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Farm Women Elect Officers At Harrisburg

HARRISBURG — Newly elected officers of the Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania are: treasurer, Mrs. Milton Eberly, RD 3, Lancaster, to succeed Mrs. Samuel Moyer, RD 2, Hershey; and director, Mrs. D. L. Howard, RD 2, Hummelstown, Dauphin County, to succeed Mrs. Oren McCaleb, RD 6, Carlisle.

Mrs. Charles Shriver, RD 3, Waynesburg, Greene County, was elected president at the 1955 convention for a term of two years; also, first vice president, Mrs. Mark Herr, RD 2, Collegeville, Montgomery County; second vice president, Mrs. Fred Bickle, RD 1, Fayetteville, Franklin County; and secretary, Mrs. Edward Boyd, Stoystown, Somerset County.

Seventeen counties now have membership in the Society with total membership exceeding 3,000, it was announced at the Farm Show meeting. County presidents reported cash and material donations were made to welfare and health agencies and drives, to hospitals for new equipment, and for expenses of 4-H Club members to club week and leadership school. Money-making activities ranged from bake sales to lunch stands at sales and auctions to the sale of greeting cards and small household articles.

Resolutions adopted at its business session included a recommendation for necessary legislation making mandatory the removal of doors, hinges, or lids from unused refrigerators or ice boxes as soon as possible to safeguard the lives of young children; to stress the value of regular church attendance; to urge that family planning of activities include the young people; a recommendation for a State law prohibiting the disposal of trash along the highways.

The Society also adopted a resolution "to extend to our President wishes for continued good health and to pledge our support to his efforts in guiding our people."

Homsher Farm Sells, \$60,100 To R. H. Rohrer

Raymond H. Rohrer, R7 Lancaster, late last week purchased the 135-acre farm of the late John Homsher in Strasburg Twp. for \$60,100.

Offered at public sale by Mrs. Esther B. Homsher, the improved farm includes a two and one-half story brick dwelling, stone and frame tenant house, a large barn with stable capacity for 75 cows or steers, a brick garage, milk house and other buildings.

Mr. Homsher, well known feed manufacturer, died last year. Auctioneer was Stanley H. Deiter.

Ground Breaking Ceremonies



Ground was broken Saturday morning for the new Lancaster Poultry Center. Here members of the Lancaster Poultry Association and the Lancaster Poultry Ex-

change gather in front of the sign erected at the proposed site at the intersection of Highway 230 Bypass and Roseville Road. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

County Tobacco Cops 92 of 94 Prizes at Show

By LF Staff Reporter

HARRISBURG — Lancaster County, contributing \$10 million to the Keystone State's annual \$11-million tobacco business, walked off with 92 of 94 awards in the Cigar Leaf Tobacco show at the 1956 Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Promises of "typical Farm Show weather" held too true on opening day, as ice glazed highways in many sections of the state and cut attendance to 60,000, compared to 1954's opening day of 80,000 when heavy snow blanketed the State.

Roads Conditions Improve Road conditions improved Monday night.

Grand champion wrapper in the cigar leaf tobacco division for Pennsylvania Seedleaf or Broadleaf, went to George Webb, Jr., R1 Elizabethtown, while grand champion filler was shown by Abram Bollinger, R4, Lititz, Clinton county was the sole challenger to the Garden Spot, but placed seventh in one division, ninth in another against 12 entries from Lancaster County.

Here are other Lancaster County awards:

FFA Swine

Hampshire: 10, Kenneth B. Garber, R1 Willow Street, York: 2, Gerald C. Rohrer, Smoketown.

Vocational Swine Awards

Berkshire, junior sow pigs: (6 shown): 4, Richard Heagy, R1 Mount Joy.

Yorkshire, junior sow pigs (6 shown): 2, Gerald C. Rohrer.

Shropshire fat lambs class 183, 1, Larry Falco, R1 Millersville; class 184, 1, Samuel Long, R4 Manheim; 2, Dorothy Stehman, R3 Lancaster; 3, Gloria Brubaker, R1 Ephrata.

Hampshire fat lambs, class 187, 1, Mary Ellen Hess, R1 Bareville; 3, Henry Greiner, Manheim.

Southdown fat lambs class 189, 2, Lorraine Hackman, R3 Elizabethtown; 3, June Greiner, R4 Manheim; Class 190, 1, Leona Augsberger, R1 Reinholds; 3, Lorraine Hackman, R3 Elizabethtown.

FARM SHOW CHAMPIONS

From Lancaster County FAT SHEEP (Wethers)

Shropshire, Samuel Long, Manheim.

Hampshire, Mary Ellen Hess, Bareville.

Southdown, Leona Augsberger, Reinhold.

Grand champion wether, Southdown, Leona Augsberger.

Reserve grand champion wether, Hampshire, Mary Ellen Hess.

Corn Award List

4-H Club Classes

Class 13 (District 1) Hybrid Dent (10 ears): 1, James R. Groff, R7 Lancaster; 2, John A. Wagner, Quarryville; 3, G. A. Brubaker, R1 Ephrata; 4, Clyde Brubaker, R1 Ephrata.

Class 6 (State-wide) 10 ear open pollinated Dent or Flint: 5, Daniel A. Brubaker, R1 Ephrata; Class 7 (District 1) 30 ear hybrid Dent, 4, Daniel A. Brubaker; 5, A. H. Weidman, R1 Manheim; class 9 (state-wide) 30 ear open pollinated Dent or Flint, 1, D. M. Landis, Lancaster; 3, Clyde Brubaker, R1 Ephrata. (Continued on page three)

Robert Welk Outstanding FFA Boy of Year; His Holstein Places Third

HARRISBURG — A plaque designating him as the "outstanding FFA boy of the year" was presented to Robert L. Welk, Strasburg, RD-1, Lancaster County, at the close of the Future Farmers of America mid-winter meeting in the Forum.

Welk, who is State president of the FFA, has a distinguished record as a farm boy. He operates a 75-acre farm, helps his father on the family's 85-acre farm, and has a part-time job with an implement dealer. His farming program in his senior year included 1500 broilers, 4 dairy calves, 4 dairy cows, 6 brood sows, 20 fattening hogs, 10 acres of corn, 10 acres of hay, 5 acres of wheat, and 3 acres of barley. He was president of his class, FFA president of his chapter and county, won the Keystone Farmer degree in 1954 and was elected State president last June.

Holstein Calf Places

The "Outstanding boy" plaque is being donated by the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative Association.

A Holstein calf Robert showed won a prize in judgings at the 1956 State Farm Show. Entered in the vocational class of the dairy department of the Show, young Welk's animal won the \$6 third prize for heifers one year and under 18 months. Robert is an FFA member at Lampeter-Strasburg Union High School, Lancaster County.

More than 1,000 public school vocational agriculture students who are members of the Future Farmers of America were here



ROBERT L. WELK

for the annual Farm Show convention of the FFA's Pennsylvania Association.

Following a meeting of the FFA State officers and executive committee in the morning, blue-jacketed FFA members from every corner of the Commonwealth crowded into the Forum of the Education Building that afternoon to join in bestowing the highest honors which the farm-boy organization can confer at the State level.

Keystone Degrees to 244

"Keystone Farmer" degrees for 244 FFA boys, honorary Keystone Farmer titles for 49 business and professional men, and citations to 26 newspapers, radio and television stations and other organizations were conferred.

The 100-piece FFA State Band and the FFA Chorus furnished music for their fellow members' convention.

Baby Beeves in 4-H Classes Go On Sale Friday

HARRISBURG — The 125 4-H baby beeves that paraded through the judging ring Thursday at the Farm Show will go on the auction block there Friday afternoon. They tip the scales at a total of 135,580 lbs — nearly 70 tons of beef on the hoof — when University.

This was an average of 1085 lbs. They were judged Thursday by Byron Good, of Michigan State State University.

Seventy of the steers are Angus, 45 Herefords, and 10 Short-horn.

Weighed in also were the 50 pens of lambs that complete the 4-H livestock part of the show. The lambs are of six breeds — Hampshire, Shropshire, Southdown, Dorset, Cheviot, and Suffolk. They tipped the scales at a total of 16,507 lbs.

In charge of the weighing in were E. G. Hamill, Hollidaysburg, county agent of Blair county, and Prof. Monroe J. Armes, extension farm management specialist, the Pennsylvania State University. Henry Shields, weighmaster for Swift & Co., Harrisburg, operated the scales.

Sale of the 4-H steers and lambs, along with open class animals, will start at 1 o'clock Friday. The sale will be in the large arena. Col. Guy L. Pettit, Bloomfield, Iowa, will be auctioneer.

FAMED LUCIFER DIES

Lauxmont Admiral Lucifer, one of the best known bulls in artificial breeding service in the United States died Tuesday at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeding Cooperative. He had been bred, during his lifetime, artificially to 45,190 cows. Several of his sons remain in service at SEPABC.