

Lancaster Farmland Trust

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conservation easements totals 217 farms.

Mussleman noted that because the Farmland Trust was a private, non-government fund, many of the Amish and Mennonite families who do not want to join government sponsored programs have found the Trust's work an acceptable way to preserve their farms. "Now many 'Old Order' farms are preserved in Lancaster County, and interest in protecting the land and culture is growing," Mussleman said.

Dorothy Lyet, chairperson of the Trust's annual funding campaign, reported that the Trust has raised close to \$35,000 toward its \$150,000 goal. "Now that we have celebrated the preservation of the 'Witness' farm with a barbecue for 800 people, we intend to turn your attention toward our need to reach this goal. With the help of Honorary Chairperson Caroline Steinman Nunan and others, I'm confident this campaign will be a success."

The Trust presented framed Farmland Preservation Deeds to individuals who purchased 500 or more deed shares to preserve the Krantz farm in Strasburg. The movie "Witness" was filmed at this farm. The Trust and the County Agricultural Preserve Board are jointly preserving the farm, and the Trust is raising its portion of the preservation costs through the sale of Preservation Deeds. The collectible deeds sell for \$25 and are available until Dec. 21, 1994.

In a special presentation, Darwin Boyd, Trust president, awarded Farmland Preservation Deeds to individuals and organizations who purchased 500 or more deed shares to preserve the Krantz farm. They included Emma Krantz; Barbara

McElhinny Memorial Fund; Lancaster Co. Ag Preserve Board; Lancaster County, and Tom and Katherine Daniels.

Service recognition awards were presented to board members, Jeffrey Fry, Ronald Kreider, and Paul Whipple, as well as staff member Kathleen Bridgehouse.

Mrs. James H. Binns received the 1994 Distinguished Donor Award.

The Trust presented land benefactor awards to the following farm families who permanently preserved their farm in 1994: The Hess family, who preserved the Myer Homestead in Upper Leacock Twp.; Emma Krantz for preserving her 82 acre Strasburg Twp. farm; Emma Musser for preserving her 77 acre farm in West Hempfield, making it the fifth contiguously preserved farm along Marietta Pike near Silver Spring; Robert and Patricia Hershock, who preserved their Mt. Joy farm, and the four lots which had been subdivided from the property; Amos and Esta Funk, who permanently protected their Martic Twp. farm, which had been previously been placed under a 25 year commitment, as well as three Old Order farm families who wished to remain anonymous.

President Boyd said we need to work together in order to be successful and keep the agricultural economy here. "We're not talking about stopping development," Boyd said. "There is room for growth in the County but also room for wisdom to continue to maintain the ag areas and to keep the ag economy strong and viable. We need this to contribute to the quality of life we all seek for ourselves and our children, the generations to follow. We need those areas where there is productive land or we are

Agronomic Products Assn. Wins Ambassador Award



Don Lohr, chairman of the Ambassador committee, left, received the Take Pride Award from Vinnie Nauheimer, eastern manager, Progressive Farmer.

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Agronomic Products Association that represents the state's fertilizer and agricultural chemical industry was honored Thursday for their efforts to educate the public about farming practices. The recognition came from a contest called "Take Pride" that is sponsored by the Southern Crop Protection Association and Progressive Farmer.

Based on a program to educate ambassadors for agriculture the award was given to PAPA because they made more presentations to civic and other non-farm groups than any other organization in the region. Don Lohr, chairman of the committee of speakers that make the presentations said they had 24 persons involved and gave 71 presentations.

"Many of our people combine their own presentations with the materials supplied by SCPA," Lohr said. "We get a lot of questions not only related to ag chemicals and fertilizers but also about how much farm equipment costs and other related things not generally known about the business of farming."

"Many people we speak to only know that chemicals are bad, and we wake up a lot of people about just how safe the applications are. We get a lot of general questions too."

The Ambassador program that provides training and materials to present to the general public was started two years ago. This was the first contest to stimulate participation. But it is planned to be an annual contest.

The announcement of the award winner was made at the fall general membership meeting.

not going to have the quality of life to which we all aspire.

"Most people now think there is a lot of good in what we are doing. It is most exciting to me that so many great people are involved in this cause."

The elected officers at the meeting were Boyd, president; Phyllis Whitesell, vice president; Dorothy

Lyet, secretary, and Kenneth Messner, treasurer.

New board members include: Dr. Stephen Lockey III; Caroline Kilgour; John Schwartz; Christopher Barton; The Hon. Terry Scheetz, and Ken Raffensberger.

Renominations included: Henry Beiler and Zoa Bashline Kile.

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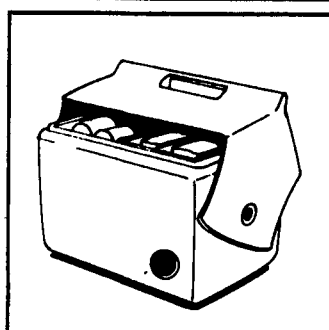
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