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Penn State Team Out of Money In Am. Royal Test

Penn State University's meat judging team finished 17th in the American Royal intercollegiate meat judging contest October 21, in Kansas City. Winning team in the 18 college and university field as Oklahoma State University's squad which had 2nd, 3rd and 4th high individual judges in the match.

David Topel, Lake Mills, Wisc., of the University of Wisconsin, as named high individual of the contest by virtue of a higher "reasons" score. While both Topel and Jim Clower, Okla. State, had judging scores of 916 points, Topel's "reasons" score was 219, to Clower's 218.

Ranking of all teams in the contest was as follows: Okla. State, Wisc. Univ., Kansas State, Texas A&M, Iowa State, Nebr. Univ., Kentucky Univ., Missouri Univ., Mich. State, Ill. Univ., Tenn. Univ., Ohio State, Minn. Univ., S. D. State Tech, Miss. State, Penn. State and N. D. Agr.



MORE THAN 150 area farmers were present Wednesday for the Annual Lancaster County Feeders' Tour, which visited eight county livestock farms. Here the tour is shown at a trench silo on the New Holland Machine Company's farm near the Lancaster Airport. Floyd F. Coy, manager of the firm's experimental farms explained the use of grass silage in the farm's operation. LF PHOTO

French Ag Leader Tours Area

M. Jose Peruchon, Marseilles, France is an energetic gentleman who exudes great quantities of the Gallic charm so famous in the south of his native land. He also happens to be, but not by accident, founder and President de L'Association Scientifique Bureau de la Nutrition Animale de France.

The French Bureau of Animal Nutrition which M. Peruchon founded in 1945, immediately after his country was cleared of the German occupation is a cooperative research and information organization of about 2,000 feed manufacturers and millers.

Last Thursday and Friday, M. Peruchon was in Lancaster county on a whirlwind inspection tour of the local poultry industry. Thursday morning he visited the Martin Hatchery, Lancaster, to observe the workings of a model system. He had decided to visit the Martin plant due to the fame of its locally developed J. B. #1.

Having left France on Sept. 15 for the World Poultry Congress in Mexico City, the French scientist arrived in the U. S. Oct. 1. He visited the Universities of Wisconsin, Md., and Iowa, the USDA experimental farm at Beltsville, Md., research centers of Purina at St. Louis, Wallace's Farms in Iowa, the Salisbury Laboratory in Iowa, and arrived in Lancaster from Washington D. C.

on Oct. 22.

After his local inspection visit, he left for Wilmington for a conference with DuPont chemists and biologists, thence to Milford, Delaware, where a friend had arranged a tour of Delmarva broiler region. From there he was to head back to Wash. D. C., thence to New Jersey for a meeting with Pfizer Corporation scientists before returning to Marseilles.

M. Peruchon explains his reasons for the somewhat extended "vacation" tour of the nation's farming industry, by saying, "I am here to learn everything I can, in what time I have."

One of his interests was in American purebred poultry strains which are crossed to produce hybrid broilers and layers. "We cannot import cross-breeds into France from any country. We may import purebreds only, and make the cross in France," he explained.

He expressed appreciation of the systems used locally by mod.

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MEMORIZING EVERY detail, the French scientist assumes the familiar position of the home plate umpire at a World Series game, peering over Mrs. Rohrer's shoulder in order to observe her every movement in the de-beaking process. At about this point someone observed, "He sure isn't on a vacation, that guy's not joking when he says he came here to learn about our poultry business." LF PHOTO

New Winter Ag Courses at Penn State

Two-year winter courses are the newest short course programs in the College of Agriculture at the Pennsylvania State University. Training is now offered in farm equipment service, ornamental nursery management, and turfgrass management.

This training is offered during four 8-week terms covering a two-year period. The fall term for each of the three options runs from November 3 to January 14, 1959. The spring term runs from February 3 to March 28. From April to November, on-the-job training is encouraged. "Most enrollees in the winter

course options are high school graduates," states David R. McClay, assistant director of resident instruction and director of short courses in the College of Agriculture. "A young man who is not a high school graduate may enroll if he is mature and has some practical experience in the field of his choice," Dr. McClay adds.

Students who enroll in the farm equipment service and sales option train for jobs as shop foremen, partsmen, mechanics, and salesmen. Thirty new students are already enrolled for November. Recent graduates had sever-

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USDA Supervision Extends to 163 District Auctions

LANCASTER — Approximately 163 non-posted livestock auction markets in the 11 northeastern states under the jurisdiction of the Lancaster office of the USDA Agriculture Market Service, Livestock division, will be placed under the division's jurisdiction in coming weeks, pursuant to provisions of the Packers and Stockyards act, according to K. F. Grissel, district administrator of the act.

Purpose of the provision is to require registration of all markets dealing in livestock in interstate commerce and the posting of surety bonds by the auctions and all firms doing business on the market.

This provides farmers with the protection of a bonded market and guaranteed payment for stock sold there, Grissel added.

Soil Bank Heads Switch Jobs Nov. 1

Howard J. Doggett, Director of the Soil Bank Division of the Commodity Stabilization Service, is transferring to the Foreign Agricultural Service to accept an overseas assignment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced. The transfer will be effective Nov. 1.

Thomas E. Hamilton, at present Deputy Director of the Soil Bank Division in charge of the conservation reserve program, will succeed Mr. Doggett as Director. After this year, the conservation reserve will be the basic Soil Bank program. The acreage reserve program will not be continued beyond 1958.

Mr. Doggett was raised on a ranch in Broadwater County, Montana, and still owns a large ranch in Meagher County. His home is in Townsend, Mont. He is a graduate of the University of Montana, he has been engaged actively in ranching, business, and agricultural services activities.

Calendar Racket Brings Warning

Trooper William J. Devlin, criminal detection specialist for the Penna. Highway Patrol has issued a warning to southeast Penna. merchants, school officials and particularly vocational agriculture instructors to beware of possible "bunco artists."

Devlin's warning followed apprehension of a team of "calendar salesmen" working this area, making collections for "officials FFA calendars" from FFA advisors.

A number of area chapter have reported giving the salesmen large payments for their yearly orders of the calendars, which normally are supplied by one of the extremely limited number of reputable firms authorized to do business in this line.

Devlin urged all school officials and merchants, if approached at any time, to require credentials and to remember if they are dealing with a reputable firm, payment is usually made after regular billing procedures.