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In the barn of the top herd for milk and protein in Lancaster County are Roger and son Darrel Mills. The excellent cow in the halter is Spring Belle Straight Ace. Ace's latest record is 6y4m 365d 37,761m 3.5% 1311f 3.1% 1179p. Her highest production day was 127 lbs. of milk, but she milked over 100 lbs. of milk for seven months. Photo by Everett Newswanger, Managing Editor.

NMPF Young Cooperators Meet

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ORLANDO, Fla. — The Young Cooperators of National Milk Producers Federation met in Orlando, Fla., for leadership sessions, seminars, inspiration, to share views, learn and have fun, then to take the information back home and share with other cooperative members.

his work as a minister. He complemented the YC's for being selected to participate in the YC program.

"You are the folks the dairy industry will be looking to for new direction and vitality," Simpson said.

"Take hold of a new vision for yourselves and your cooperative. We need visionaries, people to look beyond the present," he said. "Now is the time to begin marching forward to live out your own dreams."

After the session, the young cooperators gathered for an old fashioned ice cream social.

The enthusiasm, excitement and knowledge of young cooperators mixed with experience and leadership causes Tom Camerlo, NMPF president, to see a good

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Spring Belle Has Top Herd, Lancaster Declines Centralization

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SMOKETOWN (Lancaster Co.)—The Lancaster County chairman of the research committee for centralization of Pennsylvania DHIA told the dairy farmers at the Red Rose DHIA annual meeting here Tuesday that joining the state centralization process would not be in the best interest of the local members.

Speaking to more than 500

members at the dinner meeting, John Howard said the committee came to this conclusion after extensive research into the matter.

Howard gave a lengthy step-by-step report on the process taken by the local committee and the events that transpired to bring the committee to this decision.

As options with state were closed, information was sought from other service providers. As of the meeting, negotiations had been

opened with Maryland and Raleigh, N.C. A late offer from state was also being considered.

In a show of unity by the membership, a motion of support for the actions of the committee and the local board was passed by voice vote without audible dissent.

The Red Rose DHIA financial report was given to members, with total revenues at \$1,158,847.65; a margin for the year of \$3,438.19

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Mifflin Extension Changes Name

GAIL STROCK
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LEWISTOWN (Mifflin Co.)—Those attending the Mifflin County Cooperative Extension Association's annual meeting on December 9 at Hartman Center in Milroy undoubtedly joined their forefathers in accepting change gracefully.

Change became the thread that connected two unrelated events on the program that evening.

One order of business was the need to revise the bylaws. Because extension is more than agriculture, members voted to change the old name, the Mifflin County Agricultural Extension Association, to the Mifflin County Cooperative Extension Association, indicating the common goal to improve the standard of living of all residents.

The other program event concerning change was the main point made by the guest speaker, Dr. Manfred Kroger, professor of food science at Penn State.

In building up to his main point, Dr. Kroger stated that, in the

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Manure Storage Study Finds Farmers Risk Safety

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LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — There are some things farmers just don't want to talk about.

But some things you *have* to talk about. Because if you don't, it can cost you — even kill you.

One of those things is your manure storage system. A new report published by the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS) contains the result of a year-long study of 99 manure storage systems in Pennsylvania.

The study, published in October this year, was the result of a two-

year long program to examine manure structures. The manure storages under scrutiny included facilities such as manure pond, structure, and treatment lagoons.

Existing facilities

With aid of the conservation districts in each of the counties across the state, the SCS study evaluated existing manure storage facilities. In the summer of 1990, 99 facilities were studied, including those with and without the assistance of USDA/SCS.

From a master list of 2,013 facilities that the SCS was aware of throughout the state, and with the

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Holiday Deadlines

The Lancaster Farming office will be closed Wednesday, December 25 in observance of Christmas. Deadlines for the November 28 issue are as follows.

- Mailbox Market Ads — 5:00 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20.
- Public Sale Ads — 9:00 a.m. Monday, Dec. 23.
- Late News — Noon, Thursday, Dec. 26.
- Classified Section C Ads — 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 24.
- All other Classified Ads — 9:00 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 26.



Recently the Espenshade family received a Century Farm Award for their 140-acre Elizabethtown farm that has been in the family for 124 years. From left: Matt, Susan, Amy, Becky, and Harvey stand in front of the springhouse they are restoring. Read about the Espenshades on page A28. Photo by Lou Ann Good.