

A. G. Palmateer Named to Neppco Turkey Division Exec. Committee

ELVERSON, Pa. — A. G. Palmateer, veteran Pennsylvania turkey grower, was named to the executive committee of the Turkey Division of the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council. The organization represents the interest of turkey growers in a 14-state area ranging from Maine to Virginia and as far west as Ohio.

At its annual meeting the turkey growers went on record as

favoring immediate enactment of federal legislation requiring the compulsory inspection of dressed poultry moving in interstate commerce.

"It is imperative that the consuming public be given maximum assurance that dressed poultry is of the highest quality," Palmateer declared. "It is our considered opinion that strict standards, applied by government inspectors, would be a

U.S. Farm Exports Set Record for Fiscal Year

For the first seven months of the current fiscal year U.S. farm exports set new records both from the standpoint of value and quantity. The estimated value for the seven month period is \$2.75 billion, 45 per cent above the corresponding months of last year, while the increase in quantity was 51 per cent.

major step in achieving this goal."

In drawing up a five-point resolution favoring mandatory poultry inspection, the Turkey Division stressed the following:

1. An adequate service under direction of the Secretary of Agriculture, yet one with sufficient flexibility.
2. Adequate recognition of the needs and rights of smaller processors and producers, so that they will not be forced out of business by cumbersome rules and costs.
3. Administration by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and not linked subordinately to a similar service in effect for red meat.
4. Operation at public expense.
5. Provision for recognition and participation by state authorities so that the nation can have a complete and uniform program.

Other officials named at the session included Morris Smith, Ellicott City, Md., chairman; Russell Ryor, Calcium, N. Y., vice-chairman, J. C. Lambert, Jr., Trenton, N. J., secretary. William Gozzi, Guilford, Conn., was also named to the executive committee with Palmateer.

Gray Squirrels Migrate Miles For Food, Dens

That gray squirrels always stay near their dens, or "just run into their holes and hide" is believed by many observers. On the other hand, pioneer tales are replete with reports of squirrels "migrating by thousands."

Until last fall, scientific evidence seemed to support the opinion that gray squirrels seldom wander far from home, says Ward M. Sharp, leader of the Wildlife Research Unit at the Pennsylvania Agricultural Experiment Station. Data collected from hunters in a wide area, who shot squirrels tagged by Dr. Sharp, show that an industrious "bushytail" may travel long distances in search of food. Sharp's study area is in Cameron County, Pa., where squirrels have famine years.

Of 15 squirrels recovered, seven were killed within 750 yards of their tagging sites, three had traveled one to two miles, but five had "left the country." They were collected six, 12, 22, 43 and 62 miles, respectively, from their former dens. A majority of these squirrels were females, indicating that the "girls" are not as attached to former homes as may have been believed.

A seven year study by Sharp in Huntingdon County, Pa., where year-to-year food and dens were constant, found that no squirrel traveled more than three miles from the woodland in which it was tagged.

Squirrel food was scarce in the woods last fall, but squirrels may travel also in search of dens, Dr. Sharp believes. A century or two must elapse in the development of a good den tree which may be thoughtlessly cut in a forest improvement program. Usually, such trees are unusable as saw timber and of small value as firewood, he points out, but they add a lot to the possibility of good squirrel hunting.

'Tis a sort of duty to be rich, that it may be in one's power to do good. — Mary Worthey Montagu.

J. R. Witmer Elected To Guernsey Cattle Club

PETERBOROUGH, N. H. — J. Hohrer Witmer of Witla Farms in Willow Street has been elected to membership in the American Guernsey Cattle Club, nonprofit agricultural organization serving over 40,000 purebred Guernsey breeders throughout the United States.

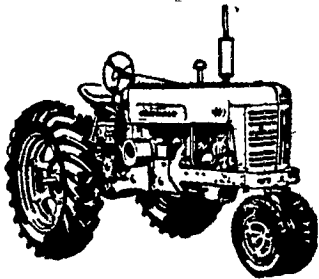
Witmer started with purebred Guernseys in 1940 and now owns

75 head. He hopes to increase his herd to include 80 head as soon as possible. The herd is doing DHIA testing and the milk is sold as Golden Guernsey in Lancaster.

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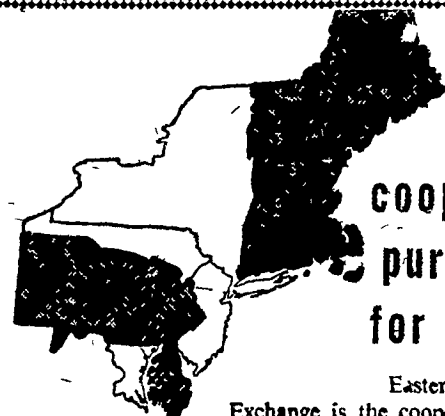
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