

'Greatest Woman'

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the ABC's of hospitality, prison chaplaincy, dressing fashionably from Goodwill clothing, fire safety, telephone fraud, eye care, ambulance, police officers, legislation, and just for fun events.

Newly elected to the board of directors were Julia Zahn, secretary and Verna Hostetler, treasurer. Fry and Leininger will continue to carry out their three-year terms as president and vice president, respectively.

A special memorial service was held in honor of members who

passed away during the year.

Other activities during the day-long convention included introductions by dairy ambassadors Katie Hess, Heather Brubaker, and Lara Welk.

As is its tradition, the Society honored members who are 90 years old with special Farm Women pins. Mary Nolt of Quarryville and Martha Herr of Strasburg were present to receive their pins.

Entertainment was provided by the Ministers of Music, a singing group.



The Lancaster County Society of Farm Women honored Dottie Stricker, left, who is state president, by giving her a quilted wall hanging presented by Kathryn Fry, president of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women.

Sheepberry Farms Accumulates Awards

HALIFAX (Dauphin Co.) — Sheepberry Farms, Halifax, exhibited a dozen of their sheep wool at the York Interstate Fair and the Keystone International Livestock Expo. John and Lynn Zerphey, owners of the sheep farm, were thrilled to receive a total of 24 ribbons from both fleece competitions. The Zerpheys were most proud that four of their Border Leicester rams placed in first and second place categories at both shows. The daughter of the farm's oldest Border Leicester ram, was awarded a first place ribbon and champion natural color fleece at the York Interstate Fair and a second place ribbon from Keystone International Livestock Expo.

In addition to the champion natural color award, Sheepberry Farms wool placed as follows: four first-place, seven second-place, five third-place, six fourth-place, and two fifth-place.

The wool shown at the two livestock events was produced from April 1995 and harvested or shown in April 1996 representing one year's growth. Wool is influenced by the sheep's environment and weather conditions, as well as general health and nutrition. The Zerpheys strive to maintain their sheep in good health and provide the cleanest possible surroundings for their sheep and the wool they produce.

With the very wet summer and fall, it has been a struggle to keep the sheep clean and dry. The barns are cleaned and fresh straw bedding applied more frequently than most summers and falls.

"Our wool is growing well and remains healthy," notes John Zerphey, "it just seems the sheep do not get a chance to dry completely before the next rains arrive."



John Zerphey of Sheepberry Farms shows off some award-winning fleeces shown in several recent competitions.

Pet Education

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pet education will be the highlight of *The Great American Pet Show* when it debuts in Central Pennsylvania, on November 16 and 17 at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. This event will encompass all aspects of companion animals such as care, grooming, nutrition, selection, training, health and much more. More than

30 seminars will take place during the weekend.

"Education will be the focus of this exciting event," said Gwen Shelly, co-organizer of the event.

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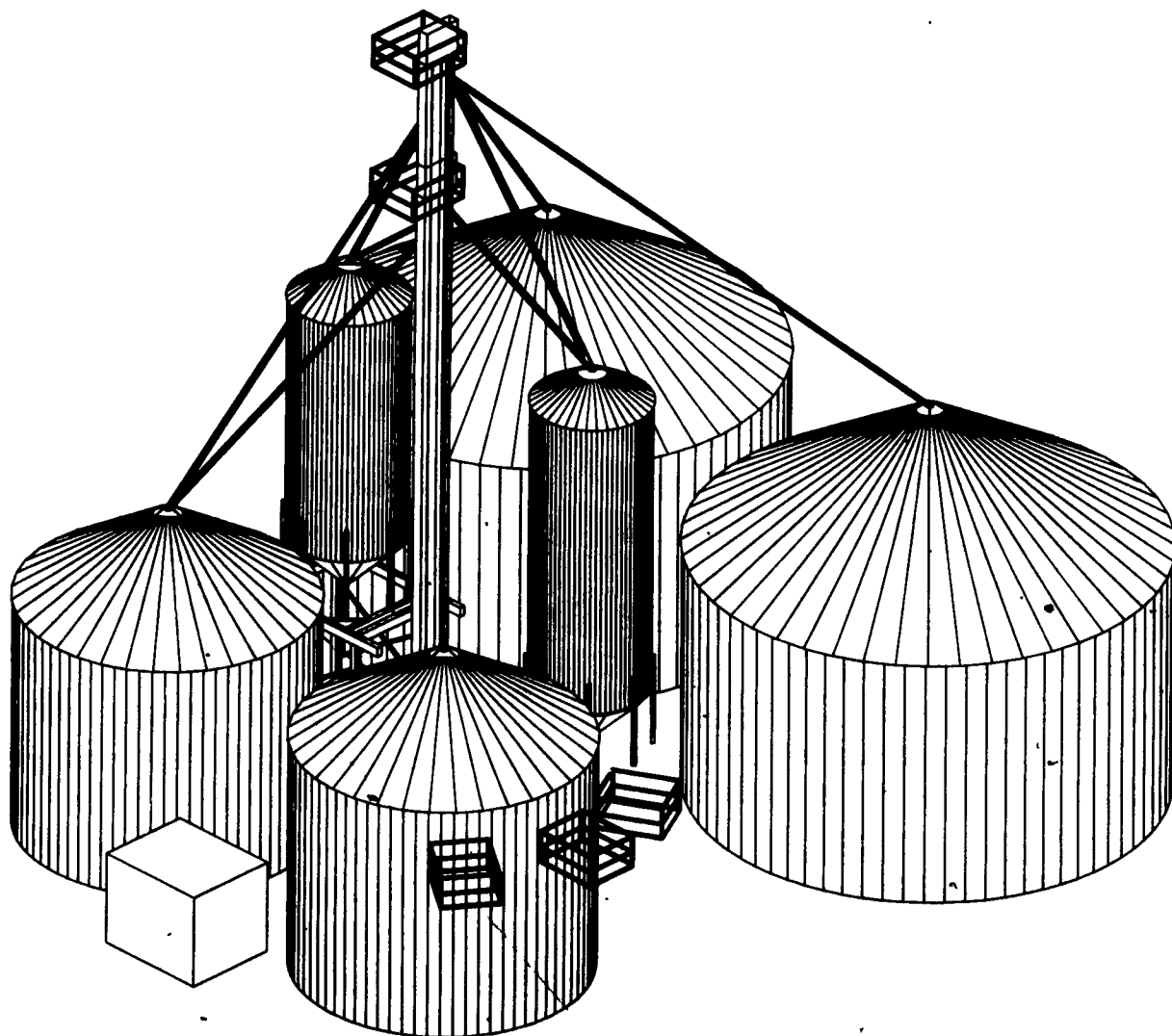
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