

# Funks Honored At Home

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seems appropriate as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first conservation district of Lancaster County that we also commend you (Funk) for your 40 years of dedication and guidance for conservation of Lancaster County's natural resources.

Commissioner James Huber said Lancaster County is referred to as one of the three most fertile areas in the world, and we face

many challenges. Huber said soil conservation district helps us address these issues and suggested that if we had not conserved the soil, we would have needed to go to the Chesapeake Bay to see Lancaster County.

Commissioner Brad Fisher said Funk was a great educator and a great persuader, helping public officials to make correct decisions to prevent Lancaster County and work to make sure our heritage is

here for future generations.

Mark Philips, representing US Congressman Robert Walker, presented congratulatory letters to both Funk and Stauffer.

Noah Wenger said Funk has become a legend in his own time. He said many of us have benefited from the Lancaster County Conservation District's efforts on our own farms. "It's good to preserve our farmland for continued agriculture production," Wenger said. "But that's only part of the answer. We also need to conserve the soil and water on the land we keep for agriculture.

Gib Armstrong presented a citation from the state senate to Funk for "splendid contributions and on being a driving force."

Terry Scheetz presented the state house citations and told of a

personal experience when Funk had testified in court to help protect a no-till operation on his farm. Gerald Root, USDA Soil Conservation Service, said Lancaster County is known across the nation for its productive farms and beautiful landscapes. "And part of the beauty is

indeed the mark of conservation," Root said.

In closing, Funk thanked everyone for coming to celebrate 50 years of conservation in Lancaster County and said, "It is important to do what we're doing. Let's keep it up."

## Pa. Cows Go To Make Milk In Middle East

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plans and invited the dairymen to drive to the dock and watch the loading, set from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Nichol said the sale of registered Holsteins to the Egyptian outfit represents a continually increasing demand for well-bred dairy cattle.

About 30 of the heifers bound for the Middle East were purchased from Chester County dairymen, Nichol said.

In other business, members of the Chester County group elected

four members to its nine-member board of directors.

New directors are Jeannette Brooks, James Miller, John St. John. Re-elected to the post was Ken Umble.

Walter Wurster, dairy extension agent for Chester County, urged members to encourage their children to become involved in the county 4-H program. He said the number of Holstein-project youth has dropped significantly.



Amos and Esta Funk were honored for 40 years of service to the Lancaster County Conservation Service. Mel Davis former administrator, US Soil Conservation Service (left), made the presentation.

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