



Here are officers of the Pennsylvania Flying Farmers, taken during the recent Farm Show Week meeting of the state association. On the left is Howard Gwinn, secretary-treasurer, from Lawrence County; in the middle, State President Russell Pisor from Portersville, and on the right, L. L. Logan, Kennett Square, vice-president. (Lancaster Farming Photo).

Pennsylvania Flying Farmers Urged to Increase Insurance

By ERNEST J. NEILL
HARRISBURG — "Pilots must realize their liabilities as a plane owner today," John W. (Red) McFarlane, director of the Pennsylvania Aeronautics Commission, told some 150 Pennsylvania Flying Farmers, their families and guests, during the Farm Show meeting here last week.

"No longer is the plane a \$1,000 job. Too often it falls into the \$10,000 to \$20,000 category," Mr. McFarlane warned. Often his office is called upon for testimony lasting several days in damage suits filed following plane crashes.

Liability Has Increased
Today's flying farmer has a greater responsibility than ever. His liability has increased. Many damage suits have been filed against plane owners for property damage, often caused by fires following crashes of private planes.

"Farm aircraft ownership is increasing," Mr. McFarlane told, "and the farm pilot is realizing more utility from his plane than 75 per cent of the nation's owners."

One restriction being studied by the Commission in hopes of eventual amendment is a problem posed by basing more than one plane on a private field. When this is done, classification of the field changes.

Russell Pisor, president of the state association, from Portersville, opened the meeting. Attendance was curtailed and many late arrivals were reported due to murky weather that forced many of the pasture pilots to revert to the four-wheel ground transportation.

Clinic in Early April
Mr. Pisor and Mr. McFarlane announced an early April meeting at Harrisburg, for a Flying Farmer Aviation Clinic.

Since the weather played a rather large role in the day's meeting, remarks of Paul Sutton from the United States Weather Bureau in Harrisburg were of great interest. "We're at the bottom of an ocean of air, and in the United States 500 observing stations report the latest in weather," he told.

One of the most important factors in reporting weather at higher altitudes, and one that increases accessibility of long-range forecasts is the balloon-carried radiosonde. "Today 80 per cent of these are being returned by finders," Mr. Sutton told, "and the cost of each has declined from about \$35 to \$38 when first used to around \$6.50 today."

He urged that all pilots check with the weather bureau nearest home before starting any flight, yet he stressed that calls should be avoided between 20 minutes and 30 minutes after each hour. It is at that time that

observations are being made, and many offices with but one person on hand cannot take calls easily in that period.

Amplifying Mr. Sutton's talk was the color sound film, "Flight Decision," which related the cases of two pilots flying against unexpected weather. One didn't heed the danger and became a victim of vertigo in instrument conditions, the other landed safely just before a storm struck.

Two representatives of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture were on hand to discuss the interesting campaign staged against oak wilt in the Keystone State. Dr. T. L. Guyton, and Arthur Jeffrey told of the plane's usefulness in detecting oak wilt that has damaged many timbers in this state.

Four men, flying in either Cessna 170s, Cessna 195s, Piper TriPacers or Stinsons, last year covered 43,000 square miles of the state timbers in 257 hours and 14 minutes. Detection was easy from the air, with one man spotting the diseased area on a map. Follow-ups were made, diseased trees cut, and throughout excellent cooperation was received from landowners, he reported. Mr. Jeffrey piloted many of the trips, and reported costs averaged about ten cents per square mile for hire of plane, or a total of 15 cents per square mile when the pay of the observers was considered.

20 Spray 1.5 Million Acres
Soon a million and a half acres in the northeastern states where oak wilt prevails will be sprayed with DDT from the air in an effort to check spread of the disease. About 50,000 to 60,000 acres of Pennsylvania land is included in the total. Rate of application will be one pound of DDT to one gallon of water per acre.

A second film, showing the commercial use of planes agriculturally was shown. Seeding, fertilizing, dusting, defoliating and other practices were graphically demonstrated in the picture.

Dr. William L. Henning, state secretary of agriculture, was an honored guest at the noon luncheon.

Mrs. Lois Logan, Pennsylvania Flying Farmer Queen, Kennett Square, talked to scores who stopped by the Pennsylvania Flying Farmer display in the reception room of the Harrisburg airport. Her husband, L. L. Logan, is vice president of the state group, and Howard Gwinn, secretary-treasurer, is from Lawrence County.

Directors are: Paul Moyer, Line Lexington; John Gehman, Barto; David Huber, Peach Bottom; Elwood Homan, Pennsylvania Furnace, and Mrs. Logan, who also holds status as board member during her 1955-1956 reign.

FARM SHOW SALES Swine (Gilts)

Poland China:
Grand champion, "M. V. Miss King," consigned by Eugene G. Boeshore, Jonestown, RD, Lebanon County, sold to Paul S. Shorts, Golts, Md., for \$170.

Reserve grand champion, "Lady Glory 3rd," consigned by Clifford A. LeVan, Milton, RD 1, Northumberland County, sold to Eugene G. Boeshore, Jonestown, RD, Lebanon County.

Number animals in sale 40
Total volume of sale \$2317.50
Avg. price per animal \$ 57.94

Chester White:
Grand champion, "Clear Spring Farm Darlene," consigned by Heber F. Trach, Bath, RD 1, Northampton County, sold to James Parlett, Woodbine, RD 1, York County for \$200.

Reserve grand champion, "Silver Jean 2nd," consigned by Harvey C. Hunt, Conemaugh, RD 1, Cambria County. Sold to Ray Shank, Hanover, RD 5, Adams County, for \$105.

Number animals in sale 40
Total volume of sale \$2537.50
Avg. price per animal \$ 63.44

Spotted Poland China:
Grand champion, "Sandstone Luxury," consigned by C. Warren Leininger, Denver, RD, Lancaster County, sold to William M. Kauffman, York, RD 3, York County, for \$230.

Reserve grand champion, "Sandstone Sippie," consigned by C. Warren Leininger, old for \$145.

Number animals in sale 35
Total volume of sale \$2305.00
Avg. price per animal \$ 65.85

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Pennsylvania Farm Show Awards

HARRISBURG — "Champ," 1075-lb Hereford entered by Harry Lee Hoar, 14, RD 1, Gap, was named 4-H grand champion at the Pennsylvania Farm Show late last week.

The reserve grand championship went to "Amos," 1020-lb Angus shown by Kenneth Miller, 18, Nazareth, RD 1, Northampton County.

"Champ," first in the Hereford medium class, had been named Hereford breed champion, while "Amos" won the Angus breed title. "Amos" was first in the Angus medium weight class.

At Pequea Valley High
Hoar, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hoar, is in the ninth grade in Pequea Valley High School. When he grows up he wants to operate a beef ranch, he said when interviewed at the show. His steer was bred by Dewey Morrell, of Collbran, Colorado.

Miller, graduate of Bethlehem High School, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell W. Miller. His steer was bred by Pryeth Farms, Great Meadows, N. J.

The 1955 Farm Show grand champion also was a Hereford.

Another Lancaster entry, "Buster," 1215-pounder owned by Peggy Hackman, 17, Elizabethtown, RD 3, took the Hereford reserve championship.

Hoar's sister, Margaret Ann Hoar, 12, took the Shorthorn breed championship with "Rex," 1070-lbs.

Pfaunmiller in Reserve
And still another Lancaster entry, "Shorty," 1100-lb animal owned by Elwood Pfaunmiller, 15, Elizabethtown, RD 3, won the Shorthorn reserve championship.

The two top animals in both breeds competed later in the day with two top Angus for the 4-H grand championship.

Dairy Cattle

Brown Swiss
Junior champion and grand champion bull, "Ritterlea Intrepid's Buster," owned by Ritter Bros., Carlisle, RD 2, Cumberland County.

Grand champion and Senior champion cow, "Orangeville Nell," owned by Wade H. Kepner, Sharpsville, RD 1, Mercer County.

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4-H BABY BEEF
(Best county trios)

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Lancaster:

Peggy Hackman, Elizabethtown, RD 3
Harry Lee Hoar, Gap, RD 1
Leona Augsburger, Reinholds, RD 1

Northampton:
Elwood Buss, Jr., Nazareth, RD 1

Kenneth Miller, Nazareth, RD 1
William Steckel, Easton

York:
Lorn Godfrey, York, RD 3
Patricia O'Sullivan, Camp Hill, RD 1

Connie Quesenberry, Stewartstown, RD 1

Shropshire champion ram lamb, Anne B. Gates, Gadyville, Delaware County.

Shropshire champion ewe lamb, Lehigh Portland Farms, Orefield, Lehigh County.

Shropshire state-bred champion ram, Lehigh Portland Farms.

Shropshire state-bred reserve champion ram, Kenneth T. Moore, Nichols, N. Y., Bradford County.

Shropshire state-bred champion ewe, Kenneth T. Moore.

Shropshire state-bred reserve champion ewe, Lehigh Portland Farms

Sheep — B Merino
Champion ram, Guy M. Fullerton, Enon Valley, Lawrence County.

Champion ewe, Waldo Barron, Slippery Rock, RD 2, Butler County.

Sheep — C Merino
Champion ram, James A. Scott, Burgettstown, Washington County

Champion ewe, James A. Scott, Burgettstown, Washington County

Sheep — Rambouillet

Champion ram, Kenneth T. Moore, Nichols, N. Y., RD 2, Bradford County

Champion ewe, Kenneth T. Moore, Nichols, N. Y., RD 2, Bradford County.

Wool
Champion ram fleece, Loury Smith, Rt 2, New Brighton, Lawrence County

Champion ewe fleece, Walter Newton, Jr., New Albany, Bradford County.

Apiary Products:
Sweepstakes — Comb Honey, Margaret S. Moss, RD 1, Linglestown, Dauphin County
Sweepstakes — Extracted Honey, Robert Yepson, RD 5, Honesdale, Wayne County

Potatoes:
Grand Champion Exhibit, Clair J. Dumm, Rt 1, Ebensburg, Cambria County

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