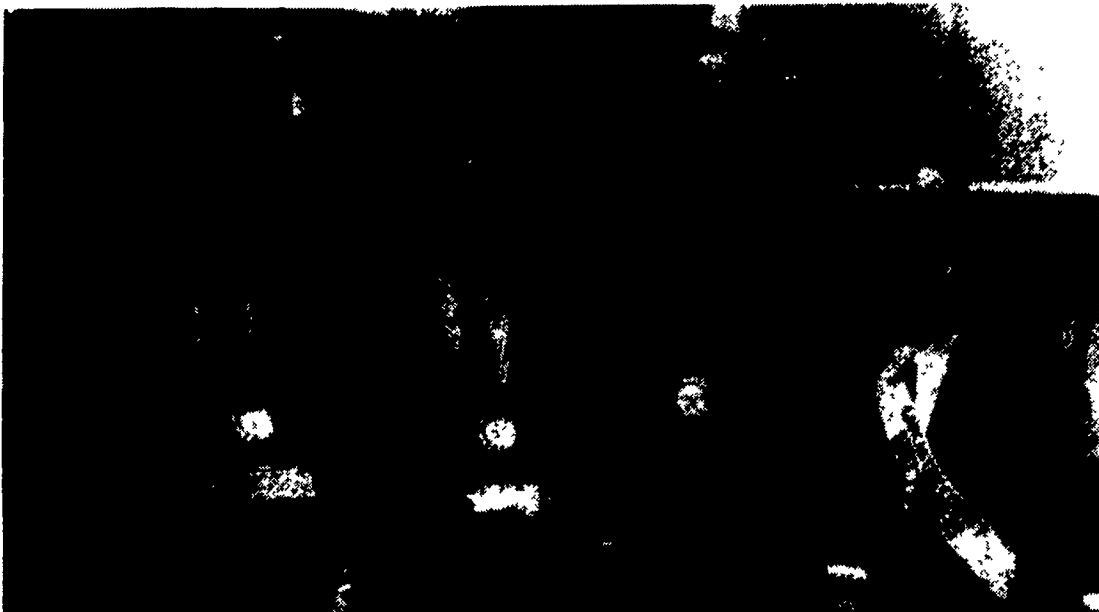
In other state business, according to Denlinger, training for sample takers has been established and supervisor evaluations have been implemented. Denlinger reported that the state loan has been paid off to the Penn State University for the building which

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Holiday Deadlines

The office of Lancaster Farming will close for the Christmas holiday at noon Thursday, Dec. 24 and will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28. Deadlines for the Dec. 26 issue are as follows:

- Mailbox Market Ads - 5 p.m. Friday.
- Public Sales Ads - 5 p.m. Friday.
- General News - 5 p.m. Monday.
- Classified Section B Ads - 5 p.m. Monday.
- All Other Classified Ads - 9 a.m. Tuesday.
- Late-breaking News - 5 p.m. Tuesday.



Achieving the highest production in their breeds were: Karl Herr, Red & White; Samuel F. Long, Mixed and Steve Hershey, Holstein.