

Ag Showcase Demonstrations Rained Out

The 16th annual ag showcase day held in conjunction with the Cecil County Fair ran into a down-pour of rain Tuesday morning. So the highly anticipated field demonstrations of large farm equipment had to be cancelled at Fair Hill Farms across Rt. 273. The program on farm safety was brought to the grandstand at the fairgrounds.

Agriculture with 26 deaths per 100,000 workers is consistently near the top in work related fatalities and five times the average of all industries combined. Charles Wood of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute discussed how to recognize and avoid many of the potential farm-related hazards. Frank Muller, chief of the Cecil County's Emergency Management Services, reviewed the resources available in the county should a farm-related accident occur.

After lunch, served by the Farm Bureau Women, equipment company sponsors paraded their machinery before the grandstand

and explained how their equipment worked. Later farmers were given the opportunity to test drive new tractor models on the hill where it was not quite so muddy.

Ag Showcase Day has become one of the premier places for farmers to see new equipment of different makes, working side by side in the field. Equipment dealers and ag service providers who participate in making this event possible include: Ag Industrial Equipment Co.; Biggs, Inc.; W.N. Cooper and Sons; Ben Haines Equipment Co.; Hooper Equipment Company; and Mid-Atlantic Agri-Systems. Other supporting sponsors include: Agway; Central Maryland Farm Credit-Elkton; Hoffman Seeds-Scheeler's Service Center, and Southern States-Rising Sun. The Cecil County Fair Board; The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service; The Department of Natural Resources; and The Natural Resources Conservation Service are also involved in the program.

Trust Awards \$29,000 Grant To Del Val

DOYLESTOWN (Bucks Co.) — Delaware Valley College has been awarded \$29,000 in grant funding by the trustees of the W.W. Smith Charitable Trust for students on its Doylestown campus. This is the 19th consecutive year the trust has supported Delaware Valley College.

In addition to providing grant support to DelVal students at all grade levels, the W.W. Smith grant provides \$5,000 for the W.W. Smith Scholarship prize, a special award given to one student

in his or her senior year who has previously benefited from the trust's generosity. These awards will be presented in the fall semester to students for the 1996-1997 academic year.

"We deeply appreciate the trustee's decision to continue providing scholarship grant support for our students as well as continuing the W.W. Smith Scholarship prize," said DelVal Interim President Dr. Joshua Feldstein. "This support is vital if our college is to continue to make higher education



Sen. Noah Wenger (R-36), right, and Rep. Tom Armstrong (R-98), left, recently presented a check for \$9,850 from the State Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Fair Advisory Committee to Ken Myers, president of the Elizabethtown Fair.

E-Town Fair Receives Check

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Sen. Noah Wenger (R-36) and Rep. Tom Armstrong (R-98) recently presented a check for \$9,850 from the State Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Fair

Advisory Committee.

The money will be used to build a road and install asphalt at the Elizabethtown Fairgrounds.

"The Elizabethtown Fair is a

available to deserving students." For more information on the W.W. Smith Awards to Delaware

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tradition in Lancaster County," said Wenger. "If we want to keep it running well into the future, we have to make an investment in the fairgrounds to make sure they are well-maintained and up to date. This state money will help keep the fairgrounds in good condition."

Armstrong said the state supports agricultural fairs in an effort to educate the public about the importance of agriculture.

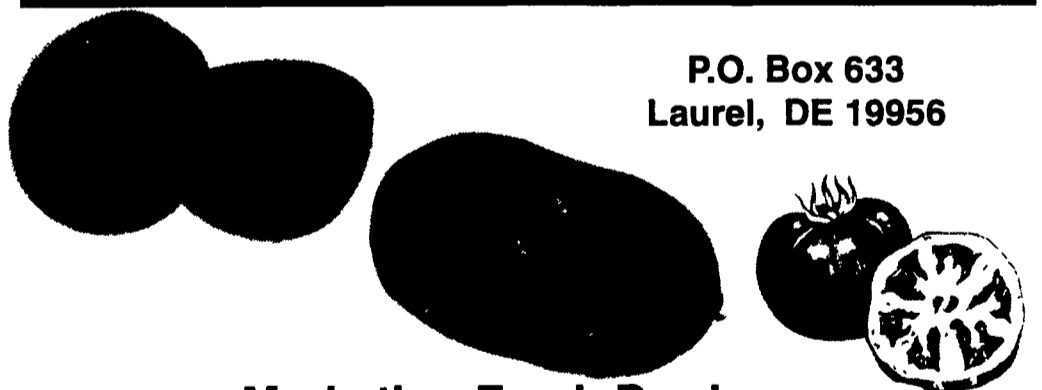
Members of the Elizabethtown Fair organization joined the legislators at the Brethren in Christ Church, Elizabethtown, to receive the check.

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