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Three Directors Re-elected at FB Meeting

Three directors of the Farm Bureau Cooperative Assn were re-elected to three year terms at the annual meeting of the group Wednesday at the Guernsey Breeders Pavilion.

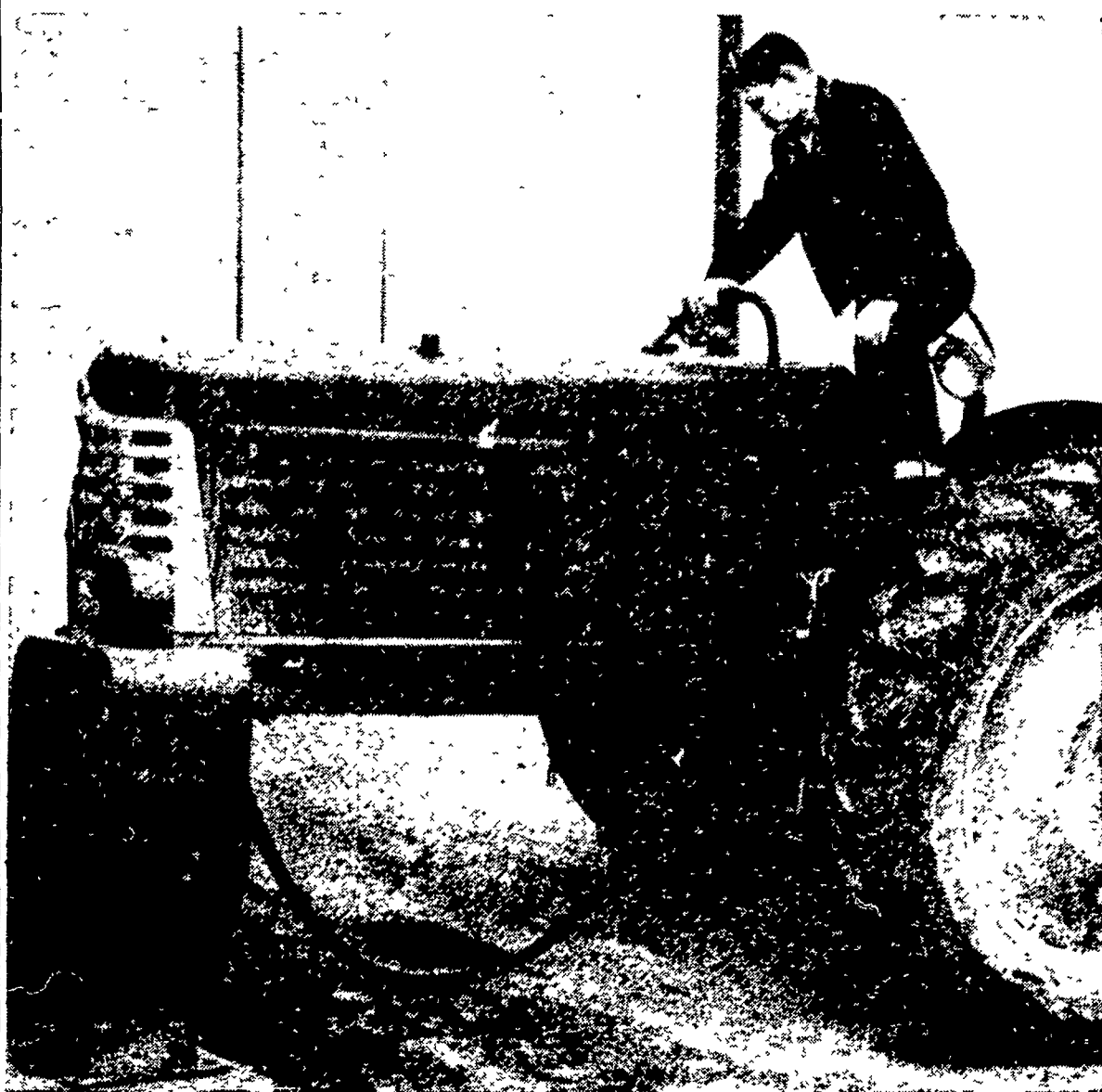
They are Willis Z. Esbenshade, 1631 Esbenshade Rd, Lancaster, Northeastern District, Paul G. Hershey, R3 Manheim, Northwestern District; and Veryl E Brown, R1 Peach Bottom, outeastern District.

Named to a one year term to fill a vacancy on the board was David L. Neff, R1 Washington Boro, in the Southwestern District. The vacancy occurred when Mark S. Hess, R6 Lancaster, resigned due to heavy commitments involved in managing the cooperatives feed division.

The treasurer reported that the Lancaster County operations during the past year grossed \$558,612.01. Some \$3.7 million dollars of supplies were handled during the year.

At the afternoon session George G. Connor, general manager and executive vice president of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative Assn., gave a speech. He was followed by Prof. J. William Frey, professor of French at F&M.

A breakdown of the cooperatives operations shows that purchases, marketing, gross income and total operating costs are all up from 1956. Total volume of sales was about \$100,000 greater than last year. Gross income jumped by \$30,000.



GASOLINE IS AN explosive mixture and must be handled properly on the farm. This arrangement on the Howard DeLong farm, R2 Quarryville, is just about as safe as an installation can be. The tank is buried

and a pump is used to fuel the tractors. The hose and pump are grounded to prevent sparks from static electricity. Shown here is H. Lee DeLong, 16, a sophomore student at Solanco High School. (LF Photo)

July 25 Set For Second Bred Gilt Sale

Directors of the Lancaster County Swine Producers Assn Thursday night scheduled another bred gilt sale to be held July 25.

This sale was scheduled after the very successful results of the Feb 22 sale were determined.

Tickets for the annual meeting and dinner of the organization were distributed at the meeting. The dinner, a family style ham supper, will be held at 6:30 p. m. March 27 at Blue Ball Fire Hall. The price is \$2 a person. Tickets are available from any director of the association or at the county extension office.

Three directors are to be elected at the annual meeting. The terms of C. Warren Leininger, Denver, Spotted Poland China breeder, Arlie Anderson, Masonic Homes, Duroc Jersey breeder; and Howard Siglin, Millersville vo-ag teacher, expire. New directors will be elected for a three year term.

On the program will be J. I. Hoffman, Coatesville YMCA secretary, who will show movies of the Canadian Rockies.

The directors have not determined the place for the July sale as yet. Also to be determined is the prospect of selling some boars. At the recent sale, boars failed to bring much demand from the buyers.

All gilts to be sold at the July sale must be bred to farrow later than Aug. 1.

Chester Co. Extension Meeting To Be Held Tuesday at Cochranville

The 45th annual meeting and dinner of the Chester County agriculture and home economics extension service will be held at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday at the Cochranville Fire Hall.

In the morning session reports on the brucellosis eradication program, home economics leader training, DHIA program and fruit extension work will be given. In charge of the meeting will be R. Leroy Light, Cochranville, president of the group.

Harry A. Samworth, Mrs. Robert Evans, Mrs. Warren Goss, Richard Barnard, and Horace L. Prange will be the speakers.

Following a family style beef lunch at noon, extension workers will give their annual reports.

Highlighting the afternoon session will be an address on "The Agricultural Challenge" by William M. Carroll, extension agricultural economist.

A style review given by 4-H home economics club and adult group members will follow his speech.

Miss Janet Herr, Oxford, will

give a report on her activities at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago last December.

The meeting will adjourn at 3 p. m.

Tickets may be secured at the Chester County extension office or from any of the following members of the executive committee.

Harry H. Bickel, Pottstown; Charles C. Brosius, West Grove; Mrs. Charles W. Davis Jr., West Chester; I. Newton Evans Jr., Chester Springs; Benjamin Gartner, Phoenixville; Mrs. Alfred Z. Haines, Grove; Mrs. William High, Pottstown.

Edward R. Hoppes, Oxford; Harry Ireson, Oxford; Marshall L. Jones, Westtown; R. Leroy Light, Miler C. Long, Pottstown;

James N. Manley, Downingtown; Miss Louise McMullan, Popcopson; Kenneth Sellers, Unionville; Gideon K. Stoltzfus, Atglen; T. Barnard Walter, Homeville; Mrs. Walter, Charles T. Wollaston, Toughkenamon; Harvey C. Worthington, West Chester; and Hoopes T. Yarnall, Russellville.

Keystone Girl To Be Named Furrow Queen

A Pennsylvania farm girl will become "National Queen of the Furrow" and preside at major functions during the National Plowing Contest and Conservation Exposition at Hershey, Aug. 21-22, the contest committee announced Friday following a meeting in Hershey.

County and district eliminations will be conducted with the cooperation of soil conservation districts and vocational agriculture teachers and supervisors according to L. H. Bull, general chairman of the exposition committee.

Any farm girl in Pennsylvania who is unmarried and between the ages of 16 and 21 years, inclusive, will be eligible to compete. Final selection and crowning will take place in the Hershey Arena about a week before the plowing matches. A trip to New York City is but one of the many awards offered the winner.

Edward Fisher, Coudersport 1957 president of the Pennsylvania Association of Soil Conservation District Directors and Thomas Malin, vocational agriculture supervisor at York, were named co-chairman of the queen contest committee.

The contest will be sponsored as it has been for a number of years, by the local dealers of the American Steel Wire Division of U. S. Steel. Details were explained to the exposition committee by Paul G. Strom, Cleveland, the division's director of agricultural extension.

Penn State Survey in Southeast Counties Finds Bulk Tanks Costly

Dairy farmers who shift from can to bulk handling of milk may expect some increase in production costs. W. L. Barr, Economist at the Agricultural Experiment Station, University Park, Pa., believes.

In a survey of 127 farms in southeastern Pennsylvania, increased returns, except on a few of the largest farms, failed to cover all of the added costs of changing to the use of bulk tanks, he reports.

Added costs ranged from zero to 25 cents or slightly more per hundredweight of milk produced. In some cases, prospective costs were so great that dairymen refused to change. A few quit the dairy business when faced with the prospect of purchasing bulk tanks.

"Most bulk tank routes were started by milk dealers who decided to shift to this type of operation," Dr. Barr observes. "Dairymen are rapidly adopting

bulk handling of milk, and they probably are making correct decisions.

"In some cases, bulk handling has been made attractive to farmers through increases in percentages of their milk put to higher price uses. Dealers have accomplished this change through dropping some can shippers and because some producers have decided to go out of the dairy business.

"Dairymen who insist on shipping their milk in cans may eventually encounter difficulties in finding markets in some areas."

While bulk milk handling eliminates lifting of heavy cans, it has failed to reduce the time spent on dairy chores, he has found. With bulk handling women and children sometimes manage the milking operation where with cans they would be unable to do so. A full report of Dr. Barr's investigation will appear soon as a bulletin of the Station.

14,000 Entry Blanks Distributed To Find State's 1958 "Milkmaid"

Selection of Pennsylvania's 1958 "Miss Milkmaid" has started with state-wide distribution of over 14,000 Milkmaid entry blanks to various area dairy organizations and groups.

This year's contest is being sponsored by the Pennsylvania June Dairy Month Committee, comprising most of the Commonwealths leading dairy farmer and

milk dealer organizations.

Basic qualifications for entry in the contest include the following: must be the daughter of a dairying family producing milk commercially in Pennsylvania; must be single and a high school graduate between the ages of 17 and 22, and must never have been a professional model.

Entry deadline is March 15.

Food Industry to 'Brainstorm' Problems at March 26-27 Conference

One of the most critical problems facing the food industry will be taken apart and put back together March 26 and 27 when the voluntary Pennsylvania Food Marketing Advisory Council meets near Harrisburg to review 1957 accomplishments.

John L. Rainey, director of the Bureau of Markets, State Department of Agriculture, said mar-

keting phases will be outlined, criticized and then improved upon by an expected 100 representatives of the Pennsylvania food industry.

In addition, the two-day meeting will feature the "pooling of ideas" for second year progress of the organization which is staffed by specialists in the State Department of Agriculture.