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## 14 Square Dance Teams Competing In Three Divisions at Farm Show

HARRISBURG—Square dance teams from 14 counties will compete for \$750 in prize premiums during the 1958 Pennsylvania Farm Show, Jan. 13-17, the State Farm Show Commission said Tuesday.

A total of 312 dancers in 39 teams will dance through their paces wearing special costumes, many of which will have been designed especially for the contest which replaces the Farm Show Rural Talent Festival, discontinued after 12 successful years.

There are three divisions in the folk dance contest, each to be judged separately, according to John B. McCool, Farm Show director. Prize awards total \$250 for each division. Arrangements for the contest are being made by C J Lang, assistant state 4-H Club leader at the Pennsylvania State University.

Judges of the event will be Duke Regnier of the University of Illinois; Miss Bernice Scott, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., and Charles Thomas of Woodbury, N. J.

Dance teams in Division A, all members under 21 years of age, include:

Geiger Senior 4-H Club, Fredens, Somerset County, Penn. Juvenile Grange No. 419, Grampian, Clearfield County, Kampus Kids, Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Better Farm and Home Club, Middleburg, Snyder County, Weishample 4-H Club, Ashland, Schuylkill County, Berks County 4-H Council; Clearfield County Team, Westmoreland County 4-H Council; Youth Central Grange No. 1650, Germansville, Lehigh County, Carlisle High School, Cumberland County, two teams; Lykens Valley Barn Dancers, Millersburg Dauphin County, and Jenners Township Community Dance Team, Boswell, Somerset County.

All dance teams in Division B, contestants 18 to 30 years, represent senior extension clubs, except Johnstown Comet Club, Johnstown, Cambria County. Other entries represent clubs in Adams, Cumberland, Schuylkill, Berks, Lehigh, two teams, York, Franklin, India and Lebanon Counties.

Division C teams competitors 21 years and older, are:

Bedford County Senior Extension Club, North Penn "Y" Promenaders, Colmar, Somerset Coun-

ty; Adams County Senior Extension Club, Better Farm and Home Club, Middleburg, Snyder County; Franklin County Senior Extension Club; Schuylkill County Senior Extension Club, Bradford Grange No. 1219, Bigler, Clearfield County; Penn Grange No. 534, Grampian, Harmony Team, Westover, Clearfield County, Lawrence County Senior Extension Club, Circle Eight Dancers, Lock Haven, Clinton County; Cumberland County Senior Extension Club, Mountain Aires, Nanty Glo, Cambria County; Fleetwood Old Time Dancers, Berks County, and Klingerstown Hoedowners, Millersburg, Dauphin County.

## Chicago Editor Named Head of Farm Writers

Richard Orr, farm editor of the Chicago Tribune, was elected president of the Newspaper Farm Editors Assn at the association's annual meeting Sunday evening at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago.

James Colby, farm editor of the Davenport, Iowa, Democrat was named vice president and Jack Putnam, farm editor of the Tulsa, Okla., World, was elected secretary treasurer.

Robert Jjorklund, farm editor of the Wisconsin State Journal, Madison, and Bernard Brenner, United Press farm reporter at the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D C, were named directors.

The only Pennsylvania farm editor attending the meeting was Robert E Best, editor of Lancaster Farming.

## COT Contest Chairman to Be W. B. Rentschler

E I. Robertson, Lancaster, president of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation announced Tuesday the appointment of Wayne Rentschler of the Lancaster County Farm Bureau, to fill the position of general chairman of the 1958 Chicken-of-Tomorrow Contest Committee. The contest is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation.

Application blanks, rules and regulations for this 1958 Chicken-of-Tomorrow Contest will be made available from the Federation Office, 1612 North Second St., Harrisburg, Pa., to all applicants, hatcheries, feed companies, VoAg teachers and County Agents the latter part of December.

Dates for the contest are as follows: Closing date for entries—Feb 1, 1958. Chicks will be started during the week of Feb 27 to Mar 3. Dressing and judging dates for regional contests will be May 3 in the Franconia Region and May 5 in the other five regions. State finals of the contest will be May 6 in the Farm Show Building, Harrisburg, with May 7 as the date for the regional auction sales.

The regions and their chairmen are as follows:

Altoona region—Gilbert Kessler, Tyrone Milling Company, Tyrone, Pa.

Butler region—Ivan Reimold, Route 2 Butler Pa.

Coatesville region—Floyd H Moore, Moore Farms, 780 Eden Rd., Lancaster, Pa.

Franconia region—Co-Chairmen—Charles Price, III, Telford, Pa., C F H Wuesthoff, Doylestown, Pa.

Fredericksburg region—Lloyd H Lebo, Lebanon County Schools, Lebanon, Pa.

Mandata region—T Dean Witmer, Court House Annex, Sunbury, Pa.

## Restaurants Being Checked For Oleo Use

State Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning has warned proprietors of public eating places that they are in violation of a state law when they use colored oleomargarine.

"We are cracking down on establishments where colored oleo is used," Henning declared. "Colored oleo cannot be used on dining tables or in the preparation of food in public places in Pennsylvania."

According to the State Oleomargarine Act of 1947, colored oleo can be sold only at wholesale and retail outlets for use in private residences, provided a special State license has been purchased by the seller.

Fines ranging from \$60 for a first offense to \$1,000 for third offenders can be assessed against violators of the law.

The State Bureau of Foods and Chemistry in the Department of Agriculture is responsible for enforcing the oleo law and other regulations. The 26 food agents in the state collect samples of products, tag each and forward them to one of the five state laboratories for analyses by chemists. This service is provided to assure consumers of wholesome products and to prevent misbranding and adulteration. Laboratories are located at Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Wilkes Barre, Erie and Pittsburgh.



HOLDING THE Grand Champion Hampshire ram at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago is Norman L. Hess, father of Edward and Arthur Hess who operate Green Meadows Farm, Bareville. The ram, out of Perfection, was judged best of the breed by Alex McKinzie of Oklahoma State University. (LF Photo)



ANOTHER GREEN Meadows entry was this ewe which also won a grand championship at the International. Holding her is Lloyd Smiege from Michigan who is also a Hampshire breeder. Green Meadows also had the best pen of rams, best pen of ewes, best flock, and won trophies on two ewes. (LF Photo)

## Now Is The Time . . .

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**TO PRACTICE SAFETY** — This is easy to say — but still important. The family Christmas Tree is enjoyed by everyone but can be a fire hazard if improperly handled, be sure you get a fresh cut tree, keep it in water or some moist material, and do not smoke or have an open flame near it.

**TO REDUCE SPEED** — With all vehicles both on the road and on the farm; with winter weather conditions facing us, speed is one of the most dangerous habits. We are not referring only to the automobile; the modern tractors on snow, ice, or mud can get too much speed for the rest of the machinery and for general safety.

**TO PRACTICE RAT CONTROL** — During the early winter months rats migrate from the fields to the house and barn, they are seeking protection from the weather and a food supply. If you have these things for them, they will be with you all winter. If they cannot find a suitable place, they will move on. Offer them the worst of facilities and some poisoned bait and let's keep down the rat population.

**TO IMPROVE CALF RAISING** — Many new-born calves will be raised during the winter months for replacements, since they will be your future herd, they should get special attention so that they will have a chance to be better than their mothers. Clean, dry, draft-free, warm, and sunny quarters are some of the equipment essentials. Top-quality roughage and special vitamin-enforced calf growing rations should furnish the feed essentials. A special Calf-raising Extension Leaflet is available.

## County Soil District to Supervise Tree Distribution, Planting Work

The Lancaster County Soil Conservation District Monday night took on the responsibility of distributing and supervising the planting of some 500,000 tree seedlings.

The seedlings are being made available by the Glatfelter Pulp Wood Co., Gettysburg. They will be purchased from the state department of forests and waters and given to the conservation district free of charge.

The only restriction on their planting is that they be distributed to farmer-cooperators in the district and that they be planted under the supervision of the SCS work unit and forest conservationists.

In a letter to the conservation district, the firm said that a recent survey of reforestation in the state showed the greatest need to be in the southeastern portion of the Commonwealth.

M Martin Muth, unit conservationist and John Kitch, district forester, will be in charge of the work. Preliminary discussion at the meeting indicated that some of the trees may be made available to the FFA and Boy Scouts

who annually plant trees on plots designated by the county district.

The first in a series of reports from cooperating agencies in the district was made by Rudolph York of the Farmers Home Administration. He said that the organization is presently concentrating mainly on two types of loans: those for the purchase of livestock, machinery and supplies and to institute soil conservation practices, and to build or repair farm buildings.

A popular misconception of FHA, he said, is that the agency is in business to make loans to "down and outers." He said this was far from the truth because there are very strict rules of eligibility for loans from FHA.

Muth reported the following accomplishments during November: 12 new cooperators, 16 basic plans, 111 acres in conservation rotations, 90 acres stubble mulching, 137 acres strip cropping, 131 acres woodland protection, 18 acres woodland harvest cutting; 800 linear feet grass waterways; 4350 feet of diversions and two acres of obstruction removals.