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York County Farm Women officers helped pack food and household supplies for the county's needy. In the photo are, left to right, Treva Stiles, treasurer; Shirley Kauffman, 2nd vice president; Pat Palmer, secretary; Carolyn Neal, 1st vice president; and Barbara Malehorn, president. Please turn to Page B-14 for Joyce Bupp's story. Also see Lou Ann Good's report on the Lancaster County Farm Women Society's annual meeting on Page B-4.

## 'Farm Cooperator' Chosen At Juniata Banquet

MIFFLINTOWN (Juniata Co.) — From the first year that Raymond Kauffman managed the Bellard Farm, he was aware of the need for conservation practices. He asked permission of the owner, Ruth L. Oliphant, to close erosion ditches, cut back fence rows, and implement other conservation practices.

The Oliphant family, which purchased the farm in 1942 (though it was in the family line since 1885), agreed. Through the support of the Juniata County Conservation District, Kauffman was able to improve the conservation efforts of the farm and was so honored by the district as "1992 Cooperator of the Year" at the district's recent banquet.

Raymond's son, Marlin, was graduated from Lancaster Mennonite High School in 1975. Soon after, Marlin began helping with the farm.

S. Parker Oliphant, Ruth's son,

purchased the former John Musser-Bashore farm, consisting of 230 acres in 1984. In the spring of 1985, Marlin moved into their home on the Oliphant property. In the 31 years he has lived there, Raymond and son have made conservation an important part of farming practices, according to the district. Kauffman became a cooperator with the district on September 10, 1965.

At Bellard Farms (the named acquired from E. Southard Parker, Mrs. Oliphant's grandfather, and derived from SouthARD and wife's name IsaBEL), there are a total of 387 acres on three different tracts of land. Various practices have been employed on the farm, including 340 acres in conservation cropping, 387 in conservation tillage, 370 in crop residue use, 350 acres on contour strip-cropping, 10 acres in grassed waterways, 3,000 feet of subsurface

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## 'Ideal' Rather Than Perfect Environment Possible For Layers

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MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — There may be no such thing as a "perfect" environment, even for layers, but there may be something close.

A layer house environment with a temperature of between 70-80 degrees Fahrenheit, relative humidity about 40-60 percent, ammonia levels under 25 parts per million, and minimum ventilation of two cubic feet per meter per bird may be some of the most ideal conditions for keeping the hens happy, according to John Schwartz.

Schwartz, Lancaster extension director and poultry agent, spoke to about 45 broiler and layer house managers and industry representatives at the poultry management and health seminar Monday.

Schwartz emphasized the importance of keeping the environment well ventilated and well sealed so the ventilation, cooling, and heat-

ing of the environment is sufficient to layer health during the winter months.

"We need to look for air leaks and water leaks if we're going to have successful ventilation," he said. He said layer managers must do the utmost to control air leaks. "We've got a lot of air leaks in chicken houses which we're just

ignoring."

Schwartz said there are several steps the manager can employ to check and correct leaks, including sealing the doors in the pit, sealing around load-out doors, caulking around fans, tightening fan louvers, and looking for other leaks in the building.

Schwartz said that air leaks rob

the birds of fresh air. Also, more energy is required and less critical circulation takes place. For instance, a 1/2 inch crack in a 10-foot door equals about 60 square inches of air inlet, or about 250 cubic feet per minute of fan capacity.

Also, controlling moisture is critical to keep the ventilation sys-

tem working optimally. Other things the manager can correct to keep moisture and humidity down would be to cull layers, watch the salt intake in diet, increase the fiber content of diet, remove dead birds daily, prevent broken eggs in pit, and to catch loose birds.

Bill Weaver, department of

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## Gramling Is New Manager At Mid-East

HAGERSTOWN, MD — George E. Gramling of Columbus, Ohio, has been hired as the new manager of the Mid-East Dairy Herd Improvement Corporation, headquartered near Funkstown, Washington County in Maryland. He began work on Oct. 19.

Dr. Gramling had been director of field services for the National Dairy Herd Improvement Association, based at Columbus, for eight years. Before that, he was a dairy cattle genetics Extension

specialist and researcher at Clemson University. During that time, he also supervised the DHI program in South Carolina for 12 years.

Gramling succeeds Robert F. Hope, Jr., of Libertytown, who had been interim manager since the retirement of another Frederick County resident, Eugene L. Long of Lewistown, on July 1. Hope had been manager of a companion organization, Mid-East Milk Lab Services, since its incep-

tion in 1984.

Hope is now manager of Mid-East DHIC Field Services, a new position created at the Mid-East DHIC board of directors meetings in early October. Stanley Stull of Thurmont has succeeded Hope as manager of Mid-East Milk Lab Services. Stull is a former Frederick County DHI testing supervisor.

In his new position, Hope will work closely with DHI supervisors and be responsible for train-

ing sessions to help the supervisors better meet changing demands of dairy farmers participating in the DHI program. He also is charged with acting as a liaison between DHI management and dairy farmers to help resolve problems in a satisfactory manner.

Stull's responsibilities will

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## Chester County Extension Honors Volunteers

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GUTHRIESVILLE (Chester Co.) — Chester County Extension honored its volunteers and added two new awards for annual recognition during its banquet-meeting held Thursday night at the Easter Brandywine Fire Hall in Guthriesville.

Trudy Dougherty, county extension director said that 4-H leaders and extension program volunteers for programs such as the master gardeners, dairy clubs, youth development program, tractor safety,

horse, livestock, textiles and clothing clubs were responsible for the success of the land-grant university program in the rural-urban county.

The annual banquet-meeting is held to review programs, honor outstanding achievements, elect directors to the extension board and to build fellowship.

Two awards were added to the list of annual recognition honors, one is for outstanding effort by a new 4-H leader and the other for continued service.

Ellen Hoffer, of Glenmore, was

the recipient of the first new leader appreciation award for her effort to improve the extension program. Two years ago, Hoffer and her husband John and their children moved to Chester from northern Illinois.

In the time that she has been here, Hoffer has founded a 4-H club called the Glenmore Go-Getters, which is a community club and covers topics ranging from computers to cooking. She is also a member of the 4-H board of directors.

Receiving the award for con-

tinued service was Ruth Ann Holmes, who during the past seven of her almost 20 years volunteering for 4-H, has been a leader with the county 4-H small animal program and has helped lead numerous programs involving dogs.

She co-initiated expanded 4-H activities for youth and adults who participate in the Pennsylvania 4-H Dog Program. She has been involved in at least eight different 4-H groups or programs ranging from basic heel and sit dog obedience to training for seeing eye

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## Deadlines Change For Thanksgiving

The Lancaster Farming office will be closed Thursday, November 26, in observance of Thanksgiving. Deadlines for the week of Thanksgiving are as follows:

- Mailbox Market Ads — 5 P.M., Fri., 11/20
- Public Sale Ads — Noon, Mon., 11/23
- General News — Noon, Wed., 11/25
- Classified Section C Ads — 5 P.M., Tue., 11/24
- All Other Classified Ads — 9 A.M., Wed., 11/25