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Philadelphia Pool Primary Issue Of Inter-State

O. H. Hoffman, general manager of Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative said Tuesday that "All other issues are secondary to keeping the handler pool in the Philadelphia milk marketing area."

He said that as long as the handler pool stays in effect in Philadelphia, it will be in effect in Lancaster and the rest of the state.

Hoffman also gave three reasons for Inter-State opposition to the Golden Guernsey double-pooling practice.

"First," he said, "according to our attorneys, the practice is illegal under the provisions of the state milk marketing act. Second, it is not fair to the other producers in the area. Each producer should be treated equally in determination of surplus."

"And third, it is not in the best interest of the Golden Guernsey producers."

He explained that in similar action in New York a few years ago, public opinion turned against the Golden Guernsey producers and that they lost their premium market permanently.

County Agent Max M. Smith told the group that the end of the brucellosis campaign in the county is in sight. Thirty-five townships have begun testing, leaving only six to be signed.

Robert McKinley, general manager of the Dairy Council, Philadelphia, explained the promotional and educational work of the council. He said that the council is not active in the Lancaster area.

Victor Plastow introduced the outstanding 4-H dairy club members. They are: J. Paul Herr, R1 Holtwood; Donald Trimble, R1 Quarryville; Linda Mumma, Landisville and Florence Mae Flory, R3 Manheim.

Harry F. Brubaker, district president was in charge of the meeting held in the Leola-War Memorial building.

Potter County Found Free Of Brucellosis

HARRISBURG, Feb. 28 — Potter County today became the 53rd in Pennsylvania to attain certified brucellosis-free status in the State's winning fight against a troublesome disease of cattle.

State Agriculture Secretary William L. Henning commended the unusual record achieved by dairy farmers of Potter County in earning their position on the State's honor roll of Bang's-free counties.

When the first county-wide blood testing was completed in Potter in 1952, more than 16 per cent of the 630 herds of cattle were infected with the disease. Cattle infection was 3.68 per cent of the 6,860 head included in the test.

To meet initial certification re-



THE SOLANCO 4-H tractor Maintenance Club met Tuesday evening, March 6, at Wengers Implement Company, Buck. The group, which meets each week at various implement dealers, studies trouble-shooting and tractor maintenance. Above, a first year group of the club, discusses the ignition and cooling system on tractors.

Standing are: Jim Jackson, Tom Halladay, Fred Frey and Thomas Asbury. Seated on the tractor are: Ralph Kreider, vice president, Donald Wenger, Rodney Martin and Stephen Martin. Fred Frey is leader of the second year class and Fred Linton directs the first year class. Bob Wagner is president of the youth organization.

Deadline for Corn, Wheat, Rice Acreage Reserve Agreements Today

In telegrams sent March 1, to Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committees in all commercial corn States, the U. S. Department of Agriculture stressed that today's deadline for corn, spring wheat, and rice Acreage Reserve agree-

ments will be adhered to. Only in case there should be new corn legislation will a different corn Acreage Reserve program sign-up be permitted, the State ASC committees were told.

Department officials said that they were concerned about farmers in the commercial corn area who felt that because of pending corn legislation the Department would not hold to the deadline. It is vitally important that all farmers know that the closing date for corn, spring wheat, and rice Acreage Reserve agreements is today, they emphasized.

Text of the telegram sent to the State ASC committees follows:

"Important that farmers know that closing date for filing 1957 Acreage Reserve agreements for corn, spring wheat, and rice is today. Farmers must file agreements by this date and they may not thereafter terminate agreements filed. State offices should take immediate steps to give this statewide publicity. Notify county offices, stressing importance of local press and radio publicity. Only in case there should be new corn legislation will a different corn Acreage Reserve sign-up be permitted."

Beef and Eggs Plentiful April AMS List Shows

Beef and eggs will be featured on the plentiful foods list for April, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service. Other items on the April list will include turkeys, potatoes, canned sweet corn, dried prunes, rice, peanuts and peanut butter and milk and other dairy products.

Four Meetings Planned to Show Proper Tobacco Seed Treating

Harry S. Sloat, associate county agent, has reminded the tobacco growers that this is the time of year to check the tobacco seed and get the seed beds ready.

In order to grow a better yield and quality, a good supply of strong, vigorous, healthy plants are needed to set in the field at planting time.

Wildlife is one of the most destructive diseases attacking tobacco both in the beds and in the field. The disease can be controlled by proper seed treatment, seed bed management and good cultural practices.

Four demonstration meetings where seed will be cleaned and treated by Dr. O. D. Burke are planned for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Optional Method For Tax Report Given Farmers

A revised optional method of reporting earnings from self employment as a farm operator for taxable years ending on or after Dec. 31, 1955 was jointly announced this week by M. S. Gleaton, district manager of the local Social Security Administration office, and H. J. Bemiller, district director of Internal Revenue.

H. J. Bemiller pointed out that self employment farmers who keep books on an accrual method and members of farm partnerships can now also use the optional reporting procedure.

The revised options are as follows:

(1) If your gross income from agricultural self employment is not more than \$1,800, you may count as your net earnings either your actual net or 2/3 of your farm gross income;

(2) If your gross farm income is more than \$1,800, and your net farm earnings are less than \$1,200, you may use either your actual net or \$1,200;

(3) If your gross farm income is more than \$1,800 and your net farm earnings are \$1,200 or more, you must use the actual amount of your net earnings.

H. J. Bemiller added that this new method will enable farmers with gross income as low as \$800 to obtain social security protection for themselves in their old age and for their survivors in case of death. However, he emphasized that whichever option you must have net earnings of at least \$400 in order to get social security credit for the year.

In addition to the revised optional method, the 1956 amendments extended Social Security coverage to farmers who receive cash or crop shares from tenant farmers. This income, formerly excluded as rental income, may be reported for social security purposes if the farm-landlord under his agreement with his tenant, materially participates in the production of the farm crops. This provision is effective for taxable years ending after 1955.

Requests for information regarding tax returns forms and taxes due should be directed to the Internal Revenue Office at Lancaster Post Office, 2nd floor.