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PYF Names Outstanding Farmers, Elects Officers

BY LOU ANN GOOD

LANCASTER — The Pennsylvania Young Farmers peppered their state convention with workshops, awards, fun and food for the 276 attendees.

The two-day convention held at Willow Valley Conference Center, Lancaster, climaxed by naming the outstanding state farmers and installing new officers.

Axel Linde and his wife, Susan, earned the outstanding young far-

mer under 30 award. The Linde's farm 211 acres in southern Lancaster county in partnership with Axel's sister, Millie. They have 50 Guernseys and plan to add another 20 this spring. Linde said, "We put an emphasis on pastures by using intensive grazing for 200 days a year."

The Lindes have a rolling herd average 15,770, 700 pounds butterfat and 560 protein.

In the over 30 young farmer

division, Barb and Karl Herr, Solanco, captured the state honor. The Herrs farm 450 acres, have 60 head of beef, and 95 dairy cows with a rolling herd average of 19,000 and 690 pounds butterfat.

Herr said the most unusual thing about their farm is that they use all no-till farming on their corn, soybeans and alfalfa fields. They also installed a manure storage facility.

Regional winners in the outstanding young farmer under 30 included Timothy and Denise Wetzel, Snyder PYF chapter; Ken Sanner, Kutztown Chapter; and Brian and Angie Platt, Berlin Brothers Valley Chapter.

Regional over 30 winners included the following: Frank and Lucinda Reist, Cedar Crest Lebanon Chapter; Charles and Kim Wells, Snyder; and Jay and Eyvonne Shaffer, Berlin Brothers Valley Chapter; and Cindy and Alan Zepp of Gettysburg Chapter.

The state outstanding communi-

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Axel and Susan Linde earned the state title "Outstanding Young Farmer Under 30." They farm 210 acres in Lancaster and are PYF members of the Solanco chapter. Terry Womer, PYF state treasurer, presented the award.

New Attorney General Keynotes PA Cornucopia

BY

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HERSHEY—With a sermon-type delivery, Ernest D. Preate, Jr., the new State Attorney General, took his state drug reform goals to the people here Monday evening at the 1989 Keystone Cornucopia. Preate said no rural community in

Pennsylvania was immune from drug traffic. In fact, he claimed that the drug problem is growing seven times faster in the rural areas largely because isolated farms are used for laboratories, farmland is used to grow marijuana, and rural roads are used to avoid state police.

While Preate has been in office

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The Trotter family with two top state DHIA records. Group on left (L to R), gathered around Dolly Run FB Jay, top Guernsey Milk Producer for 1988, are Mary Lou and Jim on the left of Jay. On Jay's right are John Ratron, Loretta Boren, Bob Trotter (leading Jay), Marcia Trotter (holding Tommy), and Casey with Jenny the Collie.

Group on right (L to R) with Abbekerk, High Holstein In State for 1988, are Jill Trotter to the left of Abbekerk, with Dave Trotter leading and Roger Pertl, co-owner. In rear are Debbie Liggett (holding Amy) and Dave Liggett (holding Holly). Grandma Trotter and infant Travis Trotter were not available for the picture.

Trotacre Farm Has Two High State Record Cows

BY

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As if the honor of having high cow in the state were not enough, the Trotters of Enon Valley, Lawrence County have produced two-- a Guernsey high in milk and fat and the high Holstein in the state. To what do they attribute such a phenomenal track record? According to the Trotters, genetics plays a major role, along with

a good feeding program and good forages. The Trotters feed grain five times a day and hay at night-- all done with extra TLC. And they

take pains to do all the little things right!

Trotacre Farms, a Dairy of Distinction in 1987, has been in the

Lancaster County Extension Reviews 1988

BY LISA RISSER

LANCASTER — Lancaster County Extension celebrated another year of serving the community and reviewed its activities Thursday night at its annual

banquet.

Last year was a busy one for extension as it held 1,693 meetings, broadcast 2,779 radio and 61 television programs, and provided individual assistance 29,962

Trotter family for 46 years. At one time predominately a Golden Guernsey Herd, the herd is now divided evenly between Guernsey

times. Lancaster County 4-H agent Zoann Parker was busy as well guiding 621 4-H leaders and 3,997 boys and girls and overseeing more than 5,000 projects.

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and Holstein. They also raise horses, specializing in trotting breeds with about a dozen mares, but their main income is from dairy. The Trotters milk about 91 cows twice daily in 63 tie stalls. They milk the middle two rows then alternate rows.

They raise their own replacements and grow their own feed: high moisture corn, alfalfa haylage and corn silage to which they

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