

Projection Committees Give Report; Cite Importance of Papers to Farmers

Authority to close the county agricultural extension office on Saturday mornings during July and August was granted by the executive council of the county agricultural extension association at a meeting Tuesday night.

This has been the practice for several years.

Tentative plans were made for the annual summer dinner meeting of the group.

Heard at the meeting were reports for the various program projection committees.

REPORTS OF THE youth program and urban and sub-urban needs committees pointed up the need for changed programs and attitudes toward the urban and sub-urban dweller.

Youth programs tailored to ward the needs of the non-farm child should be developed.

The youth program committee pointed up the need for qualified leaders of youth group and suggested that senior clubs, organizations and associations should make qualified persons available as leaders of youth groups.

THE VALUE OF mass media to the farmer — newspapers primarily, and also radio and television — was accepted in most of the reports. Mass media are particularly valuable in dealing with urban and suburban dwellers and with the part-time farmer, it was pointed out.

The family relations committee suggested that more assistance be made available for financial planning including such things as will, father-son agreements, and inheritance tax assistance.

Mrs. Harrison Nolt, who pre-

sented the report, added that sessions on child guidance, home making, budgeting and family planning should be added to the programs of son or youth groups.

Harry Houser, chairman of the committee dealing with part-time farming, reviewed the situation of the part-time farmer and said that these farmers feel the need for special help. They would like crops that can be handled easily on a part-time basis.

THESE FARMERS also are great users of the mass media of communication, and more of the mass media should be used to reach them.

"The future trend toward bigness in poultry integration will lessen the need for extension personnel at the local level," according to David Buckwalter, chairman of the integration committee.

But this same bigness will mean an increased need for research at the state and national levels, he said.

BUCKWALTER CALLED for a closer working relationship between universities and between public research agencies and commercial experimenters.

Integration of field crops, vegetables, dairy and meat animals is not much of a problem, yet, he said. Contracting of vegetables is done differently from the vertical integration of poultry.

The greatest need in these fields, Buckwalter said, is for research in marketing, management and in the development of new strains and varieties.

Swift & Co. P & S Violator, USDA Charges

Swift & Company — meat packer — has been charged by the U. S. Department of Agriculture with violations of the Packers and Stockyards Act.

Two complaints and notices of hearing were issued. One charge violations principally through Swift's Neuhoft Packing Company Division, Nashville, Tenn. The other charges violations at the St. Louis National Stock Yards, National Stock Yards, Ill.

The complaint in which the Neuhoft Company is named charges that a country livestock buyer for Neuhoft was instructed to "drive out the competition" at various country markets in Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi.

THE COMPLAINT also charges there was an arrangement with a country dealer to buy hogs without competing for purchase of the hogs, that price information was disseminated to country dealers in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Kentucky for use in buying livestock to be sold to Swift & Co. on a dealer basis, and that some dealers were guaranteed against losses on a declining market.

The complaint of violations at the St. Louis National Stock Yards charged the respondent company with assembling with salesmen and buyers to establish the market price, also with buying hogs from various "market agencies in the main alley of the hog division without looking at and bidding on the hogs in the sales pens in open competition with other buyers.

Good Weather Favors Spring Work; Fields Are Getting Ahead of Cattle

HARRISBURG — Weather conditions favored progress in spring work on Pennsylvania farms during the past week and crop growth was such that pastures in some areas are getting ahead of grazing cattle and may have to be clipped, the State Department of Agriculture said Wednesday.

Cool temperatures slowed growth of vegetation in northern counties but the planting of corn continued and the cutting of alfalfa has started in southern areas, according to Federal-State surveys.

Many farmers are spraying for insects and weeds but little damage is reported to date from plant pests except tent caterpillars which are unusually heavy in many areas, the Department said.

Fruits are making good progress throughout the State and in the Erie fruit belt the growers report prospects for red cherries the best in the past several years. Grapes in that area also are making good growth.

Transplanting of tomato plants is in full swing and will continue at peak operations until the end of May. Early potatoes are up and growing nicely while green.

CHARGES INCLUDE the buying of hogs and sows on a "weight schedule" basis with price being determined on average weights and supplying information to competitor buyers and dealers as to the number of hogs to be bought at specified prices by Swift & Company.

peas are showing blossoms in southern counties. Planting of sweet corn and snap beans continues as soil conditions permit.

Early planted field corn is well above the ground and making good growth. Pastures and hay are making lush growth. Oats show good stands except in low sections and barley is maturing rapidly.

Rainfall for the week ended Monday totaled less than one inch over the State for the second consecutive week. Heaviest amounts fell in the Harrisburg State College-Brookville areas. Temperatures averaged near to slightly below normal.



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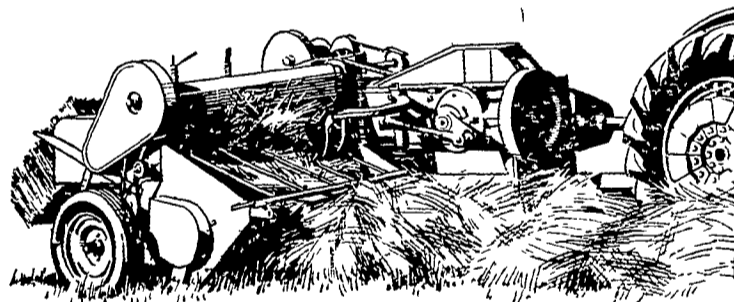
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