

Six Master Farmers

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visits amputees and farm accident victims.

"The accident made me a better manager," he said. "I had to learn to rely on my brain more than my muscles." The Ramsburgs farm with their children, Virginia Crist, Mary Jane Roop, and Judy. Their daughter Barbara is deceased.

Ramsburg spends much time serving agriculture in leadership roles. He has served as a director and officer of the Frederick County and Mid-East DHIA and has been a director of the county Farm Bureau. He is a dairy representative on the Maryland Ag Commission, a director of the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative, vice president of the

Thurmont Cooperative, a director of Central Maryland Farm Credit, and vice president of the Dairy Council of Greater Metropolitan Washington. He also serves on the American Farm Bureau Federation's dairy advisory committee, Frederick County's Farm Safety Camp For Kids committee, and the county's property review committee.

Farm Bureau Names Top Issues

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) — The PA Farm Bureau (PFB) will be placing emphases on 11 different issues this year at the local and state levels, according to an announcement this year at the local and state levels, according to an announcement today by Guy F. Donaldson, president of the statewide membership organization. The 11 issues were designated by the PFB Board of Directors as the "priority issues" for legislative or regulatory action this year.

"Our 54 county Farm Bureaus all participated in designating these priority issues for 1997," Donaldson said. PFB is a general farm organization with more than 26,000 family members and is affiliated with the American Farm

Bureau Federation.

In alphabetical order, here are the 11 issues:

Bottle Legislation: PFB wants a deposit placed on certain containers in an effort to stop dumping trash in the country.

Local Tax Reforms: PFB seeks legislation that will make the local taxation system fair and equitable for all citizens.

Milk And Commodity Pricing: PFB seeks marketing techniques to increase the price of all commodities, including milk.

Private Property Rights: PFB seeks legislation that would protect farmers' private property rights.

Reconstruction Of Local Bridges And Roads: PFB wants additional funds to build and

repair rural roads and bridges to transport produce and supplies to and from the farm.

Rural Health Care: PFB seeks legislation and regulations to provide adequate health care in the country.

Tort Reform: PFB seeks tort reform in the area of the unreasonable awards being granted in legal suits.

Water Use Management/Rights: PFB wants legislation and regulations for fair distribution of water during times of drought, and to clarify water use rights of property owners.

Wildlife Mangement/Crop Controls: PFB wants legislation and regulations geared to controlling wildlife crop damage.



Clockwise, from top, Dwight, Jack, and Wilma Mickey, Chambersburg, operate 60 acres of fruit and other produce marketed mostly on the farm.

Wetland: PFB seeks legislation that defines wetlands and establishes wetland priorities.

Workers' Compensation: PFB seeks further reforms in workers' compensation to lower premiums

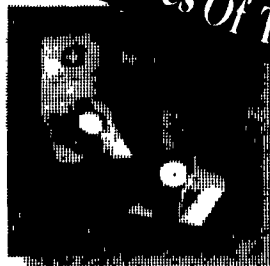
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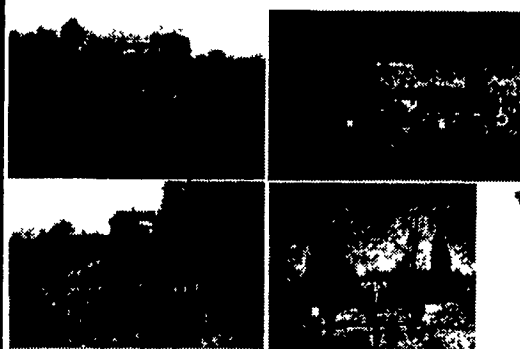
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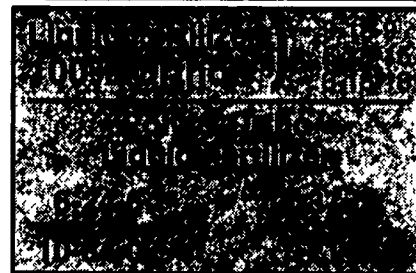
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