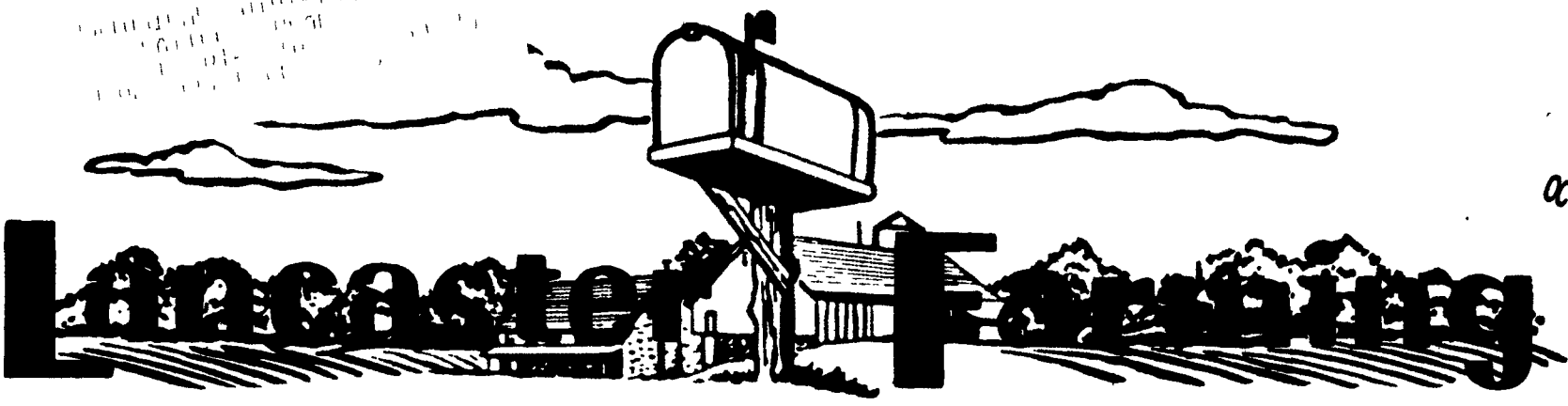


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The Year Was 1867 . . . PA Grange Master Announces Convention

BY PAT PURCELL

HARRISBURG (Dauphin) — "This was a time when cows produced 3,000 to 4,000 pounds of milk per year, when 125 bushels of potatoes per acre was good production, when wheat, cut, shocked, and threshed by hand was produced at the rate of 12 bushels to the acre and sold for 60 cents a bushel, when 28 bushels-to-the-acre corn sold for 35 cents," from *History Of The Grange* by Charles Wismer.

HARRISBURG (Dauphin) — Pennsylvania State Grange Master William H. Ringler announced plans for the 116th Annual State Grange Convention at a press conference held Monday at the Marriott in Harrisburg. The three-day convention to be held October 23 through 27 will be hosted at the George Washington Motor Lodge near Allentown on route 22 in Lehigh County. Some activities will be scheduled at nearby Days Inn & Conference, also located on route 22.

This was 1867. This was the background against which the Grange was launched as a vehicle for defining and meeting individual and group economic and social needs and aspirations.

wife, and children working together for common purposes -- and the Grange had the wisdom to reflect and enhance these ties as a family fraternity.

1867 in rural America was a time of great isolation, tremendous distances, and slow and tortuous

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On Tuesday Pennsylvania's Secretary of Agriculture Boyd Wolff will speak to Grange members at a 2 p.m. meeting. Featured speaker of the convention will be Governor Robert Casey of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who will address members at Tuesday evening's banquet.

Ringler, state Grange Master has recently assumed his leadership duties following the tenure of Charles E. Wismer who served ten years at Master of Pa. Grange. Ringler comes from Berlin in Somerset County where he has farmed for 47 years. The 180-acre W-J Farm, owned and operated by Ringler and his son James, supports dairy and beef cattle and among forage crops also produces potatoes.

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The Marlin Becker Family, Manheim, received a special award for their help and commitment in many of the clubs activities. Marlin, his wife Nancy and daughters, Karen, 14; Melissa, 10; and Amy, 7; helped organize the hog roundup and chaired the club's sausage stand at the Manheim Farm Show.

4-H Swine Club Notes Successes

BY LOU ANN GOOD

MOUNT JOY (Lancaster) — Although the 4-H swine club held their first banquet on Wednesday night, they are not novices when it comes to competition. Members include some of the county's top swine producers who consistently earn top placings in swine competition. Until the county club was organized in April, the 4-H swine projects were carried out independently.

Chester Hughes, extension livestock agent, said it's been his desire for many years to have a swine appreciation banquet since the county has such a successful swine industry.

Young and old were recognized at the banquet for numerous achievements. Eight-year-old Derrick Frank, Rheems, launched his swine project this year and ended with the title of "Rookie of the Year" for his hog that claimed the grand championship at the 4-H Fair in August. Derrick is son of Charlene Frank.

"Without dedicated 4-H leaders, the club would not be successful," (Turn to Page A38)

Road Through Heartland Dropped

BY EVERETT NEWSWANGER
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LANCASTER—Because of public outcry from around the world, what started out as one proposed highway project through Lancaster County has now become two separate projects. That's what John Rautzahn, PennDot project development engineer, told the Routes 23/30 Task Force meeting in Lancaster Chamber offices Thursday evening.

Two years ago when PennDot got started on the feasibility study to find one corridor through the county that would serve the needs of both routes 23 and 30 they developed seven alternates. Some of these proposed routes were to the north following an earlier feasibility

Against the difficulties of life in these times were the advantages of a strong family life -- husband,

study and some to the south along historical corridors. They also adopted a modified version of the alignment that was proposed by the county ag board. Many of these proposed corridors crisscrossed over route 772 between Leola and Intercourse. When PennDot held their first

public meeting on these proposals only about 100 persons attended. But at the second public hearing held at Pequea Valley High School after extensive media coverage including a lead headline in this publication that warned farmers a

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Berks Mayor And Tree Farmer Swap Jobs

BY LOU ANN GOOD

SINKING SPRING (Berks) — Dressed in work clothes, Berks County Mayor Warren Haggerty looked right at home while working on the Tom DeLong Christmas Tree Farm. But when he took his turn at operating the tree baler, he was all thumbs.

"You watch while I do one; then we'll let you fix it," Tom DeLong told the mayor.

On October 14 and on the 19th, DeLong, a Christmas Tree farmer, and the mayor swapped chores. They did it as part of the Farm-Business Person Exchange, sponsored by the Berks County extension service in an effort to encourage public relations and better understand each others' responsibilities.

DeLong, his skin weathered by the sun and seasonal winds, nimbly manipulated a heavy sprayer on his back while he explained how to detect and spray diseased trees on his 50-acre Christmas tree farm, Sinking Springs. As he fingered the needles of a Fraser fir tree, he remarked, "It's a beauty." But the casual observer will never know the hours put into producing this beauty unless he has worked the land.

DeLong explained how his father had laid out 4x4-foot plantings over 35 acres to produce maximum growth. Thirty years ago



Participants in the Berks County Farm-Business Exchange, Thomas DeLong and Mayor Warren Haggerty, swapped jobs. Although both enjoyed the switch, DeLong summed up the exchange by saying, "I'm thankful he's doing his job and I'm doing mine."

DeLong purchased the property from his father. Today two-year-old seedlings are purchased from northern stock, planted in the

transplant bed for two years before permanent planting.

Deterrents to the seedlings (Turn to Page A25)

USDA Audit Criticizes

Spending Of Check-Off Funds

BY KARL BERGER
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WASHINGTON, D.C. —

Dairy farmers' money isn't being spent as wisely as it could be to promote milk, if you accept the conclusions drawn by auditors for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Inspector General.

In a recent report that has been circulated widely in the industry and the press -- although it's never been officially released -- the OIG auditors detailed a variety of "administrative and management weaknesses that require corrective action" by some of the groups that spend funds from the mandatory, nationwide 15-cent a hundred-weight promotion check-off.

The auditors also criticized "duplication of efforts" in advertising dairy products by the indus-

try's two national organizations, the National Dairy Board and the United Dairy Industry Association.

Industry insiders agree the latter situation needs improvement. Merger discussions have occupied Dairy Board and UDIA representatives for the past two years, to date, without success. However, local promotion organization officials appear unconcerned about the former charges, saying they're more the result of differences in accounting procedures than misuse of funds.

The 38-page report focuses on the spending of check-off dollars by the many state and regional promotion and education dairy units across the country -- the so-called "qualified programs" -- (Turn to Page A27)