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FHA Banquet Plans Complete

Rebecca Scheaffer, known lecturer from Millersville State College will be the main speaker at the annual banquet of the Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association. Special guest at the January 9 event at the Plain Fancy Farm, Bird In will be Carl Hollingfield man for D. H. I. A Penn State University. The meal, served "Family", is scheduled to begin 7 p.m., according to J. Witmer, president of the association.

John Hoffman President Solanco Fair

John Hoffman, Quarryville was elected president of the Solanco Fair Association Tuesday night. Hoffman, stepping up from the post of vice president last year, replaces Frey Frey, Quarryville. Hoffman, stepping up from second vice president to first vice president was Daniel Trimbler Quarryville R1. Second vice president is John Hostetter Quarryville. The board returned seven members to their posts and elected Mrs. Henry B. Rohrer to replace Mrs. Clyde Dubble as treasurer. Officers reelected were: acting secretary, Mrs. G. Lee; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Harry first assistant secretary, Charles McSparran; second assistant secretary, Charles Gochenaur; acting treasurer, Harry Herr; farm manager, Everett and assistant general manager, Victor Denlinger.



BOTH JOHN W. EBY, Sr. and Jr. plan to exhibit gilts at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. John, Jr., left, will show his Future Farmer project gilt, while John Sr. will show a gilt from the first litter of a sow purchased at the 1960 Farm Show. Most of the feeder pigs now on feed are white crosses of Duroc boars on Yorkshire sows, but the Ebys would like to work toward a purebred Duroc herd.

A Family Farm Program Is Successful For Ebys

Steers, laying hens, truck gardening and a swine breeding and feeding enterprise have been combined into a well rounded farming program for John W. Eby and his son John, Jr. at their Gordonville R1 farm.

Latest addition to the program is a hog house constructed last summer. "We are still working on it, and cleaning up where the contractor left off," Eby said.

The new house, built of concrete block and roofed with aluminum roofing is divided into two main sections. Two large pens in the house will serve as a feeding floor for the feeder pigs farrowed on the farm and fed out for market. The third section is divided into individual pens for holding the sows during the gestation period.

Each of the pens is equipped with a self waterer and the floors are sloped toward a drain. A two-by-four across the center of each pen keeps the bedding in the back half of the pen. The front half of the pen is bare concrete where the sows

make their manure, keeping the bedding clean and dry. The liquid portion of the manure flows down the drain to a cistern where it is stored until it can be hauled by tank trailer to the field.

To help keep disease to a minimum, the Ebys have installed germicidal lamps over every farrowing pen. Mr. Eby says he believes the lamps help cut down on scours among the small pigs.

After a few days, a trough is placed under the brooder and pellets are creep fed to the pigs until they are weaned. After weaning, the pigs are taken back to the new house where they go on the self feeder till market time.

A portion of the feeder pigs follow the 75 head of stocker steers in the barn. A self feeder in the center of the steer pen keeps the pigs growing right up to 200 pounds.

Most of the pigs on feed at present time are white in color; being a cross of Yorkshire and Duroc Jersey they followed the color characteristic of the Yorkshires.

To balance out the stocker steer and swine program on the 52 acre farm, the Ebys last year grow almost two acres of celery which they are now taking out of the trenches for their market stand trade. Sweet corn and cabbage in season are also market items on which the program depends and the eggs from the 750 laying hens find ready acceptance on the retail market.

John Jr., a vocational agricultural student in the eleventh grade at New Holland High School, helps with the chores after school and during vacations.

There is plenty of work here to keep us busy, says the senior Eby, and I will be glad when he has finished school. We can sure use him here.

The family farm is not completely gone from the scene in Lancaster County. The John W. Eby family is proving that a farm need not be huge to be a sound business.

Future Homemaker Degrees Won By County High School Students

Sixteen Lancaster County Future Homemakers of America will receive the degree of State Homemakers as the FHA convenes in annual session at the Farm Show next week.

The girls, all students in Lancaster County high schools, are Jean Collier, Ruth Matheny, Lucille Musser and Rachel Ann Nolt, all of Donegal Union High School; Marian Boll, Arlene H. Double, Joanne Foreman, Arlene Moyer and Judy Stauffer, all of Manheim Central H. S.; Joyce Eckman, Beverly Jean Hess, Jean Longenecker, Evelyn J. Melinger, Ruth Miller, Marie Snader and Edith Stekervetz of Penn-Manor H. S.

The degrees will be presented at the Pennsylvania

Future Homemakers of America meeting on Wednesday morning, Jan 11, in the Forum of the Education Building, Harrisburg.

The State Homemaker Degree, which is the highest degree of achievement, is awarded by the Pennsylvania Association of Future Homemakers of America on the basis of outstanding work and achievement.

It is indicated that each girl has completed successfully at least two years of homemaking work in school beyond the ninth grade; is an active member of her chapter; has assumed responsibility for chapter, school and community activities; has participated in the local state and national program or work; has assisted her chapter members in working on local, state and national projects; has given evidence of leadership ability; has contributed to the improvement of her home and to the life and welfare of her family.

Each girl must hold Junior and chapter Degrees of Achievement as prerequisites for the State Homemaker Degree.

The annual Lancaster Farming Farm Show Section will be found on pages 5 through 12. The section includes a complete preview story and reports on the county's Keystone Farmer degree winners, the complete Farm Show Schedule and other interesting Farm Show features.

FARM CALENDAR

9 thru 12—Pennsylvania Farm Show, Harrisburg
9—8:00 p.m. - Quarryville Flower Club meets at home of Mrs. Robert S. State Street, Quarryville.
Mrs. Lynn Smith, State Extension will discuss care of annual plants.
10—10:00 a.m. - Homeowners Club of Mount Joy meets at the home of John Nissley, Mount R1 Mrs. Lynn Smith discuss care of house plants.
11 p.m. - Cloister Flower Club meets at the home of H. R. Mohler, Ephrata.
12 p.m. - Mrs. Lynn Smith will discuss Flower Arrangements at an open meeting at the Farm Building, Dillerville, Lancaster.

Harry S. Sloat Given Award

Harry S. Sloat, Associate County Agent, Thursday night was presented the annual award of the Northeastern Weed Control Conference in the Hotel New Yorker.

Dr. L. Gordon Utter, chairman of the awards committee of the conference presented the award to Sloat for his outstanding work in the field of weed control in the area.

Sloat's record was judged best in the states east of the Mississippi River and north of the Potomac. The report showed a well balanced weed control program covering tobacco beds, corn, hay, pasture, potatoes, small grain, vegetables, fruit, flowers, nurseries and lawns.

Sloat conducted his program through the use of indoor meetings, workshops

Tractor Club Reorganizes

David Heisey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Heisey, of Sheridan R1, was named president of the Northern 4-H Tractor Club Tuesday night.

Other officers elected were vice president, Martin Wenrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wenrich, Denver R2, sec'y-treas, David Zimmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zimmerman, Reinholds R1; news reporter, Jerry

for custom spray operators, pesticide dealers and fieldmen, spray letters, field demonstrations, meetings showing results, tours and farm and home visits, the report showed.

Three Top Prizes In Tobacco Show

Purple ribbons for grand champion hands went to three Lancaster county tobacco growers at the county show Thursday.

The top wrapper hand was shown by Jay Hostetter, of Manheim R1; filler champion was Roy M. Rohrer, Strasburg R1. and the binder title went to Paul Nissley, Holtwood R2.

Members of the Lancaster County Tobacco Growers Association returned all officers to office for another year. Serving his eighth consecutive year as president is H. B. Endslow, Marrietta R1. Jacob Stehman, Lancaster R. D. 6, was reelected vice president; Arthur L. Reist, 1050 Eden Road, Lancaster is secretary, and Willis Hackman, Elizabethtown R3 is treasurer.

Other placings were as follows:

CLASS 78, Wrapper over 26 inches.

1. Jay Hostetter; 2. Milton Snyder, Manheim R4; 3. Paul Nissley; 4. Eugene Weidman, Peach Bottom R1; 5. Joan Nissley, Holtwood R2.

CLASS 78, Wrapper under 26 inches.

1. Jay Hostetter; 2. J. A. Hostetter, Manheim R1; 3. Melvin Long, Lititz R3; 4. John D. Habecker, Lancaster R1; 5. Arthur L. Reist.

CLASS 79, Fillers over 26 inches.

1. Roy M. Rohrer; 2. Willis Hackman; 3. Jay Hostetter; 4. C. H. Martin, Mount Joy R1; 5. Anna G. Long, of Lititz R3.

Snader, son of Mrs. Eva Snader, Ephrata R1.

Adult leaders of the club are Ivan Nolt, Farmersville; Glenn Porter, Washington Boro R1, and John Zimmerman, Reinholds R1.

Next meeting of the club will begin at 7:30 p.m. on January 16 at the A. H. Matz farm equipment company in Denver.

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures for the next five days will average three to nine degrees above normal range of 25 at night to 40 in the afternoon. Mild temperatures Saturday will turn slightly cooler Sunday. Warmer Monday and Tuesday and turning colder Wednesday. Precipitation may total 0.5 to 0.8 inch occurring as showers Monday and Tuesday and a few snow flurries Wednesday. Cooler temperatures could produce snow earlier in the week.