

Holstein Ass'n.

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County committee assignments include the following
 General committee — Clarence Lyons, 204 Press Blvd, Lancaster, and Mrs Rhelda Royer, 2025 Oregon Pike, Lancaster

Booklet committee — John S Shelly, Manheim R1

Tour committee — Richard Hess, Strasburg R1, chairman, Roy H Book, Ronks R1, Henry E Kettering, Lititz R3, and M. M Smith, County Agent, Lancaster

Milk promotion committee — Clarence Lyons, chairman and Charles Cowan, 2025 Bloomingdale Ave, Lancaster

Banquet committee — Robert C Groff, Quarryville R3, and Victor Plastow, Associate County Agent, Lancaster.

Registration and reception — Mr and Mrs David Yoder, SPABC, Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tindall, Peach Bottom R1, Mr and Mrs. Earl L. Groff, Strasburg R1, and Mr. and Mrs J. Mowery Frev, Jr., 1813 Hans Herr Drive, Lancaster.

Ladies Program — Mrs. Rhelda Royer, chairlady, with additional committee members to be chosen by the chairlady.

Publicity — Roger Gundlach, SPABC, Box 254, Lancaster; Jack Keyser, Intelligencer Journal, Lancaster, and Jack Owen, Lancaster Farming, Box 1524, Lancaster.

Extension Banquet
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Speaking to more than 360 persons at the banquet in the ballroom of Hotel Brunswick, Lancaster, Bucher had the audience in an uproar as he recounted some of the experiences of a young county agent in the early days of extension



CAUGHT CHATTING AT THE golden anniversary of the extension service in Lancaster County are former Associate County Agent, Harry S. Sloat, and Melvin Stoltzfus, a dairyman from Ronks R1. Sloat served the county in extension work for 40 years before retiring in 1961. The hand of County Agent, M. M. Smith is shown pointing out an item of interest to another guest.
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REMINSING ABOUT THE OLD days in extension work is always in order with former county agent, Floyd (Dutch) Bucher. Here at the golden anniversary banquet of the extension service he chats with Mrs. Norma DeLellis, present Home Economist in the Lancaster County Extension service.
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in the county.

Bucher, who served the county from 1913 to 1949 recalled that he often had to take a pitchfork and help the farmer with his load in order to get an audience of any kind.

He said he started his duty on the 13th of the month, but could not recall if it were a Friday, but he said there was very little in the way of research and no help from extension specialists in those days.

He said he was very dissatisfied with the progress he was making in the first few months. "The weekly reports didn't have much bottom," he said, and he made up his mind to give up the job on the following day. "I probably would

have, too, if it hadn't been a cloudy day."

He said on the day he planned to resign, he had a talk with the County Superintendent of Schools who told him he had seen two crows sitting on a wire talking things over "I decided if they can take it, I can too"

"The next morning things started to break," he said.

I still wanted more action, he said, but it was hard for a young man to get an audience with older farmers. He recounted a conversation with a young doctor who told him he had had trouble getting business until he started driving his horse as fast as he could go up and down the roads. "The women said, 'That young doctor must be good to have

to travel that fast' and he began to get business"

"That gave me an idea' I got a motorcycle, and as some of you know, I went up and down the roads," he said

Calls for help became more frequent after that, and soon Bucher became a familiar sight as he traveled up and down the county roads for the next 36 years.

Extension service in the county was originally organized under the name of Farm Bureau and Bucher told of several interesting events which grew out of the situation when the American Farm Bureau Federation was formed

He said his original offices were in the Greist Building, but in 1921 Representative Greist asked him if he would like to have space in the proposed Post Office building

When the building was completed, the Farm Bureau did not want Bucher to move out of the offices on which they were paying rent. He said, "I went to Washington to see my boss, whom I had never seen and told him to write me a letter I told him what kind of letter I wanted, and when it came, I said to the Farm Bureau, 'There it is. What can I do about it', so we moved into the new offices"

Levi H Brubaker, Rohrs-

town, and Mrs. Jane Nom, Columbia, narrated a series of slides depicting the progress of county extension work over the past 50 years. They recounted the contributions of "pioneers in extension" such as Harry S Sloat, former Associate County Agent, who served 40 years from 1921 to 1961 and Miss Anne Forbes, the first extension home economist who served from 1922 to 1947

Six directors were elected to the Extension Service Committee. Mrs Harry S Mumma, Manheim R1, was elected to serve in the Northwest district, Mrs. Allen K. Risser, Leola R1, was elected from the Northeast district, John W. Sangrey, Conestoga, and Richard Lefever, Quarryville R1, will represent the Southwest district, Robert C Groff, Quarryville R3, the Southeast district, and John H Myer, Quarryville R3, the Southeast from the Southern area

Robert C Groff, president, was master of ceremonies



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