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Agents Elect H. S. Sloat New President

For the first time since its organization, a Lancaster County agent has been elected president of the Pennsylvania County Agents Association. He is Harry S. Sloat, associate county agent.

Secretary-treasurer of the association last year, he was elected Tuesday night at the agents' annual banquet in University Park.

At a separate meeting, Miss Ruth K. Kimble, county home economist, was re-elected secretary of the Pennsylvania Association of Extension Home Economists.

Miss Kimble has headed the home economics program here since May, 1955, coming to Lancaster County from Mercer County. She is also director of the district Homemakers' Camp at Camp Swatara, Bethel.

Other officers elected by the county agents are: Vice president, Harold Waha, Mercer County, secretary treasurer, James McKean, Wayne County, and directors, James Bochy, Somerset County; and Paul Rothrock, Lycoming County.

Mr. Sloat has been a full time county agent here for 29 years. He came to Lancaster County in 1922 to study farm management and accounting under Earl L. Moffitt, professor of farm management.

He was appointed assistant county agent in 1927, and became the state's first associate county agent in January, 1949.

Others representing Lancaster County at the meeting are: County Agent Max Smith, Assistant Agent, Victor Plastow, and Assistant Home Economist, Miss Nancy E. Bowen. Approximately 90 members attended the home economist meeting and some 149 county agents attended their annual meeting.

LanChester Chorus Program on Sunday

Christmas music with choral and organ arrangements will be featured in the annual Christmas concert of the LanChester Chorus at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Christiana Fire Co. auditorium.

Tonight the choir, directed by Donald L. Trostle with Dick Wright, manager and accompanist, will sing at the Honey Brook Methodist Church, in a religious program starting at 7:30.

Choirs Combine in Christmas Cantata

Choirs of the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church and Memorial Methodist, Quarryville, will join in a Sunday evening Christmas cantata at Chestnut Level Church, starting at 8 p.m.

"The Music of Bethlehem" was presented Sunday night a week ago at the Quarryville church, attended by a capacity audience.

Merry Christmas



May the joy and peace of Christmas
Be with you today and throughout 1957.
Alfred C. Alspach, Publisher
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And all the others who each week work
together to bring you Lancaster Farming.

Exhibit Space In Farm Show Rents Quickly

HARRISBURG — Approximately 100 applicants had to be refused commercial exhibit space for the 1957 Pennsylvania Farm Show due to lack of room, according to State Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning.

Allocation of more than four acres of space was completed today for the 40th anniversary Farm Show which opens Monday morning, January 14 and continues until 6 p.m., Friday, January 18.

All available space went on a rental basis to more than 300 commercial exhibitors in the 4-acre main exhibition hall with an overflow into the poultry section.

At least a score of applicants who could not be accommodated have been on the waiting list for three years or more, the chairman of the State Farm Show Commission declared.

"This condition emphasizes the need for more exhibit space for the Farm Show, which has remained static since opening of the large arena 17 years ago," Henning asserted.

"While the General State Authority has allocated \$2 million for a new heating plant, new roof for the large arena, and replacement of some utility lines, there will not be enough to complete a proposed 3-story addition with exhibit space on the ground floor. After deducting architect's fees, interest and other charges we expect to net about \$1,500,000 for improvements. This compares with the Farm Show Commission's original request of \$2,750,000."

More than 100 heads of sheep and swine and large numbers of poultry were turned away due to pen limitations in those departments of the Farm Show, according to the chairman. Re-arrangement of stall areas will care for record entries in beef and dairy cattle displays, assuring the largest livestock exhibits in Farm Show history, he said.

Due to the great interest shown by farmers in the latest developments in farm machines, approximately half of the main exhibition floor will be filled with full line displays of the latest models of all types of equipment. Other areas in the hall will display dairy and other types of barn apparatus, poultry equipment, seeds, feeds, fertilizers, pesticides, nursery and various modern farm and farm home supplies and appliances.

Bridge Hearing at Harrisburg Dec. 26

A public hearing to determine the economic effect of construction of the South Bridge, spanning the Susquehanna River and connecting Lemoyne and Harrisburg, will be held by the Department of Highways at 2 p.m., Dec. 26.

The South Bridge project, which has been on the drawing boards in the Department of Highways the past 10 or 15 years, will be in the vicinity of Third and Lowther Streets in Lemoyne and extend to the River steps in Harrisburg.

World's Farm Production at Record Levels

WASHINGTON — (USDA) — A rise in output of both crops and livestock products to record levels in 1956-57 is enabling world agricultural production to keep pace with expanding population.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture reported today that world production of crops and livestock rose to a new high level — 120 per cent of prewar (1935-39) — in 1956-57. The level was 118 per cent in 1955-56, and 116 in 1954-55. The corresponding percentages for the Free World alone for those seasons were, respectively, 126, 125 and 122. On a per capita basis, taking into consideration rising world population production in 1956-57 is holding steady at 97 per cent of prewar for the third consecutive year. Free World per capita production is 100 per cent of prewar, and the Communist area output is 91 per cent.

Though the Free World outturn outstripped that of the Communist Bloc, the latter rose two per cent from the level maintained in the two preceding seasons. A sharp increase in the U. S. S. R. and a moderate rise in Mainland China more than offset further production declines in the Eastern European satellites. Free World production was slightly below

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Henning to Speak At Annual Meeting Of Farm Women

HARRISBURG — State Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning will address the annual Farm Show meeting of the Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania in the forum of the Education Building here Monday morning, Jan. 14, the first day of the 40th anniversary Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Society members will attend their annual banquet that evening and conclude their annual conclave with a business meeting the next morning in the Farm Show Building.

Mrs. Charles Shriver, Waynesburg, is president of the farm women's organization and Mrs. Edward Boyd, Stoystown, is secretary.

Filler Tobacco Estimate Raised 1 Million Pounds

An estimated record yield of 1,700 lbs. an acre and increased crop acreage has caused the U.S. Department of Agriculture to up its 1956 estimate on the filler crop in Pennsylvania by nearly one million pounds.

The acreage figure is now placed at 30,000 acres, an increase of 1,100 acres over 1955. The total crop yield is estimated to be 51 million lbs. This will be second only to the 1951 crop when 55,700,000 lbs. of filler was produced in Pennsylvania.

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Laying Tests Improved by New Program

HARRISBURG — In line with desires of Pennsylvania poultrymen, the 25-year-old Standard Egg Laying Test operated by the State Department of Agriculture, is to be replaced next September 3 by a new and improved type of test for determining the egg-laying and many other characteristics of different varieties of chickens.

Agriculture Secretary William L. Henning today said the new venture is to be known as "The First Annual Pennsylvania Random Sample Laying Test." It will be supervised by the poultry and egg division of the State Bureau of Markets.

"The purpose of the test," Secretary Henning explained, "is to measure, in an unbiased manner, those economic factors that would be of interest to the poultry industry. From results obtained, breeders who enter the test will be able to compare their strain or cross genetically with those of their competitors. Commercial poultrymen will be able to evaluate the different entries with respect to the economic factors that are most important to them."

The present standard egg laying test will close its 26th year next September 15 when the poultry houses near the Farm Show building will be renovated to accommodate the new type of test. The Pennsylvania test is one of eight operating in the United States. It currently contains the highest ranking pen in all tests, an entry of Rhode Island Reds from Harco Orchard and Poultry Farm, South Easton, Mass.

Under the new set-up, test-
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