

## Dairy Promotion Group Seeks Board Members

HARRISBURG — "Dairymen who love a challenge, we have one for you," announced Jim Harteis, Ebensburg dairy farmer and Board Chairman of the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program.

The PA Department of Agriculture is looking for men and women to serve on the Board of the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program. Board members must be working dairy men/women or be an employee of a dairy farm. In addition, each member must contribute 10-cents per hundred weight of promotion assessment to

the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program. All Board members are expected to be active, and will be appointed to the Board by the Secretary of Agriculture, Boyd E. Wolff.

Secretary Wolff explained that over the past year, the Board has gone from an Advisory Board to a Board with direct authority. This change was made possible when Governor Casey signed ACT I of 1987 into law, returning control of Commodity Marketing Programs to farmers. "This Act frees farm commodity groups from most state

operating procedures," stated Secretary Wolff.

"In other words, we call our own shots and control our destiny," said Jim Harteis. The Department of Agriculture has taken on the role of advisor.

"With the expanded authority, this program has become a real challenge. We owe it to the Pennsylvania dairy farmers to find the best people possible to serve as Board members. These Board members will be responsible to the

dairy industry in Pennsylvania to increase consumption of dairy products," explained Secretary Wolff.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board can be nominated by a dairy cooperative, a farm organization, or by an independent dairyman/woman who contribute to the program. All nominations must be submitted by August 15, 1988 to the Secretary of Agriculture, c/o The Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program, 2301 N. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA

17110.

Directors who are appointed will begin serving their three-year term on October 1, 1988.

Those whose terms expire September 30, 1988 include: Carl Brown, Pine Grove; Ernie Miller, Hamburg; Beverly Minor, Washington; Dr. John Plummer, Chalfont; Elder Vogel, Rochester; Chris Wolff, Jr., Bloomsburg; and current Vice-Chairman, Thad Woodward, Canton. These members may also be renominated.

## Dairy Farm Open House

Dairy farmers, their families and agri-business personnel are invited to Burk Lea Farms, 3099 Grand Point Road, Chambersburg on July 19 at 7:00 p.m. Janice and Stanley Burkholder are sponsoring this educational event in cooperation with Franklin County Cooperative Extension and numerous agri-business firms they work with.

Dr. Dennis Buffington, Head of the Department of Agricultural Engineering at Penn State, will be the speaker. His topic will be reducing summer heat stress in dairy cattle.

Some of the interesting things to see at Burk Lea Farms include: a new steel framed drive through free stall barn with 116 self locking

headgates, free stalls with railroad ties and whole rubber tires as the surface material, totally open sidewalls and roof insulation, and a stepped gravity flow manure channel.

Directions to the farm are as follows: From I-81 take Route 30 east from Chambersburg to the first road to the left, Franklin Farms Lane. Take this road which goes past the Franklin Farms complex, nursing home and prison. You will go one mile to Walker Road. Turn left and go to your first road to the right, Kohler Road. Follow Kohler Road for approximately one mile to Grand Point Road. Turn right and follow Grand Point Road for 1/2 miles to Burk Lea Farms.

## Loan Officer Hired By Southeast Farm Credit

Barbara L. Barber has been hired by Southeast Farm Credit Service as a Loan Officer in the Silverdale Branch; Branch Manager Dean Shollenberger announced the hiring.

Mrs. Barber is a graduate of State College (PA) High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in horticulture/retail management from Penn State University in 1979.

Previous to joining Farm Credit, Mrs. Barber was Assistant County Supervisor and Agricultural Management Specialist for Bucks and Montgomery counties with FHA. She also gained banking experience from Cumberland County National Bank (in the Harrisburg area), a former employer.

Mrs. Barber and her husband, Rick, a freelance artist, reside in Perkasio. She is serving accounts in Bucks County.

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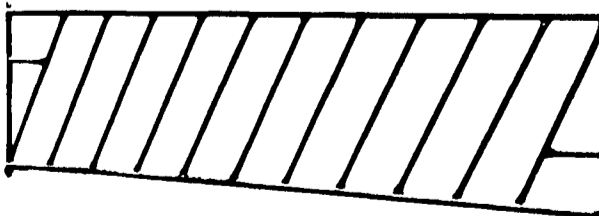
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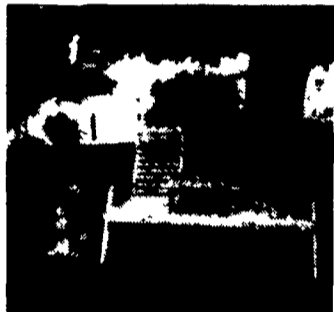
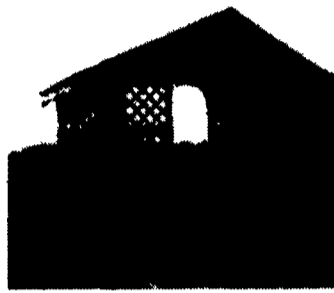
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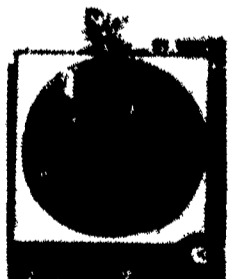
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