

## Pomona Grange Sends 3 Motions To State Meet

Lancaster County Pomona Grange 71, in resolutions passed at a meeting in conjunction with Ephrata Grange 1815 recently, called for changes in the state programs of highway maintenance and school redistricting and in the federal feed grain program.

In calling for state maintained highways to be covered with smaller stone during oiling, the group desired to see the new surface compacted into a good bond so that a reasonably smooth surface is obtained. A copy of the highways resolution will be sent to the state highways maintenance office in the county.

A resolution calling for legislation that would relieve any farmer who grows grain only for his own use from the limitations of the feed grain program, was adopted by the county group.

Many Eastern producers raise wheat and barley strictly for personal poultry and livestock feeding operations, the Grange said. Reductions in federal grain acreage allotments disrupts the program of such farmers.

The Pomona Grange contends that redistricting of school districts into much larger units would serve only to take control of the schools further away from the area. The resolution adopted opposes redistricting on such a large scale and recommends that a maximum area should be considered in any redistricting as well as number of pupils involved.

In other business the Grange elected the following new officers: Alfred Wan-

## Alfalfa Pellets Put Best Gains On Feeder Lambs

Sheep fed alfalfa pellets gain better than sheep fed baled alfalfa and a corn supplement, tests have shown at the Agricultural Experiment Station of the Pennsylvania State University.

Researcher Robert L. Cowan reported recently that sheep on alfalfa pellets gaining more than twice the weight of sheep on baled alfalfa alone. Dr. Cowan spoke during a North Atlantic section meeting of the American Society of Animal Production held at Penn State.

"Our studies show that pellets increase the amount of feed an animal will eat," Dr. Cowan stated. "When an animal eats more feed than is needed for body maintenance, the added feed intake goes into weight gain," he added.

While consuming the most feed, the pellet-fed sheep spent much less time eating and less time chewing their cud. The energy conserved could thus go into body growth, the Penn State animal nutritionist claimed.

When the sheep were slaughtered and dressed out, it was found that the pellet-fed animals had the best carcass grades, including proportion of lean to fat meat, marbling, and general appearance. The pellet-fed sheep also showed the highest percentage of meat to live weight.

The growth stimulant, Gibberellin, was also used in the experiments but did not increase gains. Although the pellet feeding trials are promising, further research of this type needs to be done, he pointed out.

secretary; Charles G. McSparran, treasurer; Allen Matz, overseer; Elizabeth Gehman, chaplain; Morton Fry, gatekeeper; Ambrose Giffing, steward; Marie Murphy, lecturer; Joseph Hess, assistant steward, and Esther Petticoffer, lady assistant steward.

### BIGGER FLOWERS

Plant bulbs now if you want bigger flowers on your spring-flowering bulbs, suggests Lynn B. Smith, Penn State extension floriculturist. By planting now the bulbs will get a better root system by next spring.

### DON'T SAVE SEEDS

Saving vegetable seeds from the home garden is not usually recommended unless the grower is familiar with conditions and plantings. J. O. Dutt, extension vegetable specialist warns that insects carry pollen from one plant to another and the possibility of cross-pollination is always present. However, if certain plants are outstanding, have no disease, and produce a large yield of uniform fruit, it might be well to allow fruits to ripen and save the seed of all the fruits. But, remember the individual plant must be considered.

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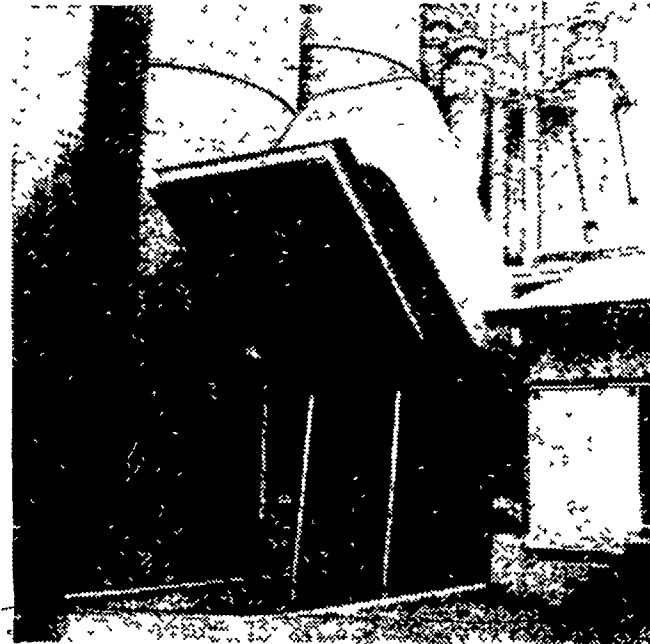
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