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## Smith Inducted Into York Holstein Hall Of Fame



John T. Smith, retired York extension agent, was inducted to the York County Holstein Hall of Farm. Club president Tom Boyer presented Smith with a plaque honoring his leadership to the association.

BY JOYCE BUPP

York Co. Correspondent

YORK — Retired York County extension agent John T. Smith is the newest inductee into the York County Holstein Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame award was made during the York Holstein Association's annual meeting and dinner, hosted October 19 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. A plaque honoring all Hall of Fame members is displayed at the York Agricultural Extension offices. Hall of Fame recognition is bestowed on individuals whose contributions have been significant to the county's Holstein breed and dairy industry.

Smith, a Juniata County dairy farm son, received his Ag Education degree from Penn State and taught vo-ag, prior to Navy service in 1941. Following military service, he supervised a G.I. training program to educate rural youth

while they continued to work on farms.

Smith's extension career began in 1947, as Snyder County's extension agent. Prior to accepting the York position in 1952, he also worked as multi-county agent in Erie-Warren-Crawford counties.

His dairy leadership was prevalent in helping to organize the York County Milk Producers and

encouraging dairymen to the technological advances of DHIA testing and artificial insemination for herds. Smith coached 4-H dairy and livestock judging teams earning success at state and national competition, and remained an avid 4-H and youth supporter through and beyond his extension career.

He received the Pennsylvania (Turn to Page A22)

## Lebanon Holstein Club Honors Junior Members

BY PAT PURCELL

LEBANON — The Lebanon County Holstein Club honored the accomplishments of their junior members at the annual banquet held Tuesday evening at the Zoar's Lutheran Church in Mt. Zion and elected new members for their board of directors.

Phares Musser, David Himmel-

berger and Barry Donmoyer will leave the board at the end of their expired terms. Elected to the board were Vince Wagner, Nelson Bomgardner and Arthur Swenhart.

David Vail and Dale Himmelberger, advisors of the junior Holstein club, presented trophies and (Turn to Page A28)

## State Grange Convention

## Marketing Will Keep Agriculture Pennsylvania's No. 1 Industry

BY LISA RISSER

ALLENTOWN (Lehigh) — Marketing is the key to ensuring that agriculture remains Pennsylvania's top industry into and beyond 1990, according to Boyd Wolff, state Secretary of Agriculture. Wolff spoke at a banquet Tuesday night before several hundred members of the Pennsyl-

vania State Grange during their 116th convention.

"Agricultural strength is vulnerable to changes," stated Wolff. "Good marketing can form the economic bridge between specialized-food producers and consumers."

Because consumer needs are changing and traditional avenues

for increasing food sales are narrowing, agricultural producers need to expand their markets by capitalizing on the changes. Some of the facts of which producers should be aware, according to Wolff, are:

•Aging Americans - More than 20 percent of Americans are 55 years of age and older. It is pre-

dicted that by 2010 one in four Americans will be older than 55 years, and currently the fastest growing segment of our population is those adults aged 85 years and older.

•Education - Much of the 18- to

20-year-old Head of Household group is composed of college students and females.

•Double-Income Family - An ever-increasing number of double-income families means the need (Turn to Page A19)

## Future Of Agriculture Demands Changes In Vo-Ag Programs

BY PAT PURCELL

HARRISBURG (Dauphin) — Enrollment in vocational-

agriculture programs in high schools throughout the nation has fallen to 5 percent of the student

body in rural areas as well as urban areas and while high quality marks some vo-ag programs, there are many which do not meet the basic educational needs of its students.

These findings come from a national study on the quality of agricultural education in the United States. The study, conducted by the Academy of Natural

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Mark Slater receives help covering his corn silage after his 16-year-old concrete-staved silo collapsed last Sunday. Slater estimates that the silo contained about 700 tons of silage. Photo by Tom Kelly, Pottsville Mercury

## Silo Collapses On Montgomery County Farm

BY LISA RISSER

PERKIOMENVILLE (Montgomery) — Last Sunday morning dairy farmer Mark Slater and his wife, Carol, were rudely awakened by the noise of their 20x70-foot silo collapsing.

"It made a big noise and just fell over," said Carol.

The 16-year-old, concrete-staved silo was only a couple loads short of being filled with corn silage when it fell. "We figured it was about 700 tons of silage," said Carol. The Slaters have covered the exposed silage with plastic in order to minimize spoilage.

The silo fell at approximately 7:20 a.m. after Slater had finished milking his 90 cows and returned to bed. No one was injured by the fallen silo, although it did crush a

tractor and the silo unloader was damaged.

Officials from Lancaster Silo Co. examined the silo, but "it's hard to tell what happened until the silage is cleared away," explained Brain Weaver, vice president for the firm. "The silo's structure itself looked fine, we think maybe it could be the footer, but nothing's definite yet"

Before viewing the silo Weaver thought perhaps the damage could have been from poor maintenance. "Silos need maintenance, especially at this year. People put silage in while it was still green and the silos juiced. The juice can deteriorate the stays and rods if it (the juicing) goes on for years," commented Weaver.

## Directors Named At Poultry Association Banquet

BY LOU ANN GOOD

LANCASTER — Poultry producers elected three board members for the Lancaster County Poultry Association on Thursday night. The election took place at their annual banquet held at Olde

Hickory Inn, Lancaster.

Elected for a three year term were Thomas R. Pantano, Strasburg; Richard E. Landis, Manheim; Kenneth Martin, East Earl; and Barry Renno, Mount Joy.

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## Standard Time Returns Tomorrow Morning

Because it's time to turn the clocks back to Standard Time, one farmer said that daylight will come at 6 a.m. instead of 7 a.m. and darkness will come at 5 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. Officially this happens at 2 a.m. on Sunday morning, but many farmers will start to change feeding and milking schedules today. Good farmers ease their livestock into the time change so production is not reduced.

Some Lancaster Farming readers don't change their clocks in this summer ritual. But if you moved your clock ahead last spring, you'll want to move it back an hour when you go to bed tonight. That way you'll be on time Sunday morning.



Robert Zimmerman, president of the Lancaster County Poultry Association, presented scholarships to Allssa Hooper, (center) poultry queen, and to Rebecca Barley, alternate.