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Pennsylvania's Governor Robert Casey (left) and Secretary of Agriculture Boyd Wolff at the signing of the Chesapeake Bay Agreement.

Agriculture Involved In Bay Cleanup

BY
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BALTIMORE, Md. — "We borrowed the land from our children as much as we inherited it from our parents," Pennsylvania's Governor Robert Casey said here Tuesday at the signing of the Chesapeake Bay Agreement. The histor-

ic event brought together officials of the state of Maryland, the Commonwealths of Virginia and Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Environmental Agency and the Chesapeake Bay Commission.

Signatures were placed on a living document that proposes to eliminate 40 percent of the nitrogen and phosphate in the Chesapeake Bay over the next 12 years. The agreement breaks down the political barriers of state and government agencies in favor of the welfare of the environment.

While sewage, hazardous waste and fumes from our cars and facto-

ries add to the problem, excessive fertilizer and chemicals from agriculture cannot be ignored. "To date, more than \$10 million has been spent to support the cost of installing conservation management practices on farms in the Susquehanna River Basin," Casey said. "This helps to prevent eroded soils and fertilizers from washing into streams and the Chesapeake Bay. We plan to continue and expand this program so agriculture (Pennsylvania's number one industry) can remain economically viable without polluting the rivers

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RCMA Elects Officers

LIVERPOOL, N.Y. — Representatives of 22,000 dairy farmers from 11 northeastern states gathered Friday (Dec. 11) at the Sheraton Inn in Liverpool for the first annual meeting of the Regional Cooperative Marketing Agency Inc. since the organization established an over-order premium on fluid milk and distributed \$2.5 million to members. During the meeting dairymen elected officers for the organization, which was established to get farmers a fair price for milk, and discussed issues facing the organization.

For 1988, RCMA officers will

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Ninety-two years young and the oldest active sheep producer in Pennsylvania, Christian Wilson, Washington, received a Keystone Shepherd's Award at the recent state symposium.

No-Till Farmers Urged To Voice Complaints In Washington

BY PAT PURCELL
 TIMONIUM, MD — Alan R. Tank said he blamed members of Congress for not representing the interests of the farmers in Washington, but added he also blamed the farmers for not repre-

senting themselves better and making their voice be heard. "Agricultural programs have been singled out for big cuts from the federal budget and your representation is shrinking and they have not heard from any of you people,"

said Alan R. Tank. "But you can bet they have heard from the members of the postal service and social security. You should get involved in what is going on."

Tank, assistant vice-president of the National Corn Growers Association, spoke to more than 300 farmers at the 14th Annual Mid-Atlantic No-Till Conference, held in Timonium, Maryland, Wednesday.

He is responsible for helping to formulate policies affecting the nation's corn industry and is a registered lobbyist in Washington and maintains contacts with members of Congress and their staff. He

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JOY!

TO THE WORLD

As the star of wonder
 guided three kings on
 a wondrous night so
 long ago...may the
 meaning of this
 holy day lead you to a
 renewed sense of
 peace, love and joy
 everlasting.

From The News Staff
 At Lancaster Farming

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. 24 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.

Shepherd's Symposium An Educational High

BY DOROTHY JO
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Pa. Sheep And Wool Growers CARLISLE — Over 328 participants registered for the Second Annual Keystone Shepherd's Symposium held December 4-5 at the Embers Convention Center, Carlisle.

Through the combined efforts of the Pennsylvania Sheep and Wool Growers Association (PSWGA) members, Penn State Extension and the Embers Staff, a very comfortable, entertaining and enjoyable setting complete with excellent sound and visual aids was created for all who attended.

Launching the symposium was Dr. Don Bailey, D.V.M., from Rosebud, Oregon. Dr. Bailey, recently the recipient of the "George McConnell Sheep Veterinarian of the Year" award at the American Veterinary Medical Association meeting, can only be described as a very human, captivating and knowledgeable sheep veterinary specialist who is highly regarded across the United States.

Dr. Bailey spoke at two sessions during the symposium on the subjects of managing abortion problems of sheep and assisting difficult births. Dr. Bailey explored

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