

Gov. Casey Opens Farm Show, Announces Improvements

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Gov. Robert P. Casey opened the 74th annual Pennsylvania Farm Show last Sunday, and announced more than \$3.7 million in funding for improvements to the Farm Show Complex.

"This year's Farm Show is dedicated to the theme of 'Good Food for Our Families,'" Gov. Casey said. "The number of farming families and, most especially, the children of those families who are here means that the future of farming in Pennsylvania will be in good hands.

"And as agriculture moves ahead into the 1990s, it's time that we made the Farm Show Complex fit for the next decade."

Gov. Casey said nearly \$2.7 million of the renovation funding will be used to provide the new roof for the Farm Show Complex, located on approximately 80 acres in the city. The complex has 450,000 square feet of exhibition area, with a large arena for showing livestock and other events.

Gov. Casey also released

\$715,000 for heating system improvements in the large arena. The project will convert the present steam heat to a hot water system.

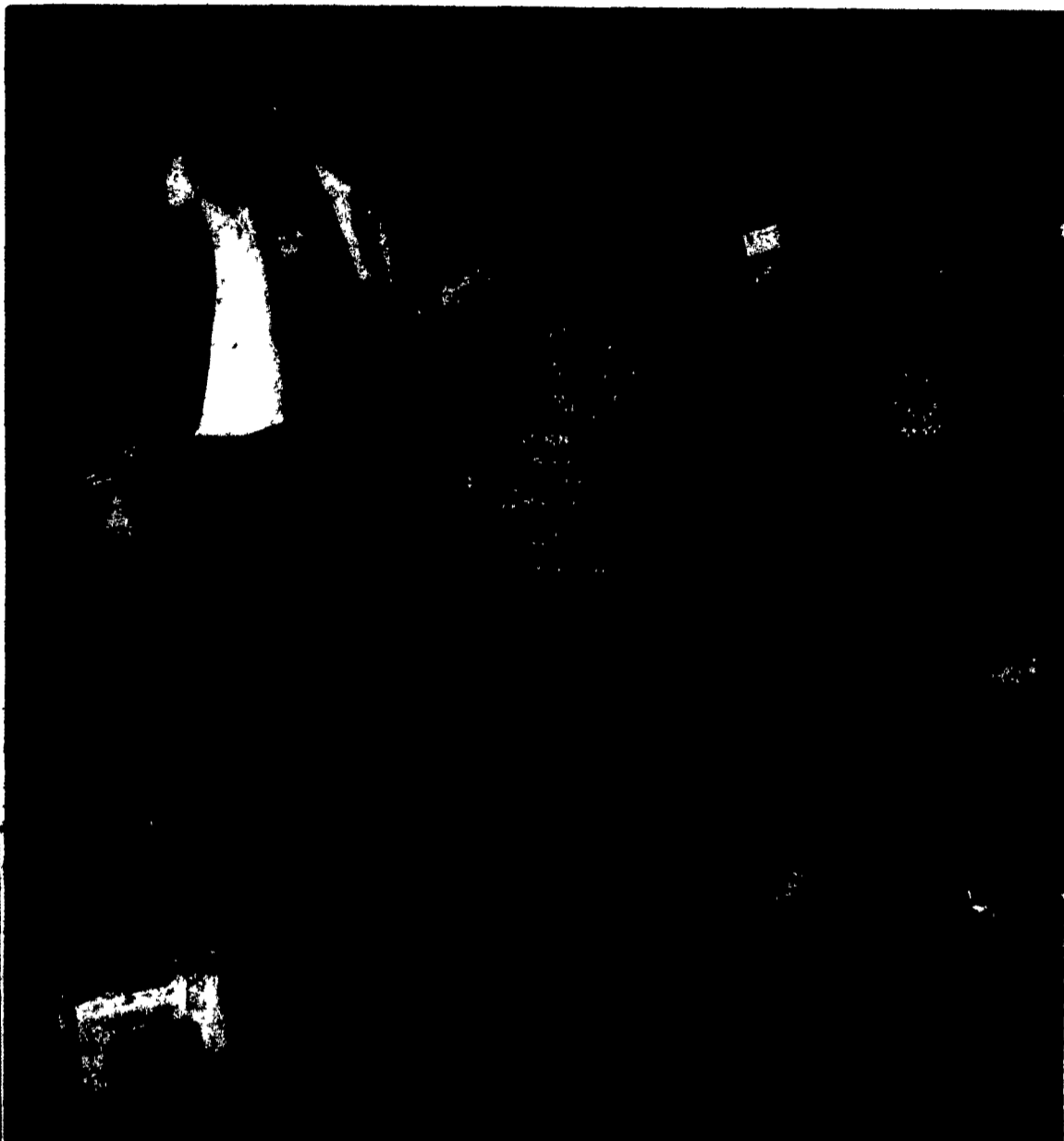
The governor also released \$350,000 to replace the lighting system of the Farm Show Complex. The project will provide increased levels and uniformity of lighting throughout the complex. It will also include the use of energy efficient, long-life lights.

Gov. Casey said the projects will be done simultaneously to increase efficiency of the construction.

The governor, during a tour of the exposition, stopped to sample a famous Farm Show baked potato and looked at various farm machinery.

The governor and Mrs. Ellen Casey joined Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff and Mrs. Margaret Wolff for the traditional horse-drawn carriage ride into the large arena for the show's opening ceremonies.

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The first supreme champion of the 1990 Pennsylvania Farm Show was crowned by Gov. Robert Casey as his official party toured the exhibits Sunday morning. (l to r): James Parlett Jr. showed the January Duroc gilt, Boyd Wolff, State Ag secretary, Gov. Casey and Gale Bressner, judge. Photo by Everett Newswanger

Three-Time Winner Shows Grand Champion Steer Again

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)

— It was just like old times for 19-year-old Mike Messick of Middletown on Thursday. For the fourth time in five years he paraded a steer out that became grand champion of the Farm Show junior steer competition. Messick and his steers earned the title in 1986, '87, and '88, and he may have won last year had he brought a steer to show.

Judge Scott Schaake, from the University of Kentucky, commended Messick's heavyweight steer, Simon, for having good muscling, being sound in structure, and having the finished look that steers going to market should have.

Simon is representative of the animals bred and raised on Mes-

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Mike Messick, right, of Middletown showed yet another Farm Show grand champion Farm Show steer. This year it was 1,285-pound Simon, a Chinanina-Angus, that won the title. Holding the banner is Boyd Wolff, Secretary of Agriculture.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Keefer (right) receive the Charles E. Cowan Award from Pennsylvania Dairymen's Assn. President Wayne Beshore.

Dairymen Honor Keefer, Moore And Hand

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—The 119th annual meeting and banquet of the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Assn., was held Tuesday evening at the Sheraton Harrisburg East. Three persons were honored for service to the dairy industry. They are Earl Keefer, Millersburg, who received the Charles E. Cowan Award; H. Lewis Moore, Professor of Ag Economics at Penn State, who received the 1990 Extension

Award and Dr. Paul E. Hand, general manager of Atlantic Dairy Cooperative.

The Charles Cowan Award was established in memory of a man who was a longtime secretary and a leader of the PA Dairymen's Association. It recognizes dairy farmers who have made major contributions to the state's largest agricultural industry.

Keefer farms 300 acres and his Sycamore Meade herd of Ayrshires is well known to area dairymen and to Ayrshire breeders

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