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Area Team Ranks Fourth in Nat. Livestock Meet

The Lancaster County 4-H Livestock judging team rated fourth in the competition at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. Representatives of 30 states entered the competition.

The local teams left for Chicago last Friday and were accompanied by Max Smith, Lancaster County Farm Agent. The local team included Donald M. Herr, 19, of Refton, James Hess, 21, and Donald Welk, 17, both of Strasburg R1.

The team also placed second in hog judging, 14th in cattle and 20th in the sheep competition.

Among the top contenders, the contestants were required to orally answer questions, giving reasons for their placings. These oral answers are considered in final judging.

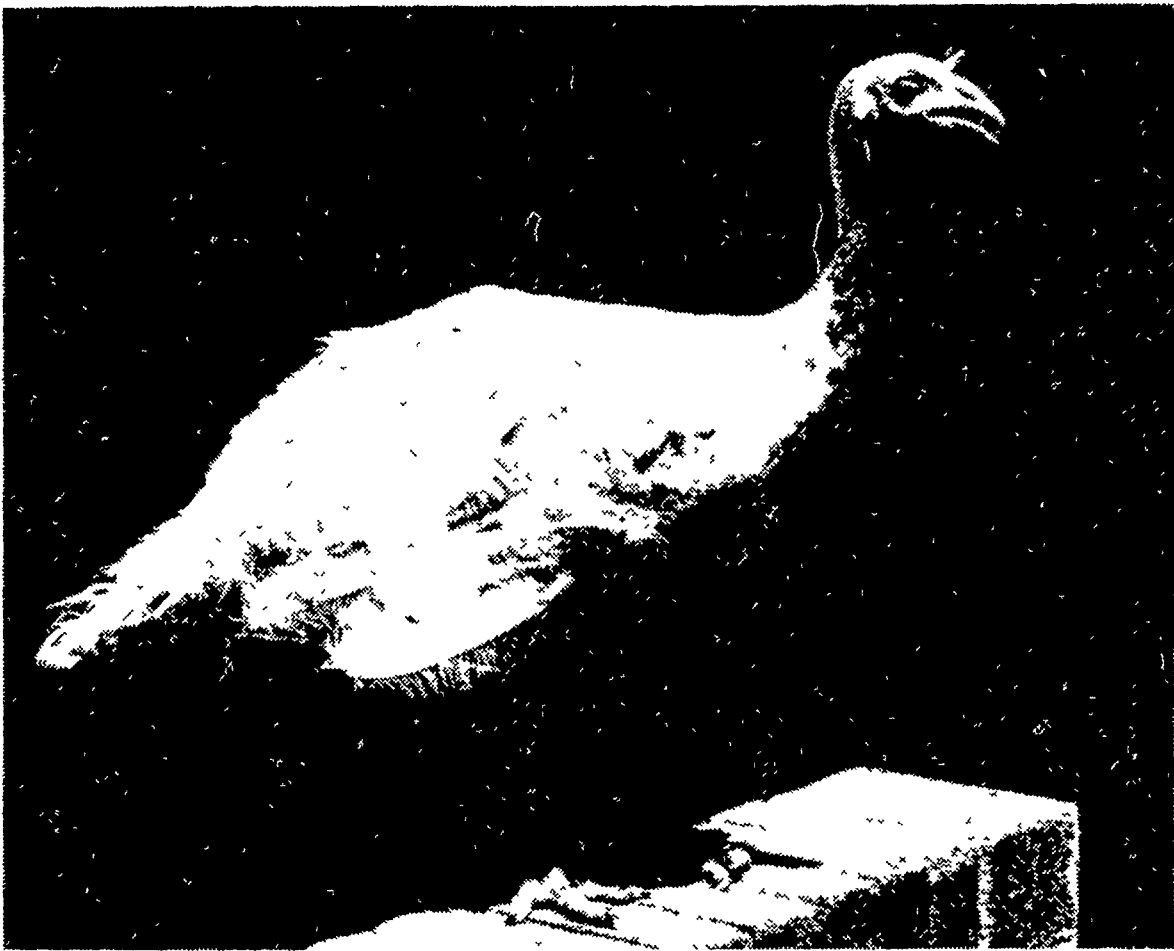
Donald Welk was second highest in the hog judging out of 90 contestants. He placed 15th in overall judging, which included hogs, sheep and cattle.

Donald Herr placed 6th in hog judging and James Hess 16th in overall judging.

Teams from Virginia, North Carolina, and Texas placed first, second and third in the livestock judging. Wisconsin placed immediately after the Pennsylvania contingent represented by Lancaster County.

Other local people were Jean Heisey, of Florin and LeVon Nolt, Mount Joy R2, in clothing demonstration; Mary Grube of Lititz R3 and Marcalena Hess, Bareville R1, poultry foods demonstration; Floyd Moore Jr., 780 Eden Road, Glenn Porter, Washington Boro R1, and John S. Schantz, Ephrata R1, poultry judging.

Miss Heisey and Miss Nolt earned perfect scores in winning their state championship.



PARTHENOGENETIC turkey, 161 days old as of Sept. 11, when this picture was taken, is 10 per cent inbred. He appears normal except for the dull witted expression. Owing to bad eyesight or improper nerve coordination, bird consistently undershoots half an inch or more when pecking at food or in-

sects. He eats well, exercises normally, sleeps a good bit. Weight is low average — 12 pounds at 24 weeks. Bird has crooked toes. He is not aggressive. He is so far the longest lived of several parthenogenetic poults hatched at Beltsville. (USDA Photograph)

Soil Con. Directors Advance Meeting Date

The date of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District has been advanced from December 16 to December 9. Meeting place is the Lancaster County Court House, Duke and King St., Lancaster, and the time is 7:30 p. m.

Jamaica, Just a Few Hours Away, Is Different in Speech, Character

(Special to Lancaster Farming)
By ERNEST J. NEILL

KINGSTON, Jamaica — Down in the land of coconut and calypso, bamboo and banana, there's rhythm that belies the slow pace one usually pictures of a sunny tropical island.

Bongo and Imbo, sugar cane and cattle, beaches, mountains, forests, jungle: all these play a role in a land where some day soon tourism may move into first place importance at an annual \$100 million figure over the sugar cane industry.

In this, and following articles, some sidelights of an eight-day tour over the island — by plane and auto — will be related. The island is best seen from the air, where you can recognize the sawtooth mountains, the precipitous cliffs that make Jamaica mighty rough country topographically.

But there's a friendliness here that is warm.

Most stories start from the beginning, in this case Idlewild International Airport at New York City, departing on a Super Constellation of Avianca — Colombian National Airways, for whom Pan American World Airways serve as general agent. By sea, Kingston is 1,645 miles from New York City. By air, a bit over six hours.

Before takeoff, the stewardess or purser explains first in Spanish then in English, use of life jackets. Here is your first engagement with an English language of a different sort, one that becomes progressively more complex until you arrive in Kingston and encounter Calypso, or Jamaican. It's English, with a mixture of British, perhaps Spanish, and native idioms. At times it's under-

standable. Sometimes it's incomprehensible.

Like Gilmore Altamont Delgado — member of a Kingston real estate loan association, who shared the double seat in the forward cabin of the Connie. "I always judge the language to use by the person to whom I'm talking," he explained, and, in the course of an evening with him and his wife, "Jamaican" and English became commonplace — perfect English in the presence of "Yankees," Jamaican in conversation with natives. "One of the first expressions you will probably hear is 'soon come'," he told, and you recognized it more as "soonkum" — one word — a nice way of saying, "Just a moment, please," or "hold your horses!"

The "a" is pronounced softly here, and one of the favorite greetings is "Hi mahn," for "hi, man."

Conservation and food alone must occupy the first few hours of the air trip — until the sea changes from a deep blue to a sapphire to turquoise, indicating Cuba is below. Meals, incidentally, prepared in New York or in Montego Bay were delicious.

Delgado pointed out highlights of Jamaica from the air, after a delay in Montego Bay airport, where passengers not yet checked into the Jamaican customs service are restricted to certain areas of the airport terminal. Montego Bay's airport is a single concrete strip, built on artificial land over what once was swamp. It was explained this was constructed as a relief project during the war.

Soon the Constellation wings up from Montego — which in

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Milk Producers To Ballot on Federal Order

Southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware milk producers will ballot on proposed amendments to Federal Milk Order 61. All ballots must be cast before December 12.

Federal Order 61 regulates the minimum prices to be paid to dairy farmers for milk supplied to the Philadelphia marketing area.

The proposed price changes do not include higher price for Class I (fluid) milk; a lower Class II (manufacturing) price. Also not included are provisions for out of area pricing and an expanded manner of paying the producers.

If the amended order is approved, the Philadelphia area will be expanded, milk plants regulated on the basis of their performance in supplying milk to the area. The differentials allowed to nearby plants would be eliminated.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson denied the request made by the producers and ordered the election.

Changes included in the proposal would reduce by 8 cents the 31 cent rate now allowed dairies for receiving and transporting milk from country plants; would increase the transportation rate of country received milk from one cent to one and one-half cents; would reduce from 4 per cent to 3.7 per cent the basis butterfat at which milk is priced to dairies and paid to farmers.

Hearings were held at various times from June, 1956 through September, 1957, and the proposed amendments are the result of the evidence produced. Ballots are being mailed to each eligible producer supplying the marketing area. There are approximately 8,500 eligible producers in the area comprising the four states; who have delivered milk to the Philadelphia market in July of this year. The market area is one of 68 different areas regulated by federal orders.

For the referendum, milk cooperative associations of producers qualified by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 may cast collective ballots for their members. All others are to be cast as individuals. They should be mailed to the Referendum Agent, at 1612 Market St., Philadelphia 3, Pa. The deadline is midnight on Dec. 12.

Hungry Hogs Grow More Meat at Lower Cost

Results of a 10-year study by Washington State College at Pullman shows that when hogs are kept a bit hungrier, they outperform their fat or fullfed brothers and sisters.

A total of 1,705 hogs were involved in the WSC study and, according to animal scientist S. H. Fowler, the lean hungry hogs grew taller, produced more meat per pound of feed, and produced and weaned more pigs than the fullfed fat hogs.

The fullfed hogs did put on weight faster and, of course, got fatter.

According to Dr. Fowler, the study shows that swine breeders do not need to feed hogs all they can eat for most efficient production.

Now Is The Time . . .

By MAX SMITH
County Agricultural Agent



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TO FORCE EXERCISE BREEDING HERDS — The practice of confining breeding herds of cattle and hogs, and flocks of sheep, is to be discouraged. Out door, daily exercise is very essential to herd health and re-production. Shepherds will feed hay at the far end of the pasture or exercise lot in order to force the ewes to walk that distance. The self-feeder or automatic waterer in the case of the swine herd should be placed at various places in the exercise lot in order to force the animals to move about.

TO SUPPLY MINERALS TO LIVESTOCK — During the winter months it is quite important that all livestock having access to minerals; these may be mixed with the grain feeds, or better yet,

provide a mineral box where they may have free choice; this is very important with young stock or with animals in heavy production or on full feed. Signs of mineral deficiency are eating of soil, licking posts, chewing wood fences or posts, and an unthrifty condition. Various commercial minerals or simple mixtures of ground limestone and steamed bonemeal will provide the needs to most animals.

TO GIVE CARE TO THE MANURE SPREADER — This machine probably deserves the best treatment of all machinery on a farm and in many cases receive the worst. It should be lubricated often, chains and sprockets cleaned and greased, protected from the weather, and painted at least once a year. When operating in the field it is advised to stop the machine before putting it into gear. Slower speeds will lengthen the life of the spreader.

TO CONSIDER EMERGENCY ROPGHAGES — Due to the shortage of quality roughages in the east this winter, many livestock men are searching for hay or for suitable substitutes. A recent Penn State publication, "Emergency Feeding of Dairy Cattle" is full of many practical suggestions; a supply is on hand at your Extension Agent's office.