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1995: Opinion And Review

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Perhaps the beginning of 1996 is not the time to reflect on events of the past 365 days.

Perhaps that time should be reserved for Groundhog Day.

Or April Fool's Day.

Or perhaps a reflection should be done every day until 2000 — the year attached

to so many "legislative initiatives" that are to usher in a great bright future and century.

The final description of 1995 in terms of the balance of good or bad events is of course an individual one.

Statistics about 1995 American life — such as how people ate, spent, worked, traveled, graduated, built homes, died, were born, went out of business, or started in business — are still to be cranked out.

Some of the statistics and reports on the past year won't be publicized for years. So, without all the data, without a comprehensive spread sheet on 1995, it seems

the best thing to do is to fall back on perceptions, recognized milestones, and newsworthy events.

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Second Tobacco Auction Opens

KIRKWOOD (Lancaster Co.) — Another tobacco auction in Lancaster County will begin operation on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at Mac Bailey's receiving station at the corner of Rt. 472 and Noble Road just north of Kirkwood. Starting time is 1:30 p.m.

Baily said the new auction will make delivery more convenient to farmers in southern Lancaster County. The new tobacco auction is scheduled so the buyers who normally attend the Paradise Auction Wednesday morning can attend the afternoon sessions at Kirkwood. Both auctions are scheduled to run Monday, Wednesday, and Friday throughout the selling season.

This year, many tobacco farmers have held out for a higher price than the \$1.25 per pound offered at the opening of the selling season. As a result, buyers raised

the price in recent weeks to \$1.38 to \$1.40 per pound. At this price tobacco is beginning to change hands, though some farmers still have a \$1.50 goal.

John Yocum, manager of the Penn State Research Farm at Landisville, said the quality this year is one of the best. And with weather problems in other tobacco growing areas and growing world market, local farmers have an advantage this year.

In other tobacco news, the Lancaster County tobacco show is scheduled to be held at the Farm and Home Center on Tuesday, Jan. 2. Entries are due in at 9:30 a.m. with judging at 1 p.m. County Agent Bob Anderson is in charge. Entries in the local show are boxed and sent to the Pennsylvania Farm Show later in the week to be judged on Friday.



An Oliver Cletrac HG 68 tractor that Robert Tallman, pictured here, has restored, is featured in the 1996 Classic Tractor Calendar from Classic Tractor Calendars, Wilmington, Del. It was selected from hundreds of entries to appear in the seventh edition of the calendar. Tallman recently spoke about his efforts to restore the old Oliver tractors which he has collected. See story page A21.

Maryland Conservation Districts Honor Cooperators

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NEW MIDWAY, Md. — Cooperators from the Frederick and Catoctin soil conservation districts were recognized for their dedication to conservation recently at the districts' annual banquets.

Together, the two districts

encompass Frederick County. The boundary separating them is based on watersheds and runs down the Catoctin Mountain range.

The Frederick Soil Conservation District program took place at the Fire Hall in New Midway. The district traditionally presents three awards each year.

Cooperator of the Year is

awarded to a farmer who has shown a continuing commitment to conservation and has signed a Cooperator agreement with the district. Frederick County's winners this year are Paul and Esther Lambert and Sons, who farm approximately 800 acres near Utica.

The Lamberts and their sons

Donald, Charles, Ronald, and Norman, along with Esther's brother Richard Fogle, maintain a milking herd of 300. They installed a large ag waste facility several years ago and hosted the

Catoctin and Frederick Soil Conservation Districts Annual Conservation Tour in 1994.

The Lamberts use minimum tillage, conservation cropping sys-

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The Farm Show Is Coming

With the new year just around the corner, thoughts of a large number of farmers and agribusiness people turn to the Pennsylvania Farm Show that is scheduled January 6 to 11. Actually, judging starts on Friday the 5th, but the show is not open to the public until Saturday.

To help you prepare for the annual trek to the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg, we get a jump on our coverage. On pages B17-B20 we have the layout of the show buildings with the exhibitor's spaces marked. You will also find the judging and meeting schedules in both text and graphic forms.

Next week is our annual Farm Show Issue with many on-farm features, expanded coverage of the highlights of the show, and advertising messages from the commercial exhibitors who invite you to visit them during the show. But we start our coverage with several stories this week about farm families involved at the show. On the Kids Page (B10) the Donough family tells about their experiences. And on page A17 Heidi, Luke and Gabe Svonavec along with their parents Dave and Betty Lou Svonavec from Somerset County tell how they literally take up residence for a week in Harrisburg.

To accommodate our early publication date to meet the opening of the Farm Show, we have early deadlines for advertising and news stories for the January 5th issue. They are as follows:

- Office closed New Years Holiday — Monday 1/1.
- Public Sale Ads — 4 p.m., Friday, 12/22 (past).
- Mailbox Markets — 5 p.m., Friday, 12/22 (past).
- General News — Noon, Wednesday, 1/3.
- Classified Section C Ads — 5 p.m., Tuesday, 1/2.
- All Other Classifieds — 9 a.m., Wednesday, 1/3.



Jesse Burall, chairman of the Frederick Soil Conservation District in Maryland, presented the Cooperator of the Year Award to Paul and Esther Lambert and Sons Farm, Utica. From left, back row, Burall, Terry, Donnie, Paul, Esther, Charlie, and Pat Lambert. Children are Wesley, Matt, Amanda, Jessica, Kayte, and Bradley Lambert.

HAPPY NEW YEAR