

Developer Preserves Farm, Others Honored At Trust Banquet

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MOUNT JOY (Lancaster Co.)
— For the first time in memory, a developer preserved a farm in Lancaster County.

Speaking at the Lancaster Farmland Trust annual dinner meeting at the Country Table here last week, Alan R. Musselman, executive director of the trust, said he believed this was the first time a developer in the county has preserved a farm. The recipient of the Land Benefactor Award was Paul and Linda Kay Weber for preserving their farm in West Hempfield Township.

At a banquet to honor those who support the trust with nearly 300 in attendance, Musselman reviewed the year and introduced a new video which spotlights the work to preserve "our essential character and our traditional way of life," he said.

"Today, 190 farms have been preserved in Lancaster County," said Musselman. He told those attending how remarkable this was, "over less than a 10-year period."

The trust director said that the area in western Lancaster County, the valley extending from Marietta and Maytown through Mount Joy and Elizabethtown, "is becoming one of the most protected localities in the eastern United States."

"We will be the most permanent agricultural community in the United States within several years, at the pace at which we're moving now."

Musselman spoke of the many ways in which the Trust has made a difference in helping townships to adopt programs that help to orchestrate more agricultural preservation.

Now, 37 of 41 townships in the county have ag preservation programs in place, according to the director. At the meeting, he showed the map which details preservation throughout all areas of the county. He said that by the end of the year, the Trust hopes to have copies of the map printed and available for purchase at a small fee.

Also, the Trust has been active in "defending the countryside,"

said Musselman, against various proposals to put in quarries and a hazardous waste facility. Also, Musselman spoke about the "conflict" ongoing over the proposed retirement community in Earl Township. "It has not completely subsided," he said. "But indeed we are breaking bread, here tonight, together."

Musselman told the group that the work of those involved in the growth management plan adopted by Lancaster County should be applauded. "A lot of work has gone into establishing what is now being defined and adopted as an 'urban growth boundary,'" he said, to ensure future protection of the countryside and to accommodate development where it should be occurring.

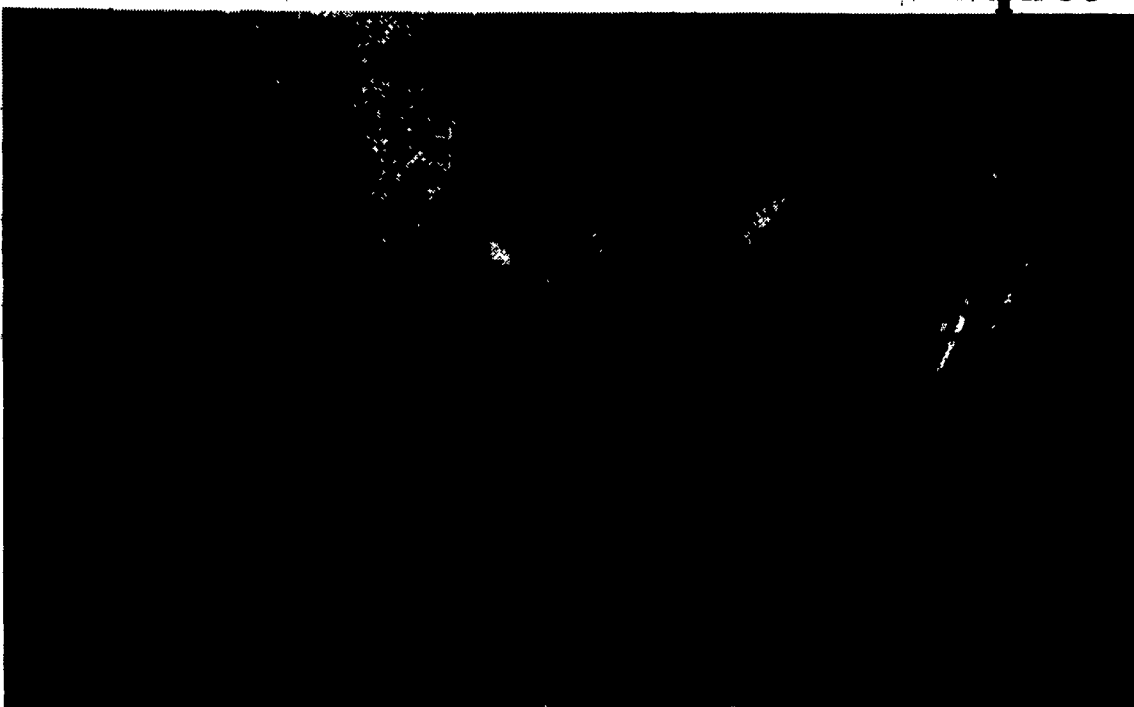
He invited those present to attend the Stewardship Forum scheduled November 15-16 at Willow Valley, which will "further the concept of urban management planning."

Part of the Trust's work, according to the director, is to "accomplish development in a way that is planned and serviceable and in a way that will not conflict with the essential values of a productive countryside," he said.

"Today, Lancaster Farmland Trust, independently, has preserved 37 farms," said Musselman. Five other farms are in negotiation for protection with the county preservation board.

On a recent meeting of land trusts in Maryland, Musselman told those who attended, "People care very deeply about the countryside," he said. "Our land ethic is of long-standing and is well-developed."

At the meeting, the Trust presented Land Benefactor Awards to farmers who preserved their farms in 1993. They include an anonymous farm in Earl Township; Frank and Dawn Ludwig, Earl Township; Eugene and Ada Mae Martin, Earl Township; Paul and Linda Kay Weber, West Hempfield Township; Willis Futer, Leacock Township; Parke and Mary Breckbill, West Lampeter Township; Janet K. Eshelman and Paulyne Long, E. Drumore Township; H. Eugene and Karen Garber, W. Donegal Township; and Matthew



At the banquet last week, the Lancaster Farmland Trust presented Land Benefactor Awards to farmers who preserved their farms in 1993. They include, from left, Linda and Paul A. Weber, Gene and Karen Garber, Matthew Schnader, and Frank Ludwig.

Schnader, Brecknock Township. The Trust also presented a Board Service Award to Darwin Boyd, president of the organization, for his work in fashioning a compromise location for the controversial Garden Spot Retirement

Village in Earl Township. Board members Jerry Greiner and Zoa Kile received awards for producing the Trust's first video. New board members elected at the meeting were William J. Moshos, Jean Mowery, C. Martin

Greenleaf, Jr., and Stephen Kraybill. Also, a silent auction helped raise money for the trust. A Lone Star quilt was purchased by Greenleaf Enterprises for \$511, and Dresden Plate quilt went for \$397

Mid-Atlantic Brown Swiss Futurity Needs Support

FREDERICK, Md. — The first Mid-Atlantic Brown Swiss Futurity is to be held Sept. 4, 1994 in conjunction with the Brown Swiss Show of the Maryland State Fair, in Timonium, Md., but breeders in the region are being asked to make a concerted effort to support the program in order to ensure its success.

The show is open to all Brown Swiss breeders in Maryland and surrounding states. However, the show needs a boost at this point, according to a news release from the Maryland Brown Swiss Breeders Association.

According to Cindy Warner, of Frederick, Md., the regular rules of a futurity are being bent slightly to allow breeders more time to learn

of the program and to support it. "In order to jump-start the futurity of the 1994 Maryland State Fair, a combined first and second payment totalling \$8 is still being accepted.

"To help make this a success, we need breeders to nominate all females born Sept. 1, 1991, through August 31, 1992. Then the third payment of \$8 is due on or before July 1, 1994."

The Mid-Atlantic Brown Swiss Futurity will be designated and numbered consecutively with 1994 as No. 1, Warner stated in the news release.

The estimated value of the first year event is \$2,000.

The futurity is based on a nomination of an animal by its owner. Three payments are required for each animal that competes in the futurity — the initial nomination as a calf; a renomination as a yearling, and the final nomination as a

2-year-old. Respective payments are \$3, \$5, and \$8.

"The quality and number of Swiss being shown locally, statewide, and nationally indicate that Brown Swiss are on the move in the dairy business," Warner said. "The Mid-Atlantic Futurity is just another way to promote the 'Big Brown Cow,' so breeders should check heifer pens and plan to be part of the greatest group of 2-year-old Brown Swiss at the 1994 Maryland State Fair."

The first payment for the 1995 futurity, for calves born between Sept. 1, 1992 and August 31, 1993, is \$3, due Nov. 30, 1993; the second payment is \$5, due Nov. 1, 1994; and the third payment is \$8, due July 1, 1995.

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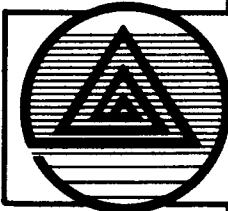
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