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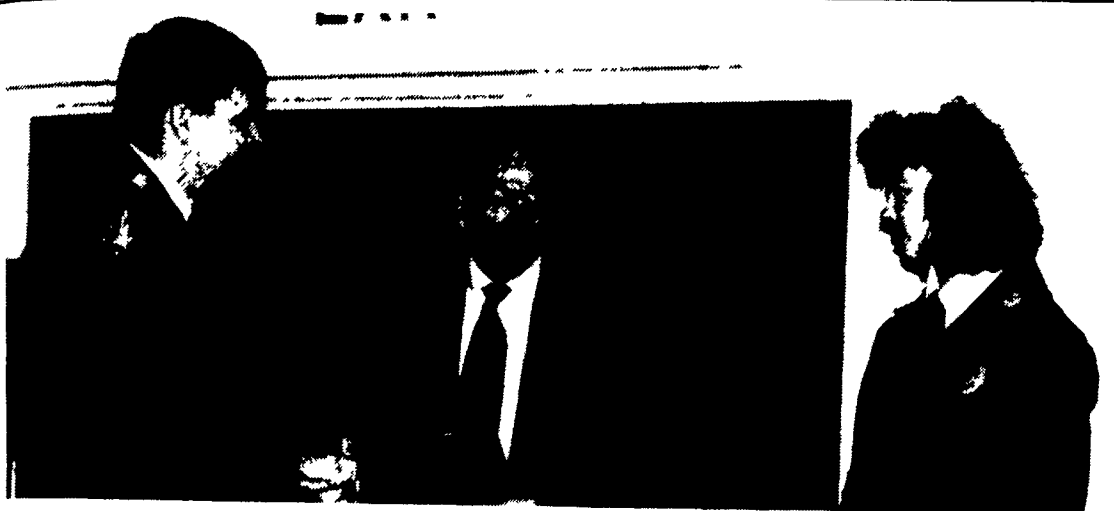
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FFA Thanks Pa. Poultry Federation

Lynn Henninger, chairman of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, receives an award from Pennsylvania FFA President Wayne Hassinger and state FFA Reporter Michelle Kerdeman in appreciation of the efforts by the Poultry Federation to help support FFA in the state. The award, called a Diamond Award, was presented during the 25th anniversary annual fund raising banquet at the Hershey Convention Center Wednesday which saw a record 1,600 tickets sold. The funds go for promoting better legislation. Entertainment for the evening was by Country Western recording star Ronnie Millsap.

Groups To Grapple With Dairying's Decline In Maryland

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Special Correspondent
BALTIMORE, Md. — The declining status of the dairy industry in Maryland has prompted action on several fronts in recent weeks.

State officials led by Secretary of Agriculture Bob Walker and Ray Miller, president of the Maryland Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, have appointed a task force of farmers and other industry figures to study the problems of dairy farming in Maryland. The 30-member task force, which held its first meeting on Monday in Baltimore, is expected to generate a report before the state's General Assembly reconvenes in January.

At the same time, members of Maryland Farm Bureau's dairy committee have begun discussing initiatives that can help farmers stay in business. The committee sponsored a marketing forum Monday that drew about 50 farmers to an evening meeting in Walkersville, Md.

The actions underscore concern for what has long been the second largest agricultural enterprise — behind broilers — in Maryland. As has been the case throughout the Northeast and much of the country in recent years, the number of both dairy farms and cows in Maryland has continued to shrink.

In Maryland, however, the (Turn to Page A26)

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Allied Milk Producers Hold Annual Dinner

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JONESTOWN (Bedford Co.) — The Allied Milk Producers' Cooperative Inc., representing nine counties, held its annual dinner recently at the Masonic Temple.

The gathering of members was for a two-fold reason, according to Dorothy Naugle, dairy marketing specialist. It was to thank the Allied supporters and to share with

them how the promotion dollars are spent.

To show how the cooperative targeted promotions, a number of reports and viewed colored slides were presented by Naugle.

Bill Parise, president of the Pennsylvania Special Olympics, headquartered in Rochester, was a special guest at the banquet.

In his remarks, Parise, (whom Naugle dubbed "the star of the show") praised the Allied Milk Pro-

ducers' Cooperative for its involvement with Special Olympics.

In addition to giving the Special Olympics its largest cash donation in history, Allied Milk Producers' Cooperative helped to raise thousands of additional dollars through a coupon booklet in conjunction with area businesses.

Finally, Parise presented a plaque to the cooperative on which was engraved words of gratitude

for all that has been accomplished by the cooperative for the Special Olympics Winter Games.

The board of directors will lose long time member, Jim Harteis, Cambria County, who is retiring after 10 years.

Board president, Joel Rose, told the group that Harteis had given invaluable support to the Allied Milk Producers' Co-op during his tenure on the board with words of (Turn to Page A27)

Inventor Of Baler Dies But Contribution To Farming Lives Forever

Ivan J. Glick
Writer Friend

Edwin B. Nolt, Baler Inventor, 1910-1992,

We've lost a friend, Ed Nolt passed away last Tuesday. But his example, his Christian testimony and his work remain with us. Not many people knew him very well because he shunned publicity. He usually didn't have very much to say unless you talked Pennsylvania Dutch. A stranger would never have guessed his genius. He was associated with the New Holland Machine Company from 1940 until a few years ago but he maintained a quiet reserve even there. Not many Machine Company or Sperry people got to know him. But his invention, the automatic pickup baler, was the foundation of that company's success. For years, thousands of jobs were based on Ed Nolt's invention. Around the world, livestock farming changed as a result of his baler.

Lancaster County would have been a different place without him. But not many people know much about that, either. Ed wanted it that way. In his view, as a Christian, it would have been just plain wrong to accept fame or to have people know about his charity. Brotherhood and Christian Fellowship were more important to him. Being a stand-out would have interfered

with things he believed.

Ed was born in 1910 near Vogansville. Like many Lancaster County farmers, he was a natural-born mechanic. His father had a small farm but mainly he ran a threshing rig. In the off season he operated a saw mill and crushed rock for local farmers with a portable crusher. Ed's mother was the daughter of a miller. So between mills, threshers, the saw mill and the rock crusher, young Ed grew up with mechanical things.

He was 14 when he finished the eighth grade and could quit school. He said he was sure glad to be done with that and have it over with. School didn't agree with him much. He went along threshing with his father during the harvest season before he was out of school. He bought the "Rig" from his father and became a custom thresherman on his own by the time he was 19. He opened a garage at Vogansville the same year.

Each year, by the time the threshing season was over, the equipment had to be overhauled. Young Ed decided to put a stop to that. So he went over the thresher and rebuilt it. He took off the old oil-soaked wooden block bearings and replaced them with bronze or anti-friction bearings and made a

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Relive history. Here, a 1939 or 1940 9-N antique Ford tractor pulls a 1948 Model 76 New Holland baler. This last of the first series baler invented by Edwin Nolt was pulled out of the museum in July 1990 and put to work on the Aaron Glick farm near Lampeter in Lancaster County. The occasion was the 40th anniversary of Nolt's baler invention and the 50th anniversary of the 9-N. Martin Denlinger Jr. drives the tractor.

Nolt passed away this week, but left behind a quiet legacy of mechanical genius from a grade school education that exceeded many doctorates. Photos supplied by author, some are by Earl Alneworth, Farm Journal.