

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Holds Annual Meeting,

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Jody is a co-leader of the Beaver/Lawrence Farm Women and is the treasurer for the 1995 Pennsylvania Holstein Association convention. The Kinds have two young sons.

The two other finalists were: Rodney and Karen Hawbaker of St. Thomas, Franklin County, and Steve and Bonnie Wenger of Lebanon, Lebanon County.

Brown, in winning the discussion meet, received a \$500 cash merit award from the Dodge Truck Division of Chrysler and the free use of a Case IH Maxxum tractor for 50 hours or 60 days. Other members competing in the discussion meet were: Brian Dietrich of New Tripoli, Lehigh County; Dale Smeltz of Lykens, Dauphin County; Terry Stump of York, York County; Todd Stroup of Greencas-

tle, Franklin County; Sheila Swail- es of Willow Hill, Franklin County, and Rod Hawbaker of St. Thomas, Franklin County.

The discussion meet winner was selected by a panel of judges on the basis of their ability to express ideas and opinions on four pre-selected topics. The topics were: "What is agriculture's responsibility in the management and disposal of waste?", "What role do we, as rural citizens, have in restoring our country's values?", "Why are so many farmers seeking off-farm employment?", and "As agriculture's political influence is diminishing, should Farm Bureau seek to form coalitions with other organizations?"

In the county recognition program won by Berks County, the counties were judged on leadership

and support of the county programs. Following Berks in the above 500 member category was Lancaster County. In the 351 to 500 member counties, Mercer County was first, and Snyder County was second. In the up-to-350 member counties, Warren County was first.

The big prize announced at the banquet was from the drawing in the membership contest held at the Camp Hill offices Nov. 4. This contest had 15,000 entries, and the prize was a new Dodge pickup truck. The winner was David Braucher, Leesport, in Berks County.

Later in the week, the voting delegates re-elected Keith Eckel of Clarks Summit to his seventh two-year term. In addition, five members of the PFB board of directors were re-elected, and three new

members were named. Those re-elected are: Clarence Berger of Kintnersville, District 2, (Bucks, Lehigh, Northampton, Monroe); Donn Fetterolf of Aaronsburg, District 6 (Centre, Clinton, Lycoming); Ellis Crowl of Airville, District 8, (Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, York); Wayne Freeman of Elliptsburg, District 10, (Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin, Perry), and Jerome Carl of Dysart, District 12, (Cambria, Clearfield, Indiana). Newly elected are: Carl Shaffer of Mifflinville, District 4 (Columbia, Luzerne, Schuylkill, Carbon); Harold Curtis of Columbus, District 14, (Eric, Crawford, Warren) and Andrew Place of Ruff Creek, District 16 (Fayette, Greene, Washington, Westmoreland).

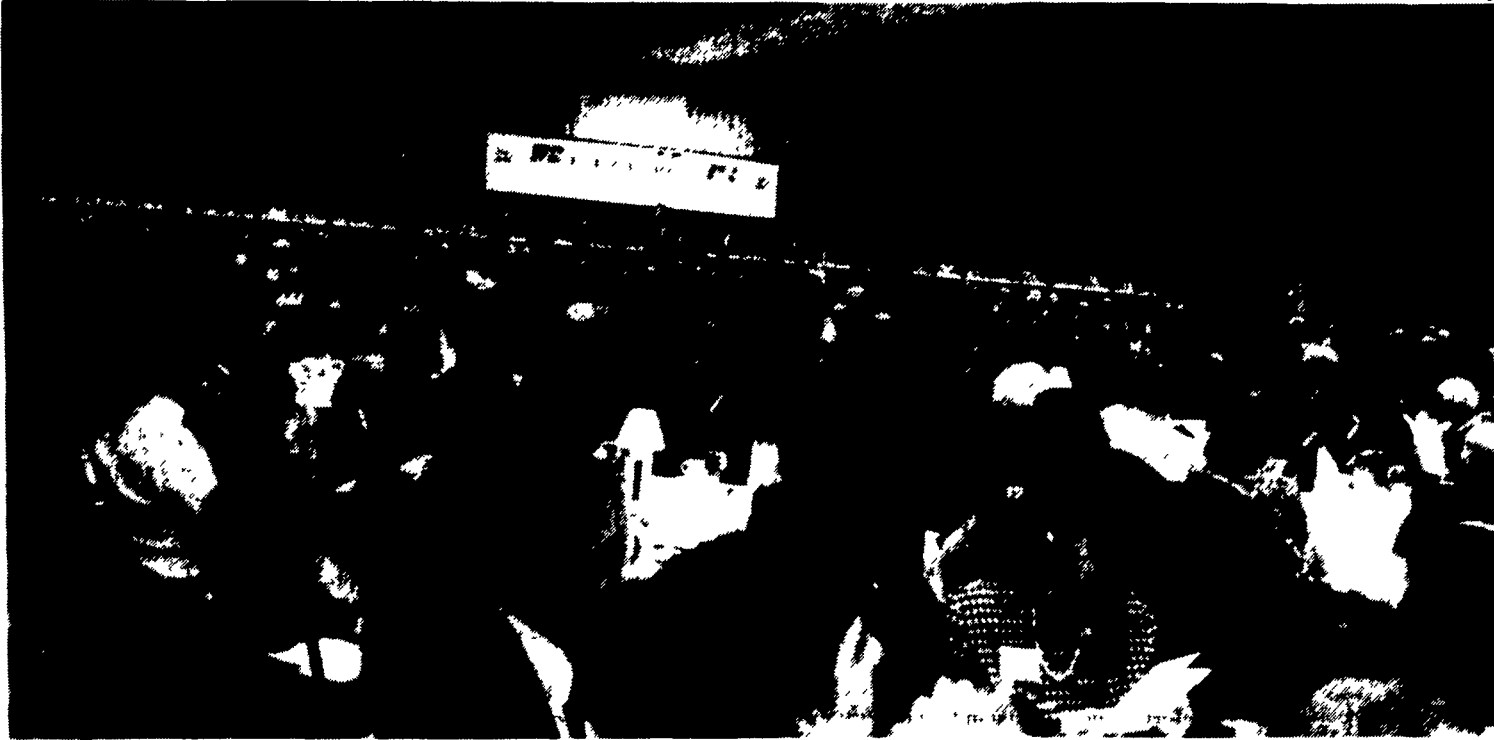
In other action, PFB voting delegates adopted policies concerning the 1995 farm bill, farm safety,

USDA reorganization, consumer ag education and other issues. Delegates adopted the report issued earlier this by PFB's 1995 farm bill study committee outlining specific goals for inclusion in the next farm bill. Leading those goals is a call for increased funding and aggressive programs for farm export promotion and expansion.

Other policy adopted at the 44th annual meeting recommends the implementation of a voluntary farm safety and occupational health program for farm operators, their families and employees. Training should focus on the prevention and avoidance of farm accidents and occupational illnesses. Adopted was Policy concerning U.S. Department of Agriculture reorganization that recommends that the local committees for the combined farm service agency consist of no fewer than five elected farmers to administer various programs of the new farm service agency. USDA reorganization legislation enacted this year encourages a broader range of committee representation.

Expressing concerns about the agricultural awareness of the general public, voting delegates adopted policy calling for ag education, and consumer and family science programs in school for both the college-bound and the non-college bound students.

The American Farm Bureau's annual meeting is scheduled for January 9 -11, 1995, in St Louis, Missouri.



A large crowd of members and many guests dine in the large ballroom at the Hershey Convention Center, Tuesday evening.

Chester County DHIA Reviews Year At Banquet

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Lancaster Farming Staff
GUTHRIESVILLE (Chester Co.) — More than 80 Chester County DHIA members and family were on hand to review the year and accept recognition for milk production at the annual DHIA meeting and banquet Thursday evening at the East Brandywine Fire Hall.

Dan Miller, president of the

Chester County DHIA, spoke about the challenges the organization faced during the year, especially regarding the organization's commitment to the state DHIA program.

On the minds of the directors the past year was the eventual merger with Pennsylvania DHIA. After review of the proposals put forth by the state and also by the Lancaster DHIA, the directors, according

to Miller, decided to go with the state DHIA program. The agreement began June 1 of this year and ends May 31, 1995.

Miller said the state DHIA rates "were slightly cheaper for almost all members," and that the directors went with the Pa. DHIA because "we got better rates than with Lancaster County." He told the members that everybody likes the reports from the state DHIA.

One of the first accomplishments was obtaining brand-new meters because the older ones were costing too much to repair.

"We feel this organizations has made the right decision and feel that things have been going well so far," said Miller.

Jim Boyer, Pennsylvania DHIA representative, reviewed the challenges faced by the technicians when using new laptop computers. He spoke of the Westfalia Dairy Plan software to help generate reports on-site using information from the barnsheet records. However, Boyer said the Pa. DHIA will support other dairy programs that members want to use, including DairyComp 305. But he said that using the Dairy Plan, test-day reports, including sorting and

regrouping, can be generated at the farm.

Dan Miller, Chester County DHIA president, provided the treasurer's report. As of September 1994, year-to-date revenue, including testing fees and other income, was \$90,185.50, with total expenses of \$92,799.90, for a margin of -2,614.40. Assets as of September, including cash in bank and accounts receivable, were \$14,175.18. Total liabilities were \$0.00. Equity, including reserve for contingencies, was \$16,789.58. Less margin, that brought the total equity in the organization to \$14,175.18.

New directors were elected at the meeting are David Bartram, Penny Moore, and Robert Peifer.

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First place in milk production for Chester DHIA was awarded to, from left, Melwood Farm, Cochranville (represented by Merlin Stoltzfus) for 26,301 pounds of milk, 3.3%, 869 pounds protein; second place went to Dunwood Farm, Oxford (represented by Dwayne Stoltzfus) for 24,989 pounds of milk, 3.3%, and 826 pounds protein; and third place went to Charles J. Moore, Cochranville, for 24,768 pounds of milk, 3.1%, and 763 pounds protein.



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