

Tulpehocken Young Farmers Hold Banquet

BERNVILLE (Berks Co.) — The 6th annual banquet of the Tulpehocken Young Farmers was held recently at the Bernville Fire Company.

The following awards were presented: In the milk production category, the high herds in milk were Forrest Stricker with 22,179 pounds, Leon Martin with 19,776 pounds and, in third place, John Stump with 19,631 pounds. In protein production, the winners were Forrest Stricker, 690 lbs., John Stump, 633 pounds, and Leon H. Martin, 629 pounds. The low somatic cell herds were Forrest Stricker, Mark and Lawrence Keiffer, and Danvale Farms.

In the corn yield contest, the winners were Frederick Bohn, John Stump, and in third place, Samuel Forry. Haylage results were as follows: 1st-Lester Burkholder, 2nd-Samuel Forry and 3rd-William Leshner. Hay analysis winners were Mordale Farms, William T. Palmer and Samuel

Forry. Sponsors of the above awards were Sire Power, Inc., Meridian, Brubaker Refrigeration, Reading Bone Agway, Anthony's Feeds and Cargill.

The Outstanding Young Farmers honored by the chapter this year were Samuel & Sandra Forry-over 30; Daryl & Debra Harnish-under 30, and the award for community service went to Lillian Harnish. These individuals were selected by fellow chapter members. Presentations were given to officers in appreciation of their efforts given to the organization.

The 1990 officers were President Ralph Moyer, Secretary William Palmer, Treasurer Nord Parkinson, and public relations correspondent Donna Hix. Taking over the responsibilities in 1991 will be President Eugene Brubaker, President-Elect Clark Sattazahn, Secretary William Palmer, Treasurer Samuel Forry, and public relations person Donna Hix.

Chester Farm Association Attends PFA Training Session

MALVERN (Chester Co.) — Chester/Delaware Farmers' Association was represented by 14 members of county legislative committees at the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association Region 3 training session held recently at Morgantown.

"It is mandatory that farmers stay current with vital legislative issues that can affect their farming operation and their income," said Robert Lange, Legislative Committee chairman. "Local committees are the voices of agriculture to represent farmer interests in Harrisburg and Washington."

"Farmers must speak for themselves. They have much to gain or lose when 10 percent of the

5,000 bills introduced in the Pennsylvania General Assembly last year had a potential impact on farmers," he said.

"The 694 members of the Chester/Delaware Farmers' Association can help in supporting Pennsylvania Farmers' Association and American Farm Bureau Policy," Lange said. "They should write letters and call legislators on any issue. Make their opinions known. Phone calls and letters are often tabulated by a legislator to determine his position on an issue."

"Legislative committees are composed of three members who live in the legislative district," Lange said. "The chairman and second member of the committee

are of the same political party as the legislator while the third member belongs to the opposite party."

Lange urged that any farmer not now affiliated with the Chester/Delaware Farmers' Association to contact the local director.

Mel Eckhaus and Fred Kerr of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association conducted the meeting. Topics covered were 1) what are the most effective ways of influencing your legislator? 2) What should you keep in mind when meeting with your legislator? 3) tips for writing letters; 4) what you should consider when calling your legislator; and 5) why you should get to know the staff of your legislator.

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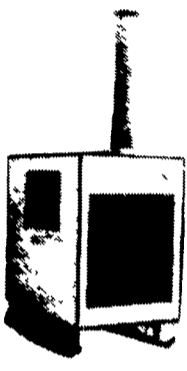
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