

John Stoner Elected 4-H Club President

Lancaster County 4-H Holstein Club elected John Stoner, Lancaster R7, president at last week's meeting at the Farm Bureau Building, Lancaster.

Other new officers include: vice-president, Donald Moore, Quarryville R2; secretary, Phyllis Rutt, Stevens R1; and treasurer, Aaron Landis, Strasburg R1.

Also named were: song leader, Stanley Longenecker, Strasburg R1; game leaders, Barbara Keener, Manheim R2 and Donald Welk, Strasburg R1; and news reporter, James Hess, Strasburg R1.

Club leaders elected include Clarence A. Keener Jr., John Shelly, George Rutt, H. LeRoy Welk and Daniel Trimble.

Raymond Denlinger, Lancaster R5, who has concluded his 4-H Club work, was named a junior club leader.

Elvin Hess Jr., president of the Lancaster County Holstein Breeders Association and Wayne B. Rentschler, Farm Bureau Cooperative, spoke during the meeting.

Grange Reports Progress On Hall At Birthday Fete

Foundations have been laid for the new addition to the Grange Hall and the building will be completed as soon as possible, it was announced at the monthly meeting of Fulton Grange No. 66.

In other business, the legislative committee was instructed to write State Legislators, requesting support of the bill providing for 100% refund of the tax paid on gas purchased for off-highway use.

Future events include: Presentation of the play, "Aaron Slick From Punkin Crick," at Oakryn on April 12 and 14; Talent Night will be held on April 13 in charge of Mrs. Esther Graybeal, Mrs. Ruth Akers and Mrs. Anita Hernandez, at the March 26 meeting, Salisbury Grange will render the program as part of the Pomona Visitation plan.

On April 2, Fulton will visit Ephrata Grange and give the program. The committee in charge includes: Mrs. Thomas Bradley, Charles G. McSparran, Mrs. Walter Wood and John Galbreath.

Youth Night is scheduled for April 9, at which time the young folks will fill the officers' chairs and have charge of the program.

During the literary hour, a birthday party was held with a decorated table for each month, including birthday cakes. Mrs. Betty Ford, from Salisbury Grange, judged the tables, naming as winner "May," in charge of Mrs. Thomas Bradley.

The program opened with the singing of "Happy Birthday." Master Charles McSparran was crowned "Birthday King," his birthday occurring on Sunday.

January's contribution to the program was a vocal solo by Miss Evelyn Matson; February, reading on Washington, Mrs



Whenever Farm youth activities are mentioned, the name Welk crops up often, for here is a long history in Four-H and Future Farmers of America work. Here, photographed at the recent Lampeter-Strasburg High School Garden Spot FFA chapter banquet, are from left to right, H. LeRoy Welk and his sons Bob, Don and

Ira. Residing just south of Strasburg, the Welks are active dairy farmers, and son Bob is currently Pennsylvania FFA state president. Don is still a student, Ira married and farming on his own. (Lancaster Farming Photo).

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Maurice Gregg, and reading on Lincoln, Mrs. Charles Grimsey; March, jokes, Charles G. McSparran, April, talk on Easter, Miss Jennette McCummings; jokes, Thomas Galbreath; historical events in April and "This Is Your Life," Edward James May, reading, jokes and quiz.

Miss Mabel Brabson, June, vocal solo, Nancy Housekeeper, July, jokes, Mrs. Robert Reed, historical events, Charles Coates, and vocal solo, Peggy Housekeeper, August, violin solo, Mrs. Charles Ambler, accompanied by Mrs. Richard Jackson, pianist.

September, reading, Miss Evelyn Richardson, October, remarks by Walter Wood and jokes by Robert Armstrong, November, story, Harold Graybeal, and December, reading on Christmas, Robert Housekeeper, and vocal solo by Debbie Housekeeper.

34 of 67 State's Counties Free of Bang's Disease

HARRISBURG — Leland H. Bull, State Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, assured Pennsylvania dairy farmers that a 20-year campaign to clean up their most troublesome disease of cattle may be "virtually completed" within two years.

The State's brucellosis or Bang's disease eradication program has been stepped up recently and is moving much faster than expected, he told the opening session of the annual two-day meeting of the State Brucellosis Committee.

"We now have 34 of the 67 counties officially certified as brucellosis-free, seven of them attaining the honor roll within the past year," Bull declared. "Centre, Cambria and Mercer Counties are nearly ready for certification and all Western Pennsylvania should be cleaned up by the end of this year."

Educational Program

He told delegates of county brucellosis committees from every part of the State that much of the progress can be attributed to the continuing educational program of the agriculture extension service of the Pennsylvania State University and the cooperation of practicing veterinarians and county committees.

Dr. H. A. Milo, director of the State Bureau of Animal Industry, told the state committee that 87 per cent of all cattle in Pennsylvania are now under some official plan of testing for control and eradication of brucellosis. He said 87,750 herds have been tested since 1937 and nearly 1,200,000 head of cattle are in the current program. A county is certified when less than 1 per cent of cattle and

HYDRANT MISSING

DALLAS, Texas — Police are not looking for the motorist who, failing to make a turn at a high rate of speed, smashed into a hydrant, shearing it off at the ground, but they are also looking for the hydrant. It seems that the driver, after hitting the hydrant, got out of the car, inspected the damage, drove around the block, stopped and then loaded the hydrant into his car and drove off.

under 5 per cent of herds show presence of the disease which causes abortion in cattle

14 Counties Complete

In addition to the 34 certified counties, Pennsylvania now has 14 where testing has been completed and 17 partially tested, Dr. Milo said.

Three mobile laboratories are now operating in 36 counties, using the "milk ring" test, according to Dr. C. M. Stevens, in charge of the brucellosis division, State Bureau of Animal Industry. From January 1, 1955 to this March 15 these traveling laboratories have tested milk samples from 53,150 herds comprising more than 640,000 cattle. Tests revealed an average of 2.5 suspected herds but only 30 per cent of these showed actual presence of the disease through blood tests

CALF TRIPLETS

DURATE, Cal. — Clara, a Brown Swiss cow owned by Hans Sulzer, recently gave birth to triplet calves — all bulls. While triplet heifer births are not too infrequent it is said, triplet bulls are a great rarity. The calves weighed about 60 lbs apiece.

HORSE, PONY SHOWS

OXFORD — Our whole family enjoys your newspaper. Our two daughters in particular hope that you will keep them informed as to when and where horse and pony shows will be in this area. They each own their own pony and horse. We wish Lancaster Farming every success. — Neil Keiser.

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