

Lancaster Chamber Banquet A Farm/City Event

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — "The core values of our country were generated by hard-working men of the land, proud of their heritage and working to pass on their fruits from generation to generation," said Richard Witwer, board chairman, Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in opening remarks at the Ag/Industry banquet Tuesday evening.

"Farming is like any other business. You deal with all the same problems business deals with on a day to day basis. Your assets are renewable, but your goals are identical. This common thread makes the Chamber such an important element in Lancaster County agriculture."

Jay Howes, manager of ag services, listed activities for the year based on goals to include education about farming of the non-farm public and involving the non-farm members of the Chamber in the farm educational process. One of the major events was the open house at Kreider Dairy Farms where five to six thousand people took the farm tour. The progress of the implementation of the nutrient

management laws and the water use regulations were also monitored.

"Agriculture is the starting point of the food chain," Howes said. "But it must be market driven. The consumer is the customer; the consumer pays the bills on the farm, and the consumer is our boss."

In the annual presentation of the prestigious George C. Delp Award, Everett Newswanger, managing editor, *Lancaster Farming*, was recognized for "dedicated service and contributions to Lancaster County agribusiness."

David Hosler, ag committee chairman, said Newswanger is involved in communications for the agricultural industry and often stands up for agriculture and defends the importance of agriculture in his editorials. These editorials "often elicit the comment that they deserve wider circulation," Hosler said. "Newswanger is a friend and an advocate of our industry and a communicator on our behalf."

Delp made the presentation of the award given in his name, and was the recipient of the award in

1989. Other recipients include: Max Smith, 1990; Amos Funk, 1991; Jay Irwin, 1992, and Paul Whipple, 1993.

Representative Samuel Hayes was the featured speaker and challenged the large group of Ag/Industry people to be aware of the opportunities we have in America and to recognize the responsibilities we have to keep America strong. As in the time of Abraham Lincoln, we are tested to see if this nation can long endure. If we as farmers and business persons are dedicated to fulfill our dreams, we will endure. If we fail, we will be recorded as the other nations who have failed and left broken remnants of what was given to them.

"It is easier to lose our freedom than to gain it back," Hayes said. "Let's be thankful in this season for the blessings bestowed upon us and not lose what has been given to us."

In other business, Witwer announced that Kenneth Meck was elected to the Chamber board of directors as a farm representative for a three-year term. Roger Garber's three-year term has been completed, and he was recognized for his service.

The Lancaster Chamber is the only such organization in Pennsylvania to have a full-time paid agricultural representative on the staff. Because of this commitment to agriculture, the agriculture committee has a mission to "unite the agriculture committee of Lancas-



George C. Delp, left, presents the 1994 George C. Delp Ag Industry Award to Everett Newswanger, managing editor, *Lancaster Farming*, at the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry Banquet.

Slate Of Nominees Developed

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — The slate of nominees for the upcoming Farm Service Agency (FSA), formerly ASCS, committee election has been developed, Richard Troutman, acting chairman of the Berks County FSA committee, announced.

The candidates for each FSA community in Berks County are as follows: Community 1—Debra Kieffer, Roland Feeg, Martin Moyer, Franklin Troutman, and David Younker, Community 2—Laverne Balthaser, Carl Hollenbach, Charles Moyer, Evald Wicks, and James Yost; and Community 12—Norman Bare, Emily DeLong, Edwin Gelsinger, Dennis Manbeck and David Schaefer.

The FSA committee election will be conducted by mail from November 25 until December 5. Voters may also get ballots at the county FSA office. Eligible FSA voters will receive a secret ballot in

the mail with instructions on how to vote for candidates of their choice and return the ballot to the county FSA office.

FSA encourages nominations of qualified women and minorities because historically they have not been well represented on FSA

committees. Participation in FSA elections is open to all farmers regardless of race, religion, sex, color, ages handicaps or national origin.

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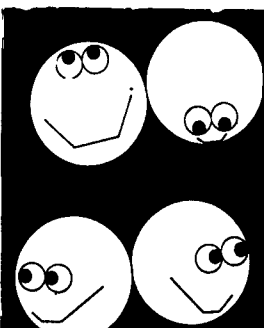
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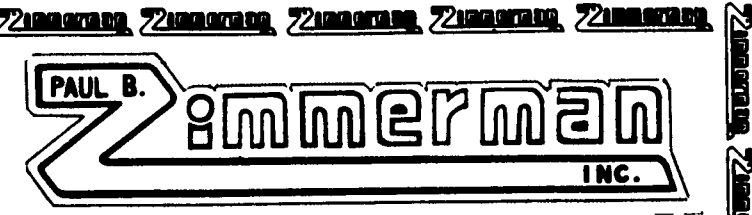
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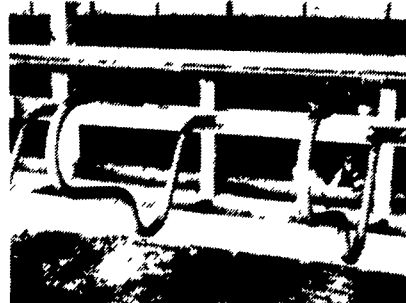
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