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F&H Foundation Scholarship Recipients Talk About Career Plans

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)

— In the summer of 1994, Eric Wenger, 4-H ambassador, returned to the U.S. from a trip to Poland as part of a three-week exchange trip.

What he brought back was not only an understanding about the differences and similarities between the two countries, but an abiding love for work in international business affairs.

Along with many others who joined 4-H and learned much about the world, Eric put himself to work. Before the final months as a Manheim Central senior, Eric accumulated four years of Spanish education, to the point where he wants more challenge — perhaps a

trip this summer to a Spanish-speaking country.

The 18-year-old son of Nelson and Alma Wenger, Manheim, Eric joined six other scholarship award winners who hope to make their dreams come true. They met with family and friends at the annual presentation of the 1995 Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation Scholarship Award winners on Tuesday evening at the Farm and Home Center.

In all, \$1,400 was awarded to each recipient, an increase of \$400 from last year, according to John Schwartz, extension director.

Eric, with plans to study agribusiness accounting at Penn State, wants to work as a certified public accountant, perhaps in internation-

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Scholarship award winners were honored Tuesday evening at the Farm and Home Center. Front, from left, Eric Wenger, Jason Wivell, Eugene Barton, Jr., and Andy Bollinger. Back, from left, Jessica Homyack, Laura Watson, and Karen Greineder.

Penn State Ag Council Gets New Name, Honors Retiring President

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WEST CHESTER (Chester Co.) — The Penn State Agricultural Advisory Council has a new name. At the regular semi-annual meeting, the members voted without recorded dissent to change the name to Penn State Agricultural Council. The meeting was held this time at Hershey's Mill Golf Club for a reception for Joab Thomas, retiring president, Penn State University. Officials said the new

name reflects the enlarging role of the group into advocacy for the college and the agricultural industry, in addition to its service as an advisory board.

The new name came on top of the group's approval of updated by-laws that also more clearly define the current purpose and operation of the council. This stated mission is to enhance the effectiveness of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State University in the planning and

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Rutter's Family Farm Is Nation's Oldest

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YORK (York Co.)—Flat, rich and turning green in the spring sunshine, the fields of the Rutter farm stretch away from the buildings with the beauty of a patchwork quilt.

This land has been owned by the Rutter family for nearly two and a half centuries—that's right, centuries—a fact that recently earned the York County dairy operation the distinction as the oldest family farm in the country.

After a nationwide search, that honor has been bestowed on the Rutter farm by Farming Magazine, an agriculture publication headquartered in Wisconsin.

"Never, ever sell the land," is the sage advice passed down from generation to generation of Rutters who tilled the soil and raised prize-winning dairy cattle on the farm located north of the city of York.

Today, 12 of the eighth and

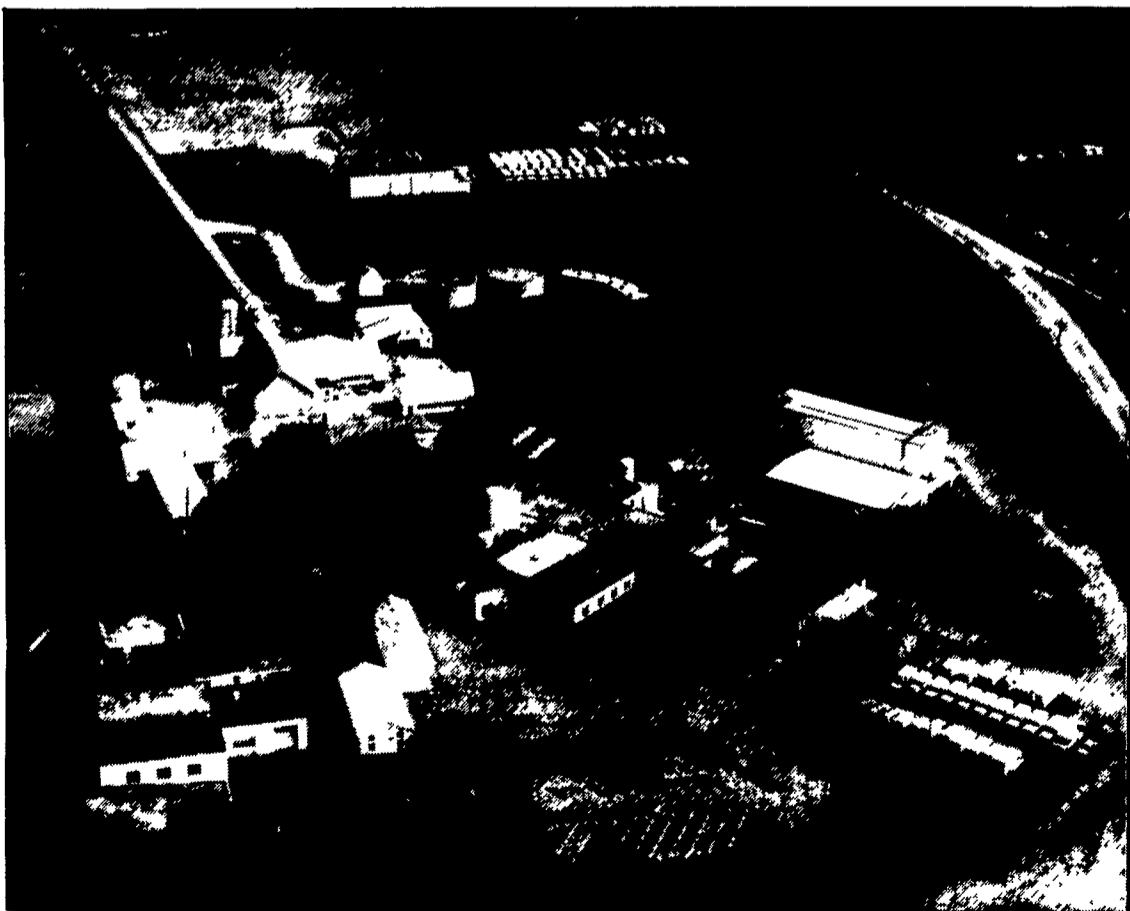
ninth generations of Rutter descendants tend the historic farm, as well as administer the annual \$85 million, 750-employee business which includes dairy processing facilities, ice cream manufacturing, convenience stores, family restaurants, and a real estate division.

"I started dipping ice cream when I was 12," recalled Joann Rutter Hartman, who presently owns the farmland with her two cousins, brothers Leo and Mike Rutter. Following her graduation from high school, Joann worked in the Rutter's Dairy offices for eight years.

Leo and Mike went to work for the family operation at an early age, too.

"We started helping with the cows when we were just little; we got paid 25 cents per week" grinned Leo Rutter, who still oversees the field crops operations and works with the herd.

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Today, the brick home and stone barn are still part of the Rutter family farm, though almost completely surrounded by the corporation's dairy complex. Around the dairy barn and equipment sheds, left center, are the corporate headquarters, processing, refrigeration, and loading facilities; truck fleet maintenance garages, lower left; and at top center, the former bakery, now leased to a plastic milk jug manufacturing operation.

Dairy Issue Plans Under Way

Plans are well under way for *Lancaster Farming's* annual tribute to the dairy industry with the June Dairy Month issue to be published on Saturday, June 3. Many features, news stories and messages from our advertisers are already in progress. But there is still time to have your item of interest to dairy farmers included also. Call in or fax your message this week. Phone: (717) 394-3047 or (717) 626-1164. Fax: (717) 733-6058.