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Penn-Jersey Dairy Expo Features New Ideas, Concerns

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ALLENTOWN (Lehigh Co.)—"We are talking about a serious offense if you are involved in a residue problem with the Federal Drug Administration," said John Adams, National Milk Producers Federation.

Speaking at the Penn-Jersey Dairy Exposition here Wednesday, Adams said the FDA now has a new program that involves monitoring drug residues at the plant. And if they find contamination, they will come back to the individual farm samples and ask the producer to see the treatment records.

"And you better have them, or you are in big trouble," Adams said. "A violation is a federal offense, and it is a serious offense."

Adams said dairymen must protect themselves from potential liability by using the newly available tests for indi-

vidual cows and tests that are specific for the drug that has been used in treatment. He said dairymen have a great opportunity to use these new tests to eliminate contaminants in the bulk tank

and in the milk plant silos.

"As individual producers, we want to do our part for everyone," Adams said. "Nothing is more discouraging to the producer of good milk than to have a

neighbor contaminate a large supply of milk at the plant. Everyone carries the burden of that neighbor's mistake."

Adams said that to date, the consumer's confidence in the milk supply has not been shaken. But he said we need to be aware of the potential destruction that could occur in the dairy marketing system if we don't conquer the residue problem.

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Foundation Offers Scholarships

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)—One of the objectives of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation is to encourage the higher education of the youth of Lancaster County.

In this respect, the foundation is announcing the offering of scholarship awards in 1991 in the fields of agriculture and home economics. Depending upon the financial need and ability of applicants, a maximum of 14 scholarships may be awarded.

Each scholarship award will be in the amount of \$1,000 and may be used to help defray tuition, fees, or room and board expenses at any accredited educational institution, that offers a course of study in agriculture or home economics.

The Farm and Home Foundation Scholarships are made available through the earnings of an irrevocable trust fund set up by the late Elmer L. Esbenschade, one of the founders of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation. The income from this trust fund will be offered annually in the form of educational scholarships through the Farm and Home Foundation.

Scholarship applications are available from senior guidance counselors and vocational agriculture and home economics teachers in all school districts in Lancaster County.

Interested youth are urged to contact either their senior guidance counselor or vocational agriculture or home economics teacher for details and an application form. Additional information is also available from Jay W. Irwin, chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA 17601, (717) 394-6851. Application forms must be forwarded by April 16, 1991.

National Beef CEO Addresses State Meeting

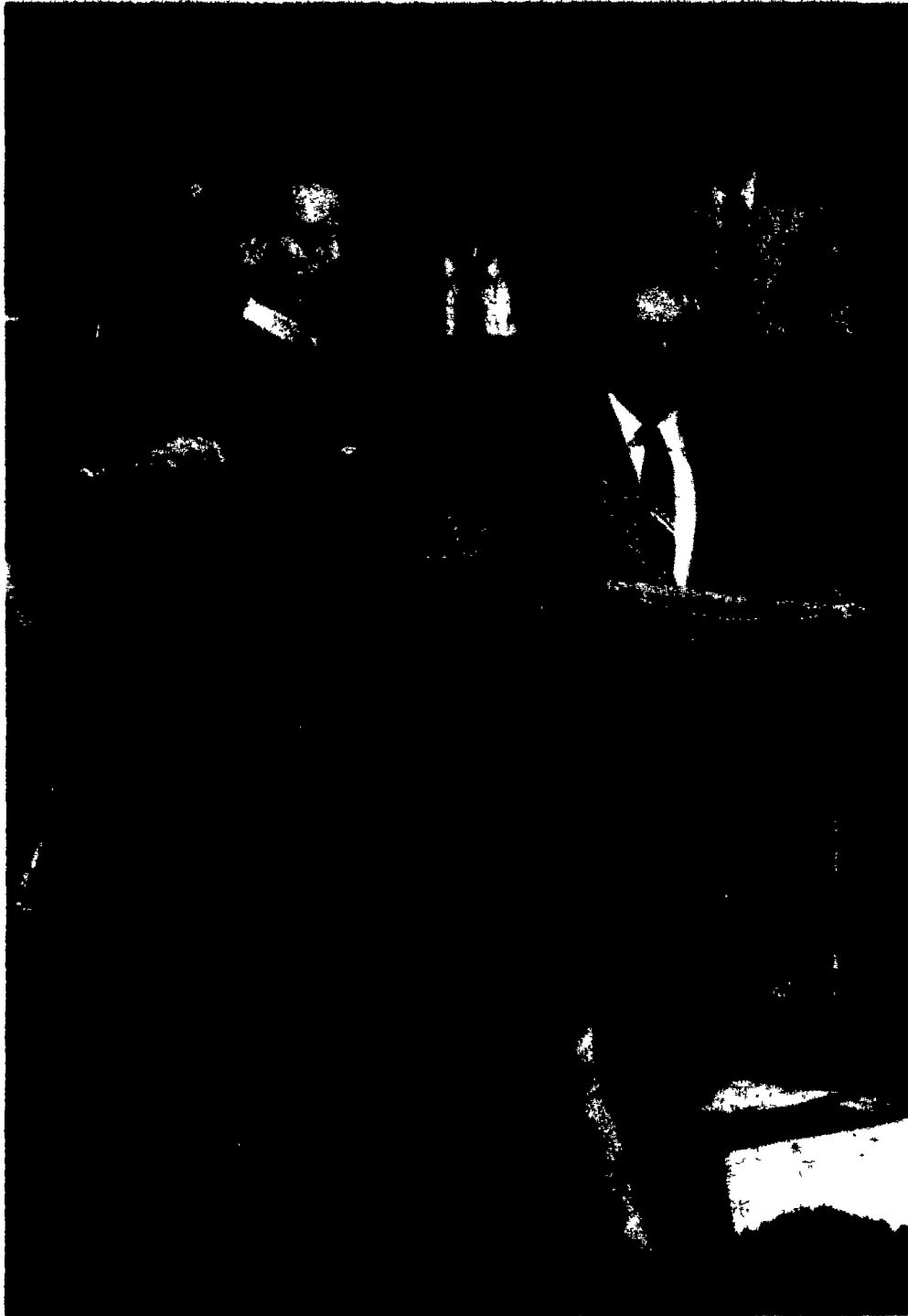
HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—"A year of successes, a future of challenges," was the tone of Cattlemen's Beef Board Chief Executive Officer Monte Reese's comments to nearly 150 agricultural leaders gathered for the Pennsylvania Beef Council's second annual dinner meeting.

Reese shared some of the beef checkoff program's successes, but cautioned that much work remains to be done. "This past year the beef industry's Manhattan, MT television commercial was selected the best food advertisement on television, and an independent research study revealed that producers are receiving a \$5 return for every \$1 invested in the checkoff program.

"Many challenges remain. The proliferation of anti-meat rhetoric within our public school systems and the still untapped potential within foreign markets are just two challenges we must squarely address."

In addition to offering his observations on the effectiveness of the checkoff programs, Reese praised the Beef Board's leadership and members for their efforts in developing and implementing the beef industry's long range plan. "The most successful organizations anticipate challenges and plan

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From left, front, Daryl Bomgardner holds his banner for showing the grand champion junior market swine of the 75th Farm Show and Carlos Leffler holds a banner he received for buying the champion animal. Leffler paid a record-setting \$8,000 for the animal. But Bomgardner decided he only needed \$5,000 and donated the rest to the Friends of 4-H and the FFA Foundation. It didn't stop there, Leffler then turned around and returned the animal to Bomgardner to use for future breeding. Still even more notable about the event, auctioneer Abe Diffenbach, center received an award of appreciation for 35 years of service. To the right is Abe's son Alan, who assists dad. To the left, Bill Henning, a red meats specialist with Penn State University, helps out with the auction.

Farm Show Record Set, Youth Donates Money

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — A new Farm Show record was broken and state FFA and 4-H support organizations received a healthy contribution with the sale of junior livestock market animals during the 75th Farm Show.

The annual sale culminates the year-long efforts of the state's 4-H and FFA youth to breed and raise market animals for showing at the Farm Show. The proceeds are normally used to further education or

put into savings for other self-improvement goals.

A Lebanon County young man also set a new standard when he donated more than a third of a record-setting price he received from the sale of his champion market swine.

Daryl Bomgardner, 17, of North Annville, donated a total of \$3,000 to the FFA Foundation and the Friends of 4-H after receiving a record sale price of \$8,000 for his grand champion 244-pound Duroc/Hampshire crossbred sow.

The previous record price was \$7,000, set last year.

According to Lebanon County agricultural extension agent Kenneth Winebark, prior to the sale Bomgardner told Winebark that he would be satisfied to receive \$5,000 and whatever price was offered above that would be donated in equal portions to the agricultural youth support organizations.

But the generous act was rewarded with mutual generosity. The audience and participants

broke into loud applause with the purchase of the hog by Carlos R. Leffler, owner of Carlos R. Leffler Inc., Richland. Leffler has been a consistent supporter of area 4-H programs.

Addressing the crowd after the purchase, Leffler said that he had been a member of 4-H as a youth and that instead of sending the home-bred animal to slaughter, he wanted to donate it back to Bomgardner for use in the young man's breeding program.

Winebark noted that the gener-

osity of Bomgardner is even more meaningful because the young man does not come from a wealthy family.

"They are the kind of family that values things other than money," Winebark said.

Winebark also said Leffler's generosity was indicative of the fuel and heating oil company owner's community support.

"Through their continued and generous support, whether it has been money or time, Carlos Leffler

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