

# Mifflin Farmers Hold Annual Meeting

LEWISTOWN (Mifflin Co.) — Over 40 members, friends, and guests of the Mifflin County Farmers' Association met the end of March for their annual spring meeting at Hoss's Steak and Sea House in Lewistown.

President Stan Dunk welcomed those attending and then introduced Governmental Relations Direc-

tor Mark Ellinger. Ellinger listed the issues being addressed in Harrisburg and Washington, such as wetlands legislation, farmland preservation, amendments to the Pa. Seasonal Farm Labor Act, the bottle bill, GATT, the reorganization of USDA, health care, deductions for the self-employed, and the Clean Water Act. He also announced a tentative date for the county's Measure the Candidates night.

Regional Organization Director Joe Buck reported on member-

ship. The Mifflin County Farmers' Association presently has 332 members. Membership chairman is Ken Loht.

Prior to hearing a report from Guy Donaldson, vice president of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Member Relations Director Elrose Glick presented proposals for by-law changes, including a name change to the Mifflin County Farm Bureau. Action was put on hold because attendance was two members short of the 20 needed for a quorum.

Guy Donaldson, a fruit farmer from Adams County, said encouraging involvement from the group in attendance is a little like preaching to the choir. "You are here because you are already involved," he said.

Donaldson said legislators in Harrisburg and Washington look forward to meeting with the farmers' association because the organization has grown and is well respected. He encouraged members to stay informed on issues and to garner membership support

from the non-farm sector through issues that affect them as well, such as property rights and tax reform. He said the organization should give the non-farm sector a chance to buy into the process.

Donaldson said farmers comprise less than 2 percent of the population and that Pennsylvania lost 6,000 farms in the past 10 years. "We need to stay strong for the survival of the industry. We cannot let others speak for us in agriculture," he said.

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BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — Applications are now being taken for the annual Robert H. Rumler Scholarship, an award of \$3,000 to be given to a deserving college dairy graduate pursuing business administration studies for the master's degree.

The scholarship was begun in 1984 in the name of the former executive secretary of the Holstein Association.

Those who wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, can send checks directly to Steve Kerr, current executive secretary of the Association.

The selected recipient will be announced in June. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. Obtain scholarship forms available from Office of Dean at Agricultural Colleges.
2. Send transcripts of grades with application.
3. Recipient should be under 30 years of age.
4. Recipient should rank academically in upper one-third of graduates granted B.S. degrees.
5. Submit supporting letters of appraisal of candidates by Agricultural Dean.
6. Submit current photo of candidate.
7. Send application to be received by Steve Kerr, Holstein Association, Brattleboro, VT, by May 15, 1994.

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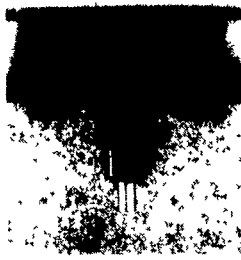
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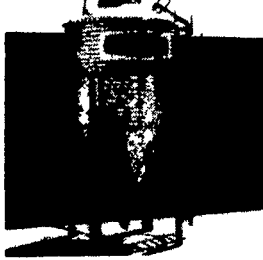
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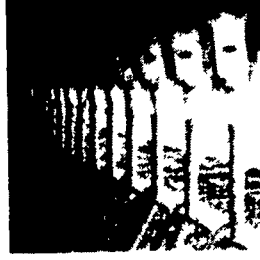
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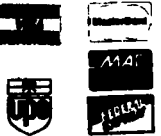
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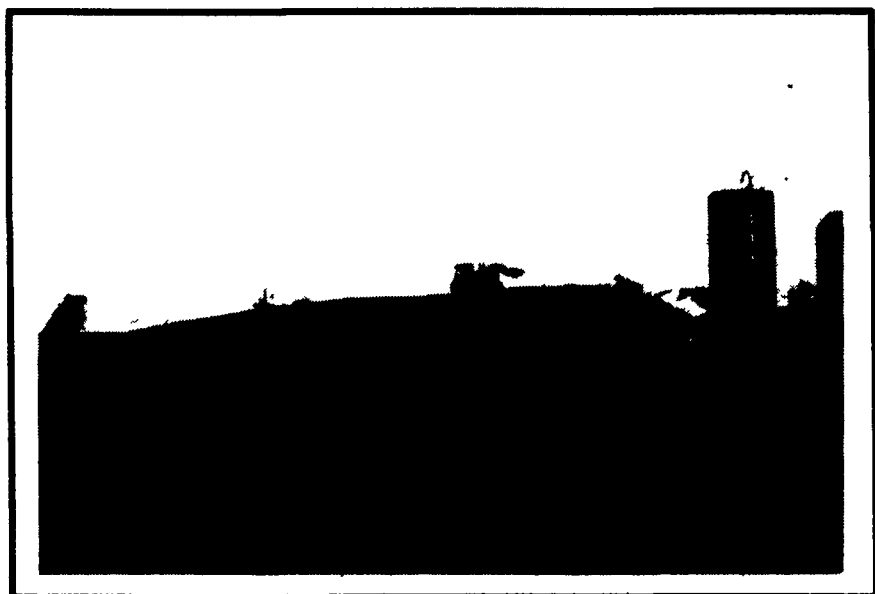
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