

Lebanon Farm-City Program Catalyst For Mutual Respect

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Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce and its Farm-City Committee members, the variety within the overall program was scaled back last year to a job exchange program and a banquet at the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds.

The banquet however, was much expanded when it was moved into the large convention building at the fairgrounds, owned by the Lebanon Exposition Corporation.

Designed as an oversized, high-ceilinged barn, the exposition center provided a large space and additional floor space in adjacent rooms so that the committee was able to incorporate aspects of the former mall display.

The center of the large hall was

filled with round white tables covered in red-and-white checkered table clothes. Along with white chairs and Poinsettias centerpieces, some of the decoration reflected the pending Christmas holiday.

Midway along each wall was a stage and microphones. Between stages were displays of agricultural equipment, etc.

Commodity promotion groups were well represented and provided some of the hors d'oeuvres during the first hour preceding the banquet.

Four different local musical entertainers took turns performing during the first hour, alternating between the four different stages.

Kristin Border, 1994 Miss Pennsylvania and last year's Farm-

City special guest served as master of ceremonies for the event this year. Originally from Glen Rock in York County, since last year she took a job in Lebanon as an account executive for a local advertising agency and now lives in Mechanicsburg.

The 1995 Miss Pennsylvania, Linette Mertz, daughter of John and Raelyn Mertz who are partners in Mertz Brothers Dairy Farm in Kutztown, was this year's special guest and provided entertainment by singing a selection of country songs.

Of the entertainment, U.S. Rep. George Gekas had been scheduled to serve as one of the musical performers, but schedule conflicts prevented him from attending.

Also during the banquet, a

sheep-to-shawl demonstration was setup in one of the corners of the hall, and the resulting shawl was auctioned toward the end of the evening and sold to a county commissioner.

The catered sit-down buffet meal featured Bell & Evans' award-winning Lebanon County roast chicken along with filling, vegetables, etc.

Kenneth Winebark, of Myerstown, former county dairy agent, gave the invocation and benediction.

Twelve high-value door prizes were presented this year and some were unusual.

(As a program planning improvement from last year, instead of repeating offering a number of lesser-value door prizes which extended the banquet into the night, the amount of time spent on distributing door-prizes was shortened to improve the enjoyment of the program participants, as well as providing door prizes which would pique more public interest.)

Each door prize was a combination of gifts, with all receiving five pounds of Kutztown bologna.

For example, the first prize was a five-course dinner for eight at Country Fare Restaurant, five pounds of Kutztown bologna, and a golf umbrella donated by a funeral home.

Among some gifts such as a toy wagon, peddle tractor, coin set, gift basket, travel vouchers, artwork and homemade quilts was a surprise donated by Wen Crest Farms.

Wen Crest Farms was featured in *Lancaster Farming* in past years when it expanded from its one-farm operation of dairy cattle

and turkey production to purchasing a second farm and building some of the biggest contract turkey production houses.

Rita Myer won the prize and when it was presented, out from a side room came two men supporting two long poles on their shoulders. From the poles, decorated with red bows, was suspended a wooden turkey crate complete with a live, white domestic turkey from the Wen Crest farm.

The winner was told she could exchange it for a frozen or fresh dressed bird.

Of the two quilts presented, one was from the owners of Wenger's Farm Machinery in Myerstown. Glenn Wenger explained that the quilt was originally purchased by Carl and Margaret Wenger at the 1995 Brethren Disaster Relief Auction held at the fairgrounds.

He took the opportunity to inform the group that a May 2 fund raising banquet is scheduled to be held at the fairgrounds in memory of a deceased grandchild of Carl and Margaret and that the proceeds from the banquet are to be donated to the Brethren Disaster Relief program.

Another quilt distributed as a door prize was handcrafted by members of the Lebanon Quilting Guild. It was a red and white three-fractured star pattern with a heart-design stitched in white blocks. It also had a commemoration of the Farm-City Banquet stitched on the back.

It was announced that next year, the Quilters Guild is to design and create a quilt specifically to commemorate the concepts of the Farm-City program, with aspects of farm and city incorporated into the design.

Dairy Quiz Bowl Challenges Youth To Learn

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The results of the 1995 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl are now etched in livestock history. Out of 21 states competing, top honors went to the Ohio State 4-H Club.

Top three overall team placings and the honorable mention are as follows:

•1st—Ohio State; Team Members: Tyler Dickerhoof; A.J. Mumaw; Michelle Moore; Bryan SchAAF. Coaches: Lisa Gress; Tim Wolf.

•2nd—New York; Team Members: Aaron Seitle; Julie Kelsey; Jim Canary; David Thornton. Coach: Bert Klei.

•3rd—Illinois; Team Members: Sara Dust; Becky Fuchs; Jason Swanson; Laura Steidl. Coach: Dave Fischer.

•Honorable Mention—Minnesota; Team Members: Jim Arthur; Janelle Jensen; Katie Simon; Nathan Simon. Coaches:

Brian Broulik; Bernie Jensen.

The Dairy Quiz Bowl is comprised of four member teams who compete against each other. Senior 4-H club teams are awarded points for correctly answering questions concerning the dairy industry, dairy production, dairy health care, and agronomy.

There are three phases to the competition. The first phase involves each contestant taking a 50 question test which is worth 100 points. This test determines how the teams rank. From these results the teams are seeded in brackets accordingly.

The second phase entails team questions. Each team answers five questions, each valued at 10 points.

The last phase consists of the toss up round, where the first team to signal with the correct answer to the question within five seconds receives the points. If any three members on a team answer three

questions in a row, that team has the opportunity to receive a bonus question.

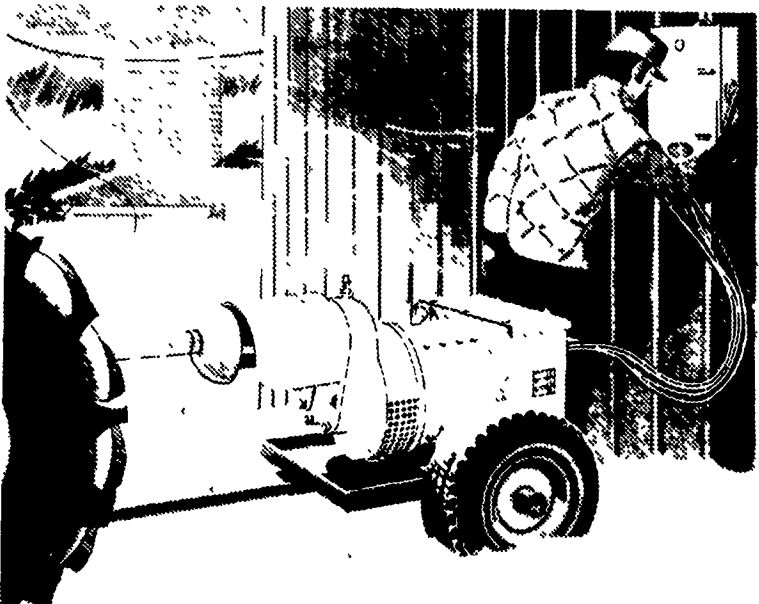
After all three phases are completed, the team with the most compiled points wins the competition.

Dr. George Heersche Jr., Extension Dairy Specialist at the University of Kentucky and a 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl founder, said, "The Dairy Bowl stimulates them (4-H members) to learn more about the dairy industry." He believes this competition provides 4-H Club members a chance to travel to events such as NAILE, and to meet new people. Heersche also noted that club members "learn how to handle pressure and win and lose graciously."

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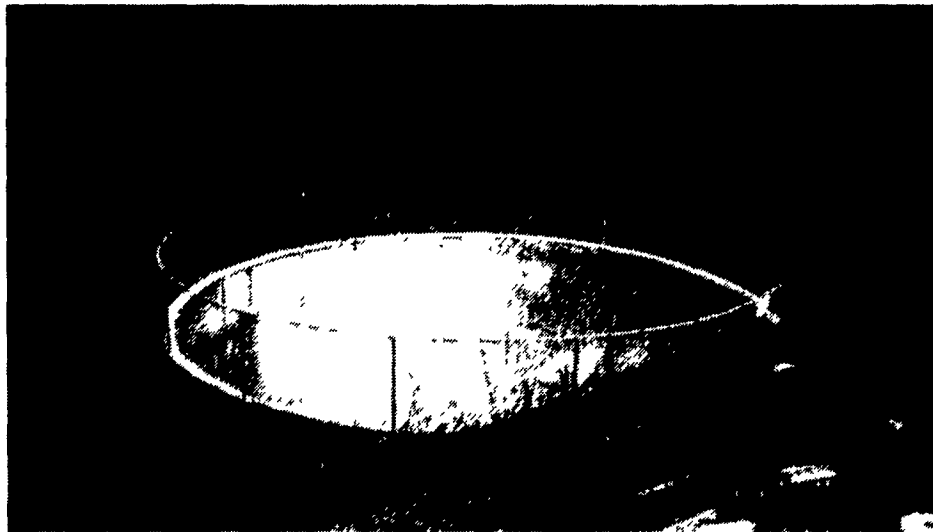
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