

Thornton Offers Six Point Plan

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through the price squeeze; livestock prices are due to go up; meat storage is low, cattle numbers down, and marketings at lighter weights will reduce tonnage in storage. Supply is coming back in line with demand.

"We as livestock producers can solve our problems," he told. "We stand on our own feet, we believe Government has a role to play, but free enterprise is the best way of life. We still live in a free land, our future generations have the same chance of progress.

"America is in good shape, and we in the livestock industry are in good shape," the 185 Polled Hereford Breeders and friends heard.

Directed to the East, one statement by Mr Thornton interested the audience considerably. "This is the sort of country that makes the cattle breeder's heart glad; there's a pride in breeding cattle here, progress and quality are advancing faster in the East and South than in anywhere else in the United States. Some day, western breeders may well head

east for seed stock," he said.

Mr Thornton is the well-known breeder of Thornton Triumphant Herefords, Gunnison, Colo., that won more honors in five years than any other herd on the show circuit. In 1948 he was a member of the Colorado State senate and governor of Colorado two terms, in 1950 and 1952.

Gov. Leader was unable to attend. In his place, Dr William L. Henning, state secretary of agriculture, brought greetings from Pennsylvania. Dr. Henning presented the silver trophy awarded Monday for the grand champion heifer.

Secretary Henning said, "We have an opportunity to spread the beef cattle philosophy in this country; I'm pleased with the progress of Polled Herefords in Pennsylvania, a grand set of cattle you can be proud of."

"We should be producing more grass," he warned, "and where we now feed 85,000 to 100,000 head of steers a year, we could handle twice that number, even triple that number. We should increase our beef cattle production here," he concluded.

Dr Henning, a breeder of

Southdown sheep and another breed of cattle, interjected several references to his own likes, much to the amusement of the Polled Hereford enthusiasts.

Don Chittenden, national Polled Hereford secretary from Kansas City, Mo., also presented an optimistic picture. "The only breed to show any increase in registrations last year, a gain of 26 per cent," he reported. Since Sept. 1955 there has been an increase of 36 per cent, and at the International last fall, the sale of Polled Herefords, averaging \$1154, topped all other breeds.

Rev Fred Rentz of the department of education, Franklin and Marshall College, gave an interesting explanation and history of Pennsylvania Dutch people and their customs.

Ernest Lambert, national president from Alabama, brought greetings, and Col Jewett Fulkerson auctioned five pages in the new EPHA directory for a total of \$2260.

Presiding at the banquet was the outgoing EPHA president, Leon Falk, Jr., of Schellsburg, Pa. Others at the head table included M P (Hot) Moore, top Polled Hereford breeder sales-wise, from Senatobia, Miss; Franklin D Roosevelt, Jr, New York City and Clove Creek Farm, Poughquog, N. Y.; John R. (Jack) Royer, Glenwood, Md.; Ernest F Tark, Freehold, former national association president; N J, newly elected EPHA president; E E. Moore of Double E Ranch, Senatobia, Miss; Mark Anspach, president of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Henning; Herman Purdy, professor of animal husbandry at Pennsylvania State University, who judged the show Monday, Tom King and Glenn Keene, from Pennsylvania State, Kent Mackey, from the American Hereford association, and M. M. Smith, Lancaster County agricultural agent.

Others present included Joe O'Bryan of O'Bryan Ranch, Hiattville, Kan., who operates the largest Polled Hereford herd in the country; Ed Hummel, president of the Pennsylvania Polled Hereford association; and Dennis F. Getchell from Limestone, Maine, 1954-1955 EPHA president.

Mr Roosevelt was elected vice president of the EPHA, and John H. Royer, Jr, Glenwood, Md., was reelected secretary-treasurer.

Thornton Addresses EPHA



Dan Thornton, former governor of Colorado and famed as a Gunnison, Colo. Hereford breeder, here addresses the banquet of the Eastern Polled Hereford Association at Hotel Brunswick in Lancaster Sunday night. The speaker outlined a six-point program to solve the farm problem, described on page one of Lancaster Farming today. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Food Habit Trends of Ruffed Grouse Subject of Pennsylvania Bulletin

Grouse Study Made In Centre County

The Pennsylvania State University has published a bulletin titled "Food Habit Trends of Ruffed Grouse in the Centre County Barrens". The report tells of methods and results of a food study newly applied to grouse. Formerly, such research was based on the examination of material found in the digestive tracts of grouse, but in this project the droppings are analyzed. This method has been used successfully in studies of food habits of other game birds. One of the purposes of the study is to determine the winter food habit trends and plant species that contribute to the diet of the grouse.

Biologists at the University started this project on the Barrens in 1948, as a ten-year study through which trends and food habits of grouse during a complete cycle would be recorded.

Following are some of the facts learned since the work began: Droppings collected periodically from known drumming sites showed* that leading food items in the diet of grouse studied were aspen buds, acorns, teaberry fruit, miscellaneous leaves, and wild grapes. Green leaves that resist frost kill and remain through winter play an important role in the diet of these birds during the cold months. Aspen buds, which are high in protein, furnished the bulk of the winter bud diet of grouse on the study area, according to the report.

As a result of this study efforts will be made to develop or maintain more of the desirable winter foods as part of an overall management program for the State Bird of Pennsylvania.

Appreciates Police Assistance

Early on a recent morning a motorist delivered a deer that had died of an accident to the home of Game Protector Edward W. Campbell, Fort Loudon, Franklin County.

Campbell reports, "About five minutes after the man's departure a State Policeman was at my door because he had noticed blood on the back of this fellow's car. The officer questioned the man and was checking out his story about turning the deer over to me. As long as we continue to receive State Police cooperation as in the past, there

will be two strikes on those persons who make sport out of violating the Game Law."

Sick Coons And Foxes

Game Protector Paul H. Gleny says that, "During January and February there have been increasingly large numbers of sick raccoons and gray foxes reported in my Adams County district National Park rangers (Gettysburg Battlefield) reported finding several of these animals, either dead or in very poor condition. During the last two weeks in February two raccoons and one gray fox were brought to me. Several persons told me they feared the animals had rabies. But diagnoses by the Summerdale Laboratory of the Agriculture Department show these animals are not rabid, they are suffering from distemper."

Farm Research Like Industry's Urgent Need Now

MEYERSDALE, Pa. — Urgent need for agricultural research that will assist farmers to attain income levels comparable to industry and business was stressed here by Dr William L. Henning, State Secretary of Agriculture.

At a kick-off dinner opening the three-day ninth annual Somerset County Maple Festival he declared that, on a per capita basis, total funds allocated for agricultural research in Pennsylvania rank the Commonwealth 47th among all the states.

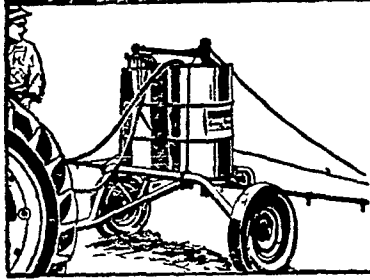
"Every dollar invested in research will be returned a thousand-fold in greater efficiency in food production, improved quality and satisfaction for consumers," he asserted.

Dr Henning paid tribute to the State's maple products industry. While some worth while research has been conducted in this field, he expressed belief that more could be done to reduce costs and increase production of maple sugar and syrup to meet demands.

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SANTA FE, N. M. — After he found that his store had been burglarized for the thirtieth time in little more than three years, Charles Stover called in State police for help.

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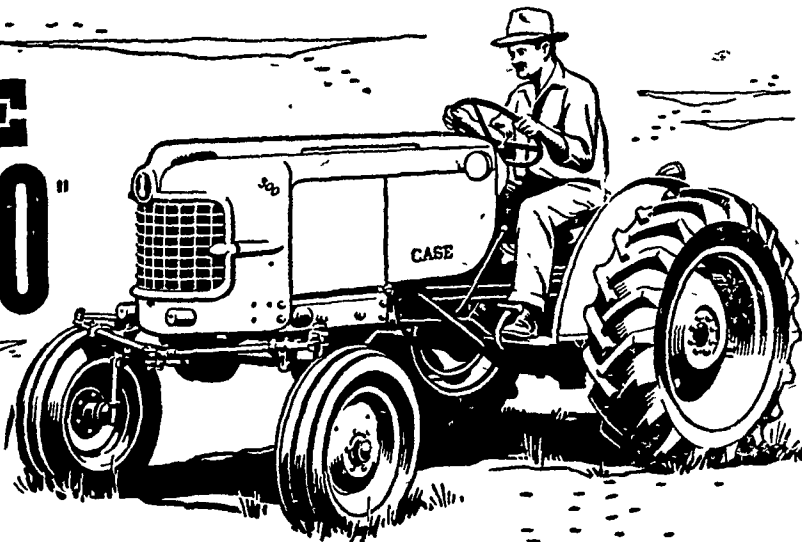
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