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Pennsylvania Poultry Association Holds \$150-A-Plate Fundraiser

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HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — Traditionally the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation Fund Raising Banquet is a time of celebration. This year was no exception for 1,500 producers and agri-related representatives who attended the \$150-a-plate dinner.

From the moment guests stepped through the doors of the

Hershey Convention Center on Wednesday evening, festivities filled the air. Wrist corsages were presented to women. Producers and agri-industry representatives mingled, discussing business and pleasure as they sampled hors d'oeuvres and later dinner.

When John Hoffman, president of the Federation, introduced state Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brosius, a standing ovation

showed the loyal support the poultry association has for Brosius, who, last week, resigned under pressure.

Asked to speak extemporaneously, Brosius said his philosophy has always been that the government is here to help people and not the other way around.

Recently Brosius has been reading from writings of President

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Rural Areas Becoming Dumping Grounds For Bottles, Cans

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MIDDLETOWN (Dauphin Co.) — Rural areas of the state are simply becoming "dumping grounds" for bottles and cans, which wreak havoc with farm equipment and cost individual farmers thousands of dollars.

The bottles and cans that litter rural farm fields have proven cost-

ly to one Dauphin County Farmer, totalling thousands of dollars in tire repairs, dead cows, and hours of labor, according to Ronald Kopp. Kopp operates a 100-milking-cow, 800-acre dairy with his brother Jay and family near Middletown.

A news conference organized by the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) was held Monday at the Kopp farm in Londonderry Town-

ship. The conference was called to promote legislation to place at least a five-cent deposit on bottles and cans.

"Our patience has run out," said Guy F. Donaldson, PFB president, at the news conference. "Bottles and cans are still being dumped along the roads, in our fields and front yards, and on public lands."

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PMMB Staff Recommends Recapture Program

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board on Friday, after presstime, was expected to announce its decision on whether or not to extend a 30-cent over-order premium on Class I milk produced, processed and sold within the state, and for how long.

A hearing on the issue was held April 9 in the state Agriculture Building in Harrisburg.

Testimony supported an extension of a total 80-cent premium for at least six months, though some requested a year.

No testimony was presented that requested anything less or that opposed such an extension.

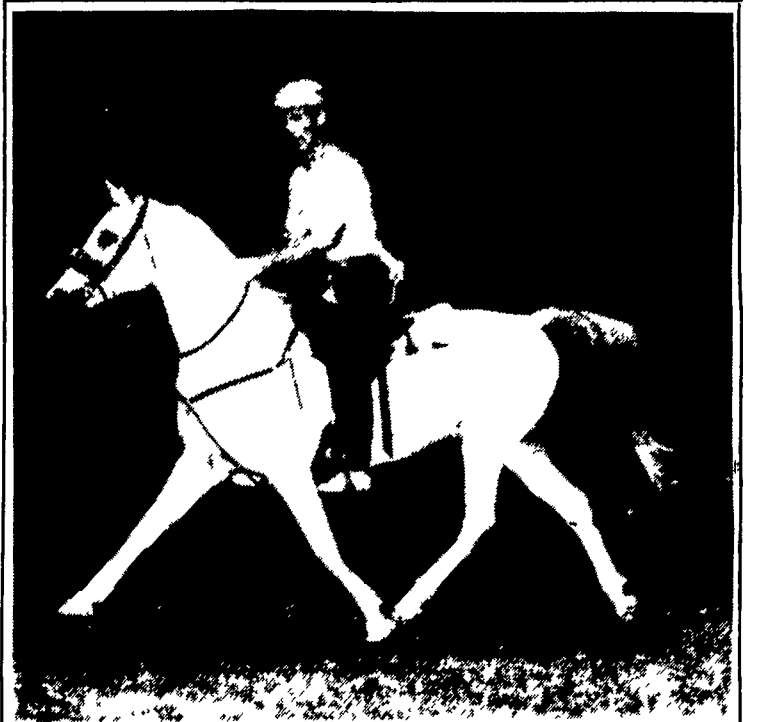
(It was suggested that a year-

long extension would allow for the fact that the PMMB could always call a meeting if market conditions were to change to suggest a reduction in the premium. A six-month limit and unchanging conditions would require the PMMB to have to needlessly call another meeting to receive basically the same testimony from the same people.)

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Sec. of Agriculture Charles Brosius, right, confers with John Hoffman, president of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation.



Dennis Burns of Warriors Mark rides Mac, an Arabian gelding in Rothrock State Park. The Pennsylvania Equine Council has set an Allegheny Trail Ride to encourage open trails. See story page A28.

Maryland Spring Holstein Show Results Listed

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TIMONIUM, Md. — The champion junior 3-year-old cow was senior champion and went on to take grand champion honors at the 27th Maryland Spring Holstein Show. A total of 231 entries were exhibited at the show, held April 12 at the state fairgrounds in Timonium.

Judge for the show was Brian Garrison, sire analyst for ABS Global in Ohio.

C. Delbon Astre Rhoda, the S-Duregal Astre Starbuck ET daughter shown by MD Dun-Loafin Farm, Burkittsville,

impressed judge Garrison with her overall balance and beautiful udder. "She was just really well liked," said Paul Harrison of MD Dunn-Loafin Farm of their three year old cow. Rhoda, fresh in March, produced over 100 pounds of milk on her first two tests, and is projected at 24 or 25,000 pounds.

As a two year old she probably made 20 or 21,000 pounds, estimated Harrison. "We had her at Ohio for the Spring National Show, and she stood second in her class," he said. He credits his children Shannon and Butch for the cow's success. "They're the

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Typical Lancaster County Farm with housing development looming in the background as seen from Ridge Road in Leacock Twp. The Lancaster Farmland Trust has planned a fund raiser for bicyclists to tour some of the preserved farms. See story page A32.