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## Ringler Gives Farewell Address At Grange Convention



Ruth Osborne, winner of the 1992 Granger of the Year Award.

WILLIAMSPORT (Lycoming Co.) — After four years in office, William H. Ringler stepped down as master (president) of the Pennsylvania State Grange in a farewell address at the Scottish Rite Consistory to more than 600 Grangers this week during the state session.

"Among my goals when I assumed the mastership of Pennsylvania State Grange was to help save the family farm," Ringler said. "While the general public is more aware of the problem of surpluses, the fact remains some important changes and some important steps have to be taken if our food supply is to remain abundant.

"The truth is our young people who are of farm background are not remaining in production agriculture. I believe the next several decades will be decisive ones relative to production agriculture. Simply stated, the farmer is not being justly compensated for his investment and for his hours of

labor," said Ringler, a potato farmer in Somerset County for 47 years.

In order to help save the family farm, Ringler said the Grange has worked closely with other agricultural organizations, promoted proper legislation, spoke at civic organizations to inform urban people of the difficulties of farming, impressed upon young people the importance of agriculture, as well as supported the Foundation for Better Living which sponsors Ag in the Classroom.

### Hiller Elected Master

A Williamsport resident has been elected to the highest office in the Pennsylvania State Grange by the delegate body during the 120th annual State Grange Session.

Gordon Hiller has been named Pennsylvania State Grange Master (president) for the next two years. In this position, Hiller will be responsible for supervising the state office in Harrisburg and overseeing all state grange prog-

rams, as well as visiting Granges, hearing concerns of rural Pennsylvania, and helping members solve problems.

Hiller is a retired farmer, retired conservation program specialist for the Department of Environmental Resources, and retired Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. (Turn to Page A28)

## FFA's Compete At Manheim

### ANDY ANDREWS

Lancaster Farming Staff  
MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — In any contest, chance favors a prepared mind — and no minds had a better chance to get prepared than those at the five-county Agricultural Field Day held at the Manheim Fairgrounds on Tuesday.

About 500 FFA's representing schools from Berks, Lebanon, York, Schuylkill, and Lancaster counties competed in a wide array of events. (Turn to Page A25)

## Dairyalea Reports Good Year

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — "The 1992 fiscal year was one of substantial growth for our cooperative," announced Dairyalea Chief Executive Officer Rick Smith at the cooperative's 1992 annual meeting held mid-October in Liverpool, N.Y.

Dairyalea is a Syracuse-based dairy cooperative with 2,500 farmer members and affiliate members throughout the Northeast and it participates in a milk marketing network stretching from Maine to Maryland to Ohio.

More than 800 member farmers and industry guests attended the two-day event, which included a management presentation by (Turn to Page A22)

## Madigan Calls President 'Farmer Friendly'

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MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Edward Madigan, on the road in 42 states for the Bush/Quayle reelection campaign, made a stop at Hershvale Farm Monday at noon.

With about 75 farmers, partisan politicians, and agribusiness leaders sitting on hay bales and feed bags in the upper floor of the bank dairy barn, Madigan called President Bush "Farmer Friendly" and said, "We are not in a recession.

"What everyone is calling a recession is not a recession because we have positive economic growth in the U.S.," Madigan said. "A recession is when you have negative economic growth, and our growth is positive. But we have a terrible time getting out that message."

Madigan blamed the national media for the negative economic stories, quoting inaccuracies in the media organization report of the 2,793 economic reports on network news, they all have been negative. "I even saw a lead story on CNN about how hard the recession has been on dogs and cats," he said.

He said many people think the economic slowdown is only in the U.S. But there has been inflation and high interest rates all over the world in the last 10 years.

"We have brought our inflation of more than 14 percent to less than three percent, and we have brought interest rates down from 21 percent to 6 percent," Madigan said. "In the '80s farmers were leaving the farm at the rate of 12 percent per year. Now this is down to less than one percent. In 1987 we had \$150 billion of farm debt. Today we have less than \$100 billion. (Turn to Page A23)



U.S. Ag Secretary, Edward Madigan, center, visits with the Hershey family, from left, Larry, Krista, Bonnie, Gerry and Donald.

## Lancaster Poultry Association Recaps Accomplishments

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Lancaster Farming Staff  
WILLOW VALLEY (Lancaster Co.) — Outgoing president of the Lancaster County Poultry Association Tom Pantano set the stage for banter when he broadcast live from "Chicken Talk, Pennsylvania,"

during the industry's annual banquet on October 27. An on-the-spot survey conducted by Pantano revealed that most of the 500 persons attending the banquet support reelection of President Bush.

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On the serious side, members of the association chose Mike Harold of Intervet to be president of the association for a three year term. Other members newly-elected to the 12-member board include Guy Martin of Sauder Eggs, Mark Price of Pennfield, and Robert Armstrong of Garber Farms.

The annual banquet, held at Willow Valley Palm Court, is primarily a social event and a time to recap the poultry industry's activities during the past year.

Pantano reminded members that the association sponsors Poultry Progress Day, the largest poultry seminar held in the Northeast; presents Poultry Family Spirit awards to poultry farms that have remained in the family for two or more generations; holds a teacher's institute to educate 100 home economists about safe food handling; provide scholarships to poultry. (Turn to Page A24)

### Lancaster Farming Celebrates 37!

It was 37 years ago on Monday, November 4, 1955 that the first issue of this farm newspaper began to appear in rural mailboxes. Since that time, on a weekly basis, Lancaster Farming has supplied news, advertising, and markets to a growing readership. Nearly 50,000 copies of the newspaper are distributed each week.



Lancaster County Poultry Association board member Guy Martin, talks with Lancaster County Poultry Queen Mary Sauder, left, and Pennsylvania Poultry Queen Melissa Dawn Yoder, who received scholarships from the association at the annual banquet.