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Business people, health organizations, farmers, schools, parents and grandparents looked up, smiled and said, "Yes, we need to do this, we are happy to help!" And they gave—their time, their resources, their finances—for the sake of the kids. The community's motivation and dedication to farm safety gave the program its momentum and created its success.

Dick and Betty's dream became a reality. More than 200 people benefitted from the Farm Safety Day Camp for kids. Twenty-nine teens gave up an entire Saturday to help organize the campers. Thirty adults donated many hours planning, teaching, setting up and cleaning up. The children and their parents learned a wealth of farm safety information. Perhaps even more important, they learned that they live in a community where people care about them and

cerned for their grandchildren and were willing to give a large part of their time to prepare an educational program for the kids. Dick and Betty Weller had a dream that maybe, just maybe we could save one child's arm, leg, or even a life.

So we forged ahead expanding our volunteer committee to nine dedicated people. Our goal was to host a farm safety day camp for 100 children, totally funded and supported by the community. To pull off an all-day program was a huge project. The details and communications were at times overwhelming. But through all the frustrations and unexpected difficulties there was always a current of excitement. What we were trying to do was good, was necessary, was important.

To our delight the community responded with great enthusiasm.

PALMYRA (Lebanon Co.) — The board of directors of the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association have issued an open invitation to all interested to attend the organization's annual banquet.

The event has been and continues to be traditionally held as a dinner during Farm Show week,

their futures.

In this season of giving, know well that all of you have given the children a priceless gift—one that will last them a lifetime. I can't help wonder what other neglected issues could be resolved with a positive approach, community support, and people with a dream!

Deborah A. Webb
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Jan. 6-11.

In addition to awards presentations and top speakers, the event provides an opportunity for those interested in the dairy industry to develop fellowship, meet and socialize.

This year's banquet is to be held 6:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 8, at the Harrisburg Sheraton-East, located off of Union Deposit Road, just west of the 183 Union Deposit Exit.

A milk punch reception is to be held starting at 6 p.m. with dinner to follow.

Tickets are \$16 per person and reservations can be made by calling Dave Smith, secretary of the Pa. Dairymen's Association at (717) 838-3283, or by writing to Pennsylvania Dairymen's Associ-

ation, 440 Plaza Drive, Palmyra, PA, 17078.

Although a deadline for reservations or ticket purchase hasn't been set, it can be assumed that it would be appreciated that they be made as soon as possible.

Guest speaker for the evening is to be Steve Larson, editor of Hoard's Dairyman, and past president of Dairy Shrine.

In addition, awards to be presented include the 1996 Charles E. Cowan Award, the Extension Service Award, and the Distinguished Dairy Women Award.

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