

Friendly Farmer Club Meets

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The Friendly Farmer's Club met with the Robert Gallagher family Dec 15, 1956 with all families represented except two.

The President, Gordon Toot, called the Club to order. Minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary and approved.

Ira Rutt and James Wood were appointed on the inspection committee. The meeting then adjourned till two o'clock.

A baked ham dinner served by the hostess and helpers followed a social time.

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "Silent Night," after which the Rev. Roy W. Townsend read the Christmas story as told in the second chapter of Luke. The Rev. Townsend also read the last two stanzas of, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and followed with prayer.

The inspection committee reported everything in fine shape and plenty of feed. Mr. Gallagher has two milkhouses. We then had a roll call of "What I want for Xmas", by which we found out people wanted anything from health to refrigerators. Arthur Brown told the advantages and disadvantages of the Bulk Tank. Lois Wood gave a very interesting original poem on the, "Night before Christmas".

RECORD CRIME WAVE

The Federal Bureau of Investigation recently reported that, in the first half of this current year, a major crime was committed every 12.2 seconds, with a murder, man-slaughter, rape or assault to kill every 4.1 minutes. One major crime was committed for each 129 persons in the nation.

UNKNOWN SOLDIER TOMB

The first extensive renovation in 36 years is being made on the trophy room and amphitheater adjoining the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The major repair job now in progress, which is estimated to cost \$500,000, includes a roof to cover the circular arcade of the marble amphitheater and other general renovations.

The host then introduced Stanley Musselman, the manager of Farmer Relations for the Lancaster County National Bank, Lancaster. He told of his work in connection with farmers. He gave a very good definition of an expert, "the one who knows the answers to all questions but somehow doesn't understand the question."

After singing one verse, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," we adjourned meet with James and Annie Herr Saturday, Jan 26, 1957 in Little Britain Church.

Elmer Sensenig Named Director Of Soil District

Elmer Sensenig, R1 New Holland, was named a director of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District Monday night at a meeting of the board of directors at the courthouse.

He succeeds Lem S. Weist, R1 Ephrata. Weist was cited for his contributions to the organization during the past four years he has served.

Re-appointed as commissioner-director was Charles H. Pearce, county commissioner.

Seven new cooperators were approved. They are Richard Drager, R1 Columbia, 38 acres, Harold Drager, R1 Marietta, 114 acres, Lester C. Martin, R1 East Earl, 60 acres.

Martin B. Thomas, R3 Lancaster, 72 acres; Fred F. Hendess, R1 Gap, 40 acres; Le Roy K. Andrews, R7 Lancaster, 72 acres; and Richard H. Witmer, Willow Street Pike, 139 acres.

The board will attend the area district meeting of directors at Manheim Central High school Dec. 27. A meeting of associate directors of the Lancaster County unit is scheduled for Jan. 21 at the Farm Bureau Cooperative.

The annual meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Manheim Central High school.

Base Acreage Plan for Corn Loses in Vote

Washington — (USDA) — Preliminary returns from the growers' referendum held December 11 in the 894 "commercial corn" counties indicate that farmers approved an acreage allotment program for 1957 and subsequent corn crops, instead of the alternate base acreage program. Approval by more than one-third of the farmers voting was required for the acreage allotment program; two-thirds or more of those who voted would have had to favor the base acreage program for it to be approved.

A total of 163,227 farmers, or 33.8 per cent of the 421,101 votes reported, favored acreage allotments. A total of 257,874 votes, or 61.2 per cent of those cast, favored base acreages.

"By their vote, farmers have chosen to continue using the acreage allotment program for corn," Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson said in commenting on the referendum results. "The decision was properly theirs, and the Department will do everything in its power to administer the program constructively."

"There will be serious problems. The national acreage allotment for commercial counties has had to be cut back sharply in

recent years, under the formula of the controlling legislation which calls for lower allotments as supplies build up. As a result, many farmers have found that it was not practical for them — within the limits of sound farm management — to reduce their corn crop to the allotment level. Therefore the corn adjustment program has not proved effective in either adjusting production or providing a broad base of price support.

"With the total allotment still smaller for 1957, even though it must cover some 54 more counties than last year, this problem will assume greater proportions. And because farmers will have to reduce corn production even below their small allotments in order to take part in the corn Acreage Reserve program, I am afraid many will be shut out of this program opportunity."

"A prompt and searching appraisal of the entire corn situation, and of program relationships, is needed at this time."

November Farm Milk Price Set At \$4.83 CWT

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—Dr. J. C. Blanford, Market Administrator of the New York metropolitan milk marketing area announced Dec. 11 a uniform price of \$4.83 per hundredweight (46.5 quarts) for milk delivered in November to 386 plants in the New York milkshed. The uniform price in October was \$4.55 per hundredweight; in November, 1955, it was \$4.33 per hundredweight.

The producer butterfat differential for the month was announced at 54 cents for each tenth of a pound of fat above or below the 3.5 per cent standard.

The price was announced three days earlier than usual. This was done with the cooperation of handlers, who submitted their reports two days before the Dec. 10 deadline. The price will enable the handlers to make payment to the farmers before Christmas.

The production of milk fell below that of last November. However, the consumption of fluid milk in the marketing area — New York City and Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester Counties — reached a new high for the month.

Dairymen delivered 530,114,510 lbs. of milk to pool plants, the administrator said. This was 40,420,984 lbs. fewer than the record high for the month of 570,535,494 lbs. That record was set in November, 1955. The number of producers and the average production per day also fell below the comparable figures of last year. The number of producers dropped from 49,071 last year to 45,891 this year, a decrease of 3,180. The average production per day per dairy was down three pounds from last year's record of 388 lbs. to 385 lbs.

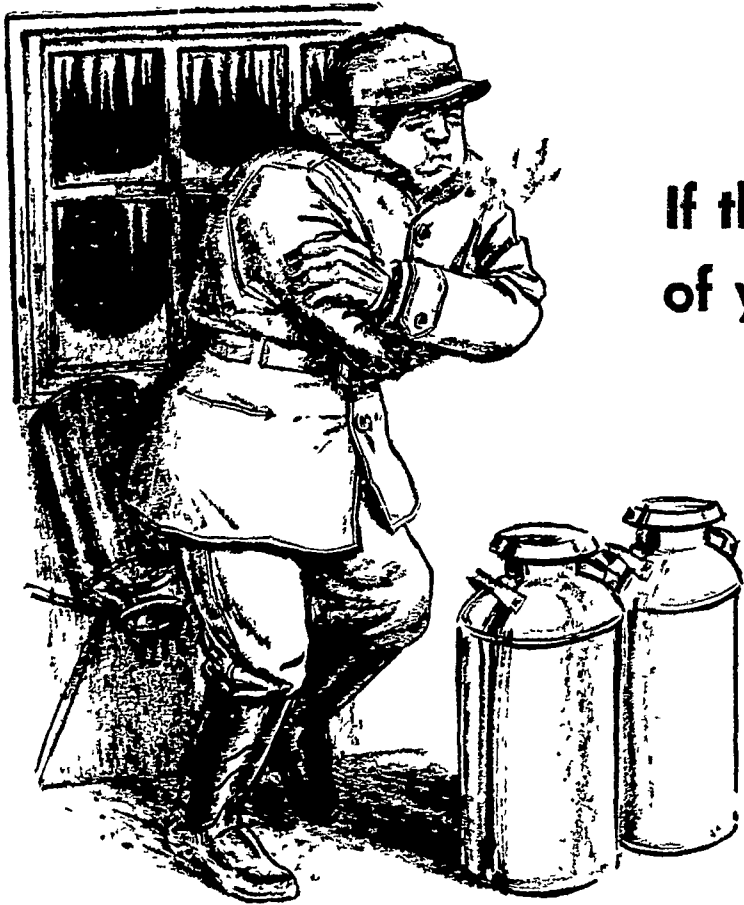
Sales of fluid milk in the marketing area were 1.97 per cent greater than the previous high for the month of November, 1955. Sales this year totaled 272,077,433 lbs., 5,256,342 lbs. more than the 266,821,091 lbs. sold last year.

The farm value of the November milk was \$26,299,856.26, Dr. Blanford reported. In 1955, the farm value was \$25,480,468.24.

The uniform price of \$4.83 per hundredweight will be paid for milk testing 3.5 per cent butterfat and received at plants 201-210 miles from New York City.

HEADS OR TAILS

Overheard at riding stables: I wanted to go one way. My horse wanted to go another. So he tossed me for it. — Winston-Salem (N.C.) Sentinel.



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