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County dairy farmer and chair of a national advocacy group that supports land-grant universities, gave the keynote address.

"The land-grant system is unique in bringing together research, education, and extension in a system that works in federal, state, and county to applied research," Minor said. "This system has developed an agricultural industry that is the envy of the world. From production to the plate of the consumer, this system has a bearing directly or indirectly on everything we do on our farms. That is why we are so proud to talk about this system and our agriculture industry. It is the reason we have the most efficient distribution and safest food supply in any nation in the world."

"What a great story agriculture has to tell. We have not done a good job of telling our story outside of agriculture. We need to be more effective (in telling this story)."

At the alumni luncheon Tuesday, Dean Robert Steele reported a successful year in hiring new personnel and in moving building projects along. The reorganization of cooperative extension has been fully implemented and is working well.

Steele also announced that Dr. Jerome Pasto, who has served as the curator of the Pasto Agricultural Museum, will retire, and Dr. Darwin Braund will assume this position at the end of the year. The museum was started by Dr. Pasto in 1972. Officials consider it fortunate that these priceless pieces of past eras of agriculture can be dis-



Gov. Tom Ridge.

played in one location.

The annual alumni membership meeting was conducted under the direction of President Robert Clark.

The Dairy of Distinction farm beautification program in Pennsylvania held their annual meeting later in the day. This program has now recognized nearly 700 dairy farms across Pennsylvania who by the inspection of local judges have earned the designation for good-looking, well-kept farms. The winners of the 34 winners this year met to receive their recognition, an 11x14 color portrait of their farm from *Lancaster Farming*, and pose on the barn hill for a group photograph.

Dr. Braund, who had been one of the original directors when the program came into Pennsylvania,

was the speaker. He said the Dairy of Distinction award adds 1 to 2 percent to the value of the farm. Because of the importance of a good first impression when selling real estate to a prospective buyer, this would mean an added \$3,000 to \$10,000 on the realistic asking price for the farm. Braund called this a tangible reward on top of the value of giving consumers a favorable impression of where milk comes from.

Ag Progress Days were well-attended this year with record crowds, especially on Wednesday. The day was cool and clear and exhibitors were kept very busy meeting potential customers. One equipment dealer reported that sales are really strong right now because dairy farmers are looking at favorable milk prices.

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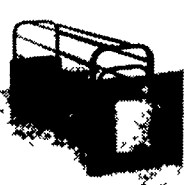
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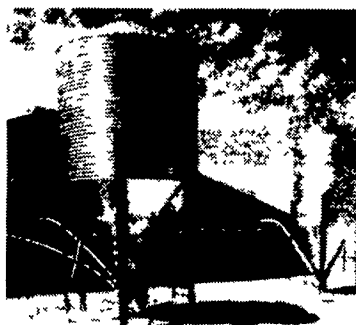


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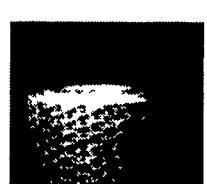
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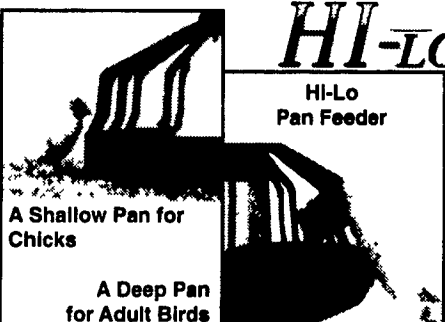


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