



GETTING THEIR HEADS together is one of the five committees studying ways and means of improving the educational program of the extension service in the next few years. The first meeting of the committees was held Monday night at Jamesway Manufacturing Co., Manheim Pike, Lancaster (LF Photo)

Summer temperatures are partly responsible for poor conception rates of ewes bred early in the breeding season, the American Veterinary Medical Association said.

'Grass Roots' Committees to Plan Extension Service Goals, Programs

Five committees were set up Monday night by the extension council to work on long range objectives of the extension service in the fields of youth, small and part-time farming, urban and suburban relations, family relations and agricultural integration.

Called "Project Projection," the committees will review facts available and trends in each of the fields, set up broad objectives toward which an educational program should be carried on by the extension service, and make recommendations for the improvement of present programs.

On hand for the first meeting of the committees at the Jamesway Manufacturing Co., Manheim Pike, Lancaster, was Dr. Emory Brown, agricultural economist from Penn State.

He outlined briefly the trend in farming in the past 50 years and some of the changes that have occurred. Fifty years ago, he said, some 50 per cent of the population of the country was rural.

In the state of Pennsylvania now, he noted, only five per cent of the population is rural and half these people have little or no con-

nection with the field of agriculture.

Lancaster County, however, he brought out, departs from the norm in that 51 per cent of the people in the county are in rural areas. However only 18 per cent of them are farmers while another 33 per cent of the population are non-farmers living in rural areas.

He also brought out the fact that about half of the farmers are engaged in some off-farm work and that 26 per cent of the farmers report that they work 100 or more days a year off the farm. This, Brown said, means that they probably depend more on their off farm work for family income than they do on the things produced on the farm.

In quoting added statistics about Lancaster County, he said that of the 7,951 farms listed for the County, some 3,000 have a farm income of less than \$10,000 in gross yearly sales. This, he said, means that these farms do not make much of a living for the operator.

County Agent M. M. Smith told the committee members that this plan of having the work of the extension service directed from those who make most use of it has been found successful elsewhere.

The committees will function independently and may take several months to complete their research and come up with plans and suggestions assigned.

Goat Breeders Meet at Manheim For Election

Goat breeders from six counties gathered Saturday for a meeting of the South Penn Goat Assn. at Manheim.

Elam Horst, Bareville, was elected president of the organization which includes members from Lancaster, York, Lebanon, Adams, Dauphin and Cumberland Counties.

Mrs. Jacob-H. Fisher, R1 Manheim, at whose home the meeting was held, was elected vice president. Other officers are: Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Rissmiller, Middletown, and directors, Ronald Hess, Dallastown, and John Rissmiller, Middletown.

International, Nov. 29 to Dec. 7, Offering \$100,000

CHICAGO — It will soon be show time in Chicago again with the curtain rising on new and exciting features at the 53rd annual International Live Stock Exposition, slated for Nov. 29 to Dec. 7 in the International Amphitheatre of the Chicago Stock Yards.

The International will distribute more than \$100,000 in cash premiums to livestock and grain growers. In addition to the usual top quality exhibits of both breeding and fat stock in the arena, show rings and stock yards pens — the International Grain and Hay Show and the International Wool Show will have new locations on the ground floor level in Donovan Hall, newest addition to the Amphitheatre. New features are planned to make them more interesting and attractive.

In line with new policy of providing entertainment headliners at the International, Arthur Godfrey, famed television and radio star, will appear at every horse show performance. A cattleman and horseman on his own when he is away from television cameras, Godfrey will feature the day's livestock events on his morning TV and radio shows originating in the Amphitheatre. He will ride his famous Arabian at Horse Show performances.

Horse shows are scheduled for nine evening performances and six afternoons.

The Stock Show provides more than a week full of judging events and sales. Most dramatic is the selection of the grand champion steer on Tuesday afternoon. Dr.

A. D. Weber, Dean of Agriculture, Kansas State College, rounds out a decade of judging all steer classes.

Judging of steers, breeding cattle and sheep, wether lambs and barrows, as well as of grain, hay and wool, will bring an expected half million visitors to the stock yards.

Bigger yields of lean meat are the goals of the International Carcass Contest which last year reached high levels of interest for producer, packer and consumer alike. Animals are judged on hoof, slaughtered and judged again. Top prize winners get deluxe housing in a trailer show window in the Amphitheatre and are auctioned in the arena at the Tuesday night horse show.

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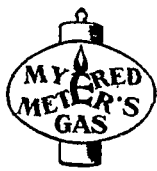
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