

Farm Show Premiums at Record \$55,968

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Show Commission, Harrisburg, has announced an all-time record \$55,968 to be offered in cash premium payments to competitive exhibit place winners at the 40th Pennsylvania Farm Show here next Jan. 9 through 13.

Dr. William L. Henning, chairman of the Farm Show Commission, also said that November 12 has been set as the deadline for filing entries in the livestock and most divisions of the poultry departments of the show.

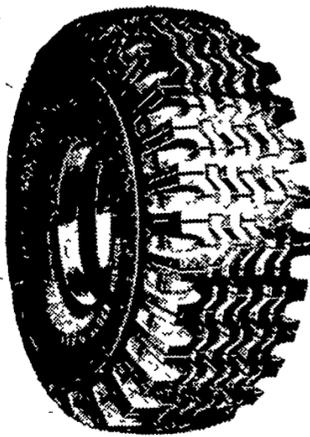
The Nov. 12 closing date holds for all livestock except 4-H baby beebes and 4-H sheep for which the deadline is Dec. 17. Horse pulling contest entries are due Dec. 24. Closing date for turkeys, 4-H vocational poultry classes is Dec. 1, and for broiler, fryer and roaster chickens is Dec. 12. All other poultry entries are due Nov. 12.

Dairy Awards Increased

Cash premium offerings for the coming show exceed the amount offered at the 1955 show by \$156, Dr. Henning said. The largest single department amount is \$15,749 for dairy cattle, followed by \$9,344.50 for poultry and \$8,113 for place winners in the beef cattle classes.

Offerings in the remaining 22 departments of the show include: horses, \$3,650; sheep, \$3,921; swine, \$2,947; dairy products, \$118; corn, \$475; small grains, \$297; potatoes, \$270; grass silage, edible nuts, \$213; vegetables, \$1,518; tobacco, \$258; apples, \$2,343; 063; maple products, \$185; apiary products, \$854; wool, \$178; eggs, \$657; baby chicks and poults, \$240; dressed turkeys, \$120; home economics \$2,544.50; horse pulling contest, \$500; horseshoe pitching contest, \$65; log sawing contest, \$75; tractor driving contest, \$140; state school demonstration contest, \$600 state contest of school exhibits, \$280; 4-H potato contest, \$108.

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Ernest J. Neill

Ernest J. Neill, editor of LANCASTER FARMING, brings a broad background in agricultural journalism. Born and raised on an Adams county, Iowa farm, he has been closely allied to the agricultural scene in Corn Belt publications and radio stations since graduation from Creighton University, Omaha, Neb., with a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in journalism.

Both of his grandfathers were pioneer farmers in southwestern Iowa, and his parents established Sunny Slope Stock Farm at Nodaway, operating about 1,200 acres. Since his mother's death in 1948, Mr. Neill has managed the 400-acre home place and two 40-acre pasture units in partnership with two sisters.

Radio Newspaper Experience

He has been news editor of a Nebraska weekly, on the news and program staffs of two Nebraska radio stations and prior to being drafted into the Army, city editor of the North Platte (Neb.) Daily Telegraph.

In service Mr. Neill was at Fort Leavenworth Kan.; Camp Grant, Ill.; Jefferson Barracks, Mo.; Air Corps Officers, Candidate School and the Adjutant General's School. For three years he was assistant base adjutant and adjutant to the director of training at a B-17 Flying Fortress field in Sebring, Fla.

Editor of Farm Dairy

Released from active duty as a Captain after four years and three months service, he joined the Corn Belt Farm Dailies as news editor of the Omaha (Neb.) Daily Journal-Stockman, later serving on the Kansas City (Mo.) Daily Drivers Telegram and Chicago Daily Drivers Journal editorial staffs.

In Sept. 1947 he was named managing editor of the St. Louis Daily Livestock Reporter and became well-known throughout the southeastern states for on-farm reporting and covering fairs and shows. During this time he was travel editor for the four-paper group and wrote travel-agricultural stories during visits to Cuba, Mexico and the Bahama Islands.

One brother, Harold H. Neill, still farms the original homestead and is president of the Iowa State Flying Farmers.

Mr. Neill, 38, of Irish-German stock, is a member of Quarryville Legion Post 603, and resides in Quarryville.



C. Wallace Abel

C. Wallace Abel, a native Pennsylvanian, as business manager of LANCASTER FARMING, brings extensive knowledge of Pennsylvania journalism.

Born in Uniontown, Pa., he was graduated from the Senior High school there and received his bachelor of arts degree in journalism from Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., and a master degree from the University of Missouri.

Fourth Air Force Photographer

During the recent war, he was a photographer with the Fourth Air Force, then joined the Evening Standard at Uniontown as a photographer. Leaving the Keystone State briefly, Mr. Abel was a reporter-photographer, city editor and then managing editor of the Daily Leader at Pontiac, Ill. In 1948 he was on the publicity staff of the Missouri State Fair, and for the United States Soil Conservation Service.

Returning to Pennsylvania, he served as telegraph and makeup editor of the New Era in Lancaster, leaving to become editor and business manager of the Quarryville Sun, and more recently manager of the Christiana Local Ledger.

Heads Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Abel is president of the new Quarryville Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Pennsylvania Society of Newspaper Editors; a member of Pi Delta Epsilon, college journalism fraternity; Alpha Sigma Phi, social fraternity; the Elks, American Legion, and the Masonic Order.

He resides at 410 West State Quarryville, with his wife, the former Laura Lee Wilkinson, and has two daughters, Victoria Lee and Clare Hollie.



Robert G. Campbell

As advertising manager of LANCASTER FARMING, Robert G. Campbell, 28, is a native of Lancaster County with wide experience in advertising.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Campbell of 130 East Chestnut Street, Lancaster, Mr. Campbell served in both of the recent wars, in the Navy during World War II, and overseas with the Infantry in the Korean conflict.

He attended grade school in Manheim Township and is a graduate of Valley Forge Military Academy. From 1947 to 1951 he attended the Wharton School of the State University of Pennsylvania, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in economics.

Prior to entering college, Mr. Campbell was a cadet in the United States Naval Reserve during 1945 to 1947, stationed at Philadelphia and was on active duty as a first lieutenant in the Infantry from 1951 to 1953.

For about a year and a half Bob was on the advertising staff of Lancaster Newspapers, Inc., before joining LANCASTER FARMING. He is well acquainted with the county, and is known by his many business contacts throughout this neighborhood.

Mr. Campbell is a member of American Business Clubs, the University Club, an officer in the Lancaster Junior Chamber of Commerce, a member of the University of Pennsylvania Club and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Corn Support Price Set at \$1.75 in 1955

Lancaster county's 1955 corn crop will be supported at \$1.75 per bushel, according to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office. This price is near last year's \$1.79, highest ever paid under the support program, and near 1953's rate of \$1.77.

The national support figure for the 1955 crop is \$1.58 per bushel, or 87 per cent of parity.

Producers who stayed within acreage allotment limits are eligible to place their corn under loan. Corn must be stored on the farm at least 30 days, and a moisture test at that time must be less than 0 per cent. Those sealing corn must pay a \$3 service fee.

Lancaster County is one of the 850 counties in the nation designated as a "commercial corn area," and of the total, 30 are in Pennsylvania.

In its Oct. 1, 1955 forecast, the United States Department of Agriculture estimates the national yield this fall may be 3,100,000,000 bushels, four million above the Sept. 1 estimate, and possibly the sixth largest corn crop on record.

County Holstein Meet November 22 at Gap

The Lancaster County Holstein-Friesian association will hold its fifth annual meeting Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 6:45 p. m. in the Fire Hall at Gap.

Various committees will report on the year's activities. Officers will be elected and Max M. Smith, county agricultural extension agent, will offer remarks. A. Nesbitt, secretary and fieldman of the State Holstein association, will speak briefly, and a special film on dairying will be shown.

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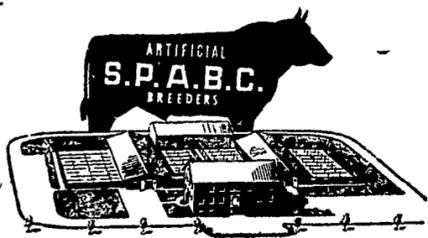
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Members of the Mennonite Orphanage at Millersville this week may enjoy a dinner of venison. Monday morning a PRR freight train struck a 90-lb button buck along the Susquehanna near Cerswell. August Dinkel of Washington Boro dressed the buck after Game Protector John M. Haverstick had taken charge.

SAFE DRIVING DAY DEC. 1

Clement J. Sipe, acting director of the State Highway Bureau, will be the commonwealth's S-D (Safe Driving Day) chieftain for Dec. 1.



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