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Red Rose DHIA Admits Solanco DHIA Members

The directors of the Red Rose DHIA Tuesday night decided to admit those former members of the Progressive DHIA who live in Lancaster County to the Red Rose association.

The directors waived the usual \$5 membership fee on the provision that the equipment now owned by the southern Lancaster County farmers be deeded to Red Rose.

A change in the terms of office for members of the board of directors of the organization was also instituted at the special meeting. For the term which starts this fall, directors from units three, six, nine and 12 will serve a one year term. Those elected from units one, four, seven, 10 and 13 will serve for two years. The remaining directors will serve for three years.

The election has already been held, but the ballots were not counted until after the meeting Tuesday night. Results of the election will be announced at the association annual meeting scheduled for 7 p. m. Sept. 24 at Blue Ball Fire Hall.

Associate County Agent Victor Plastow read a letter from Herbert Gilmore explaining some of the delays and problems in the machine record keeping system, now in effect.

Gilmore said that most of the delay is due to a lack of trained personnel at the University to run the key punching machines, to a breakdown in two of the machines and in errors on the barn sheets being sent to the university.

He said that sheets sent in from June 26 to July 1 were mailed July 3 and that those received July 2 to 16 were to be mailed Aug. 1.

However many of the directors reported that nothing had been received from the University.

The board decided to send a letter to Gilmore protesting the increasing delays in returning records to the farm.

It was announced that a ham supper will be provided at the annual meeting. Cost per person will be \$2. A speaker and entertainment have not been secured as yet.

ASC to Mail Committeeman Ballots Aug. 26

Election of ASC community committeemen for 1958 will be held by mail ballot the last of this month.

Community election boards are now selecting nominees for community committeemen. Anyone interested in having his name placed on the ballot can do so by submitting a petition to the community election board. Ten signatures are required.

Ballots will be mailed to all farmers on Aug. 26 and must be returned to the ASC office in Lancaster by Sept. 5.

The election tabulation board will count all ballots on Sept. 10. The newly elected community chairmen will be delegates to the county convention to elect the county committee for 1958. This convention will be held Sept. 26.

Newly elected County and Community committeemen will take office Oct. 1.



NORTH LANCASTER Kiwanis Club agriculture and conservation committee chairman Gene Weidman presents a check for \$200 to Assistant County Agent Victor Plastow. In the center is Gene Martin, vice president of the club. Of the total,

\$150 goes into the general 4-H fund and \$25 went to the top fitter and showman at the 4-H dairy show Friday. This is the largest single contribution ever made to the Lancaster County 4-H Clubs (LF Photo)

Detailed Soil Survey of State Being Planned by SCS, State, PSU

HARRISBURG — State Department of Agriculture officials and representatives from other State and Federal agencies have begun to lay groundwork for the second round of a complete, modern and detailed survey of the soils in the Commonwealth.

To be carried out over a 10-year period, the program is a cooperative one carried out by the State Soil Conservation Commission, the U. S. Soil Conservation Service and the Pennsylvania State University.

The soil study will include field work by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service and laboratory analyses by Penn State soils specialists.

The 1957-59 State General Assembly provided a \$75,000 allocation to be used during this biennium for the soil study. The Federal government will match these funds.

An earlier study and evaluation of the soils in Pennsylvania was begun during the 1955-57 biennium. A total of \$75,000 was appropriated for the biennium and additional personnel were added to speed up the survey. However, the most recent session of the Legislature, the State Department of Agriculture requested \$200,000 for a complete soil study program, but this request was reduced to \$75,000 by the legislators.

State Secretary of Agriculture Wilham L. Henning, who is also chairman of the State Soil Conservation Commission, said he plans to visit the Penn State soils characteristics laboratory to observe progress being made in renovating and equipping it for additional research to be carried out in this program.

Attending this meeting were: Secretary Henning; Deputy Sec-

retary Leland H. Bull, David Fink deputy attorney general in the State Justice Department, David Unger, State soil conservation adviser; Ivan McKeever State conservationist for the U. S. Soil Conservation Service; Dr. Howard Sprague director of agronomy at Penn State, and Dr. Michael Farrell, director of the agricultural experiment station at the University.

Leaf Hoppers In Alfalfa Show Recent Increase

Most alfalfa weevils have gone into hibernation, but leaf hoppers have increased in large numbers during recent hot weather, according to Associate County Agent Harry S. Sloat.

Aphids are appearing in a few locations and can multiply rapidly if weather continues hot and dry.

After taking off second cutting and new growth is two to three inches high, apply a quart and a half of 25 per cent Methoxychlor emulsion using 40 to 100 gallons of water an acre.

Sloat says that if aphids are present in large numbers, a pint and half of 56 per cent Malathion per acre can be applied, but that this will not have as long residual effect for leaf hopper as Methoxychlor.

If alfalfa is alongside wheat or barley fields and grasshoppers are moving into alfalfa, spray a strip 20 to 30 feet wide of where the grain was harvested and the same width of alfalfa beside it. Use a quart of 25 per cent Heptachlor emulsion per acre in 25 to 100 gallons of water or a quart of Toxephene.

Farm Price Index Jumps 5 Points During July

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania farmers for the month ended in mid-July received higher prices for eggs, broiler chickens and hogs than they did a year ago, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

A larger than usual seasonal increase in milk sold at wholesale was reported and contributed to the price index increase for Pennsylvania farmers. The average milk increase was 40¢ a hundred-weight over the same price paid last year.

A Federal-State Crop Reporting Service survey shows the price index for Pennsylvania farmers was up 12 points or five per cent from a month ago. At 243 per cent of its 1910-14 average, the index is nine points above that of July 1956. The national index was up three points, or one per cent from the previous month.

Farmers averaged six cents per dozen more for their eggs, the report showed, but the price was still six cents below the 45 cents a dozen paid at the same time last year. Farm chicken prices were steady at 17 and a half cents, while broiler chickens brought an average price of two cents more per pound.

The Pennsylvania crops index advanced slightly for the month when seasonal declines for small grains were offset seasonally higher hay prices, averaging 30¢ a ton, the survey showed.

California Reports Newcastle Vaccine Found

DAVIS, Calif. — A living, non-spreading vaccine for Newcastle disease of poultry has been developed here by poultry pathologist Raymond A. Bankowski of the school of veterinary medicine of the University of California.

The vaccine is reported to hold off Newcastle for at least 13 weeks on the first injection and for at least an additional 53 weeks on

the second injection.

Also, according to Bankowski, the vaccine "can be given to chicks of any age, does not spread the disease to unvaccinated or partially susceptible pen-mates, does not produce symptoms of Newcastle itself and, perhaps most important, does not cause a flare-up of other latent diseases the chicken may be carrying."

Now Is The Time . . .

By MAX SMITH, County Agriculture Agent

TO PURCHASE QUALITY SEEDS — It is strongly recommended to sow quality seeds of the recommended varieties if you expect top yields. Many other kinds of seeds are on the market. Lime, fertilizer and labor costs are just as high on poor seed.

TO IMPROVE YOUR LAMB CROP — You might easily do this by using a registered ram on your flock this fall; this good practice may easily result in clipping an extra coupon on your investment for each lamb you sell next year.

TO APPLY FOR YOUR STATE AND FEDERAL FUEL TAX REFUND — The deadline for making this application is Sept. 30. Form 2240 from your Internal Revenue Office is to be used for the federal tax. State tax forms are available at the Board of Finance and Revenue, 132 Finance Bldg., Harrisburg. Records are needed to show gas used for agricultural purposes.

TO USE CAUTION WITH SUDAN GRASS — New growth of sudan grass after being stunted by drouth or frost is considered dangerous to livestock. After planting we urge that producers allow the crop to reach 15 inches before grazing. One of the best summer pastures if handled carefully.

TO TURN FAILURE INTO SUCCESS — Several discings of your small grain stubble where the legume seeding failed and a summer seeding might get the right kind of a forage crop for you, next year. Lime and fertilizer needs should be met and the band seeding method used on legumes in order to get best growth. Many successful seedings of alfalfa and clover have been secured.