

Thanks For The Investment, Scholarship Recipient Tells Foundation

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— "Pastoring isn't all that much different (from farming), really. It seems either way I was destined to look after sheep."
That was the testament by Rev.

Joe N. Sherer, who thanked the Lancaster Farm and Home Foundation directors and guests for a scholarship he received in 1975, "an investment you made in me. I thank you for that and for your vision and your trust in a young man 19 years ago."

Sherer spoke to about 100 guests during the Foundation's banquet as the wind chill outside measured 50 below and many roads were barely driveable because of a devastating snow and ice storm that ravaged the state. Sherer said that before he

entered college, he had a fully developed plan mapped out for his life. The plan included attending Penn State University to major in animal science and pursuing a degree in veterinary medicine. But something happened along the way.

In his senior year at college, during a time he says of particular inner turmoil, he received what he can only describe as a "call from God" to serve in the ministry. What becomes even more mysterious was some of the encouragement he received to pursue that call from the most extraordinary sources.

One of those was a professor in ag science who told Sherer that "I have no idea what your plans for the future may be, but you will miss your calling if you don't include some sort of teaching or speaking."

"As a young Christian . . . that sounded to me like a very strange choice of words coming from a professor on a secular college campus," he said.

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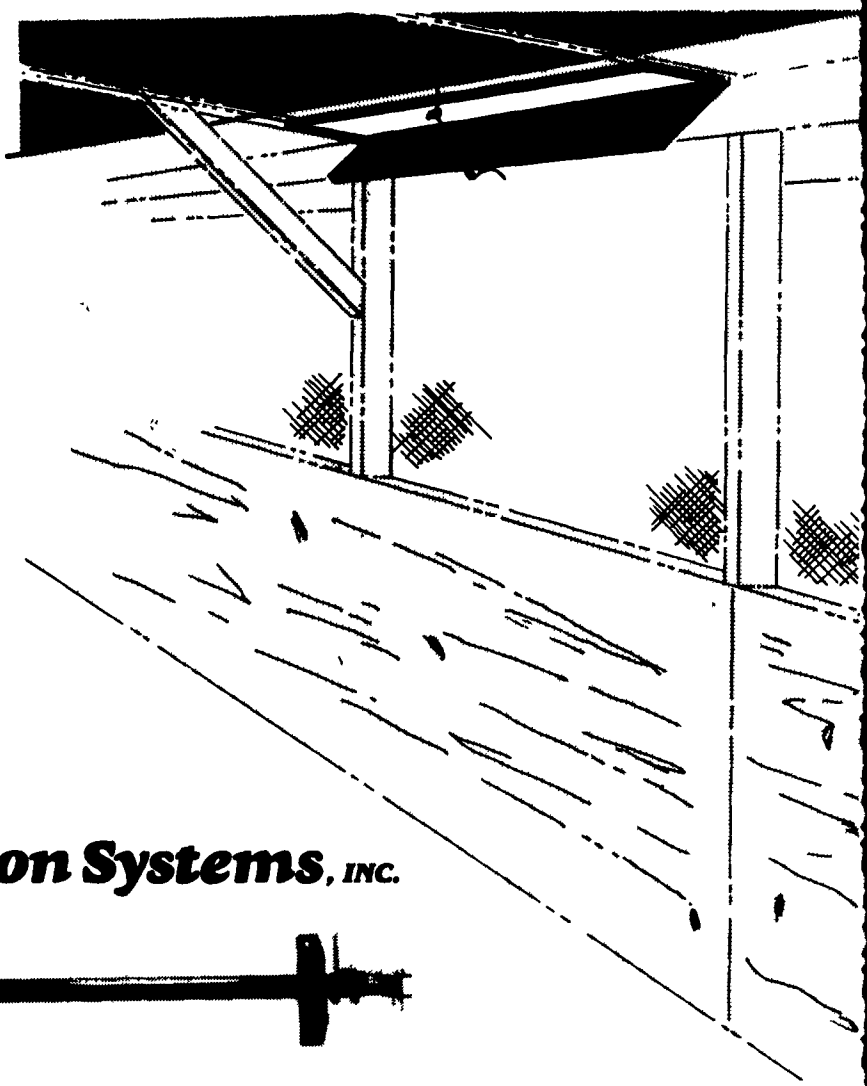
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Seven new directors were elected at the Farm and Home Foundation meeting. They include, from left, Lilli Ann Kopp, James Kreider, Elvin Hess, Charles Rohrer, and Mark Hess. Not in picture were Joan Hershey and Larry H. Skromme.

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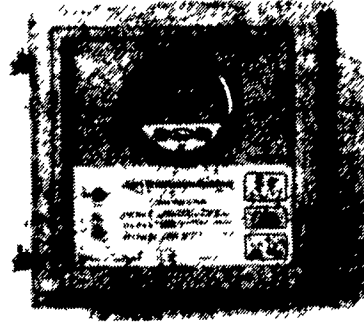


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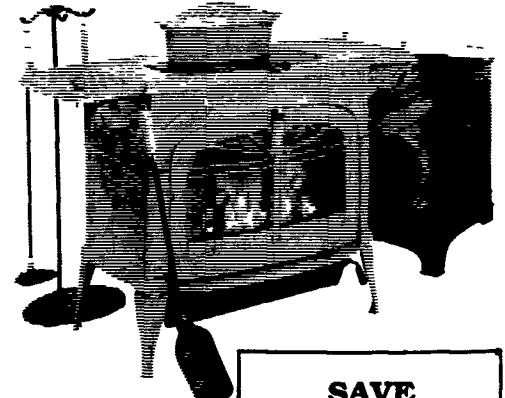
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