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SOLANCO YOUNG FARMERS installed new officers at a meeting in the agriculture room of the Solanco High School Thursday night. Seated, left to right are president, Clyde Aument, Holtwood R1; vice president, Clifford Holloway, Peach Bottom; secretary, James Lefever, Quarryville R3. Standing, left to right are chaplain, George Knight, Quarryville R2; executive committee member, John Esbenshade, Quarryville R2, and treasurer, Kenneth Murphy, Quarryville R3. Not present for the picture were reporter, Dale Herr, Kirkwood, and executive committee members, Charles Schreiber, Jr., Quarryville R2, and Thomas Galbreath, Peach Bottom.

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Seedsmen See Shortages Of Clover and Alfalfa

Drought conditions in Lancaster County last summer combined with adverse conditions in seed producing areas in the West to create what may be the most serious legume seed shortage in a decade.

If reports from seed houses around the county are accurate, Pennsco red clover and several of the more popular lines of alfalfa are in extremely short supply with orders running well ahead of last year.

Most of the seed suppliers in the county are urging farmers to survey seed needs now and place orders early or be satisfied with the forced substitutions.

We surveyed several of the major seed suppliers in the county to find out just how the local situation stands at present.

Following is what they had to say:

FLOYD IMES, Manager of Seed Operations Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative Ass'n.

At present we have a pretty decent supply of alfalfa seed with the exception of DuPuits which is controlled by Northrup King. We are recommending Orches, another Flemish

ment station will release no data on a line until it has been under tests for three years, but we feel it is a good substitute for DuPuits. We will have enough of this to supply the demand.

With Pennsco red clover we had to allot early orders. We now have 20,000 pounds on hand, so we are in good shape, but not really in long supply.

Everything in the grass line appears to be ample. There is a lot of rye grass around Penn-lawn red fescue and Kentucky 31 tall fescue are in short supply and unusually high in price.

Farmers should be warned to be on the look out for poor timothy seed. There is some timothy seed around with low germination rates. We don't want it and we don't want farmers to use it. What we are afraid will happen is that they will use up the good seed first and some of this poor seed will find its way into the trade.

Seed orders from local Farm Bureau associations appear to be running well ahead of last year on alfalfa, clover and grass. Corn seed is about even with last year.

Although we had a drought last year, we had a better corn crop than we anticipated. Some of the growers in Lehigh, Lebanon, Fulton, Lycoming and Clinton Counties used irrigation. I believe we will be able to take care of our orders 100 per cent. There may be some farmers who still have to substitute some lines, but we have logical substitutes for all varieties.

The seed we are long on were procured before the short-

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FLOYD IMES

type, which has looked very good in tests during the last two years. The state experi-

Farm Management Expert Analyzes Poultry Business

Poultrymen were told Monday night they have been putting too much emphasis on eggs per bird and overlooking other factors that might return a greater net profit.

James Hall, farm management specialist from the Pennsylvania State University told the 75 persons at the annual meeting of the Lancaster County Poultry Association that the top five money making flocks out of 32 flocks in a comprehensive record analysis did not necessarily have the highest net return.

Records on the 32 farms

throughout the state showed a net loss of 0.3 cents a dozen on all eggs produced last year, but the top five flocks returned 2.8 to 7.5 cents a dozen for management after all labor costs were charged at \$1.25 per hour.

He listed five factors that contributed to the high returns to the top five flocks. They were high feed efficiency (4.3 to 4.6 pounds of feed per dozen eggs), good labor efficiency (1.3 to 1.6 minutes per dozen), better than average prices, low

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Milk Co-op Official Lauds Milk Control Commission

Without the Pennsylvania Milk Control Commission, many county dairymen would be without markets or at least would have to take much lower prices for their milk, dairymen were told Thursday.

Dr. James E. Honan, manager of the Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative, speaking at the annual banquet of the Quarryville and Southern Lancaster County locals, cited the example of two milk companies in New Jersey which notified producers they did not need any more milk because they could buy it cheaper from out of state. This could happen in Pennsylvania, he said, "I hope it does not."

He said we still have an over supply of milk but he does not "look for the Federal Government to make a move toward production controls", but the thought of controlling production needs to be considered.

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New Holland 4-H Elects Officers

Leon Weaver, New Holland R1, was elected president of the New Holland 4-H Baby Beef club last Friday at the home of Janet Groff, Bareville R1.

Other officers elected were vice president, Ross Mary Nolt, Bareville, secretary, Ruth Ann High, Bareville, treasurer, William Fisher, East Earl R1; game leaders, Janet Groff, Bareville R1, and Fred Nolt, New Holland news reporter, John Campbell, New Holland.

Lester M. Weaver, New Holland R1; Harvey High, Bareville, Chester Nolt, Bareville, and John Lapp, Bareville R1, are the club leaders.

The next meeting of the club will be held February 22 at 7.30 p.m. in the home of Leon and Larry Weaver, New Holland R1. William and Robert Fisher, East Earl R1, will present a demonstration on making a rope halter.

Farm Women 18 Are Entertained

Miss Deborah Lawrence entertained members of Farm Women Society 18 recently at a meeting in the home of Mrs. Robert Good, Rohrerstown.

The young pianist played two solos, "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2", by Franz Liszt, and "Bumble Boogie", by Jack Fina.

Mrs. Benjamin Greider was in charge of the meeting. Thirty members answered roll call. Devotions were led by Mrs. Earl Diehm.

Mrs. Melvin Hess, Mrs. J. Wilbur Carper and Mrs. David

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Farm Women 3 Make Donations

Farm Women society number 3 made donations of \$50 to the Ephrata Recreation Center and \$25 to the Cancer Fund at a recent meeting in the home of Mrs. Harold Gehman, Remholds R1.

Mrs. John Edwards, Mrs. ports of the state convention in Bert Paul made delegates' re William Eberly, and Mrs. Gilb-Harrisburg earlier this month.

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures for the next five days are expected to average six to 12 degrees below the normal range of 24 at night to 39 in the afternoon. Temperatures will moderate through Sunday and turn much colder again Monday and Tuesday. Precipitation may total 0.1 to 0.5 inch (melted) occurring as snow about Sunday or Monday.

Farm Calendar

Jan. 28-29 — all day — Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Ass'n meeting at Penn State.

Jan. 28. — 7:30 p.m. — County Future Farmers meet at Lampeter-Strasburg High School.

Jan. 29 — 7:15 p.m. — New Holland Young Farmers class on advanced welding at the New Holland High School.

Jan. 29-30-31 — Regional Agriculture Extension administrators meeting in the Cocoa Inn, Hershey.

Feb. 1 — 6 p.m. — Red Rose Baby Beef and Lamp Club annual banquet at the Penn Manor High School.