

Solanco FFA Awards Degrees To Three Men

Three honorary chapter farmer degrees were conferred by members of the Solanco Future Farmers of America chapter at the group's 26th annual parent and son banquet Thursday night at the Solanco School.

Ralph Downey, head of the music department in the high school was honored for his assistance through the years in helping boys prepare for FFA band and in furnishing musical programs for FFA functions.

The two sponsors of the annual truck essay contest at the school, Benjamin Warfel and Benjamin Herr, also received the degree.

Bernard Gingerich, safety director for Herr's Motor Express, Quarryville, awarded the truck essay contest prizes to two junior students. First prize, \$150 to be used for a steer or heifer, was donated by Herr's and won by Charles Craig, Nottingham, R2. Second prize of \$75 to be used in a farming program of the winner's choice was donated by Warfel and won by Jerry McCoy, Peach Bottom.

The family is the greatest influence on Future Farmers in the York-Lancaster area, according to Thomas M. Malin, area supervisor of vocational

agricultural. Malin conducted a study of FFA members in the two counties in which the boys were asked to tell what forces had the most influence on their thinking.

Of the 1,745 students completing the survey, nearly half of the boys listed the family as having the greatest impact on decision making. Along with the 767 boys who checked the family, another 352 felt their friends were the most important influence in their lives. A total of 205 listed school, teachers and books as most important, and another 154 listed television and radio. Another 126 selected Church and Sunday School, while 74 said newspapers, and magazines. Thirty two mentioned the movies, and the other 22 boys in the survey named various other things including two who listed girls as the most important influence on their thinking.

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Malin said he believes that the two counties, accounts for the high degree of importance the boys attach to their families. This is not true in most big cities, he said.

Paul Trimble and Clarence Bauman, both state FFA officers brought greetings from the state association, and Donald Fogel, immediate past president of the state association gave an inspirational talk on the values of FFA work.

Federal Orders

(Continued from Page 2) getting some of their milk priced under the class III section of the New York milkshed federal orders.

Taylor said he believes that dairymen will be faced with three alternatives. We will have quotas, or payments not to produce, or we will "fight it out

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on the supply and demand line".

The Pennsylvania Milk Control Commission has done much more good than harm to the producer, processor and consumer, Taylor said. He told the delegates, "I believe the PMCC has prevented disastrous price wars in the dairy industry. Without the commission, the law of the jungle would prevail."

If all orders were thrown out, a lot of people would be

hurt before an adjustment could be made. Many dairymen who are losing money would be better off out of the dairy business, he said, "but there is no place for the dairyman to go."

He said the present criticism of the PMCC is mismanagement, "I do not believe there is anything wrong with the commission that good management could not correct. Why should we do away with the PMCC when the rest of the United States is going the other way?" he asked.

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Co. Dairymen

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Joe S Taylor, extension dairy specialist from PSU, said Pennsylvania cows on DHIA testing are not up to the national DHIA average. "There is no excuse for inefficient production," he said since 600,000 of the 850,000 cows in the commonwealth are bred artificially and have similar inherited ability to produce. "We have too many traditions to overcome in the feeding of dairy cows"

We have not yet reached the point of diminishing returns in high grain feeding rates, Taylor said. We have to learn to feed the fresh cow and not worry about feed being the cause of swollen udders. He said research repeated at many experiment stations has shown that udder swelling is an inherited characteristic and can not be effected by feeding.

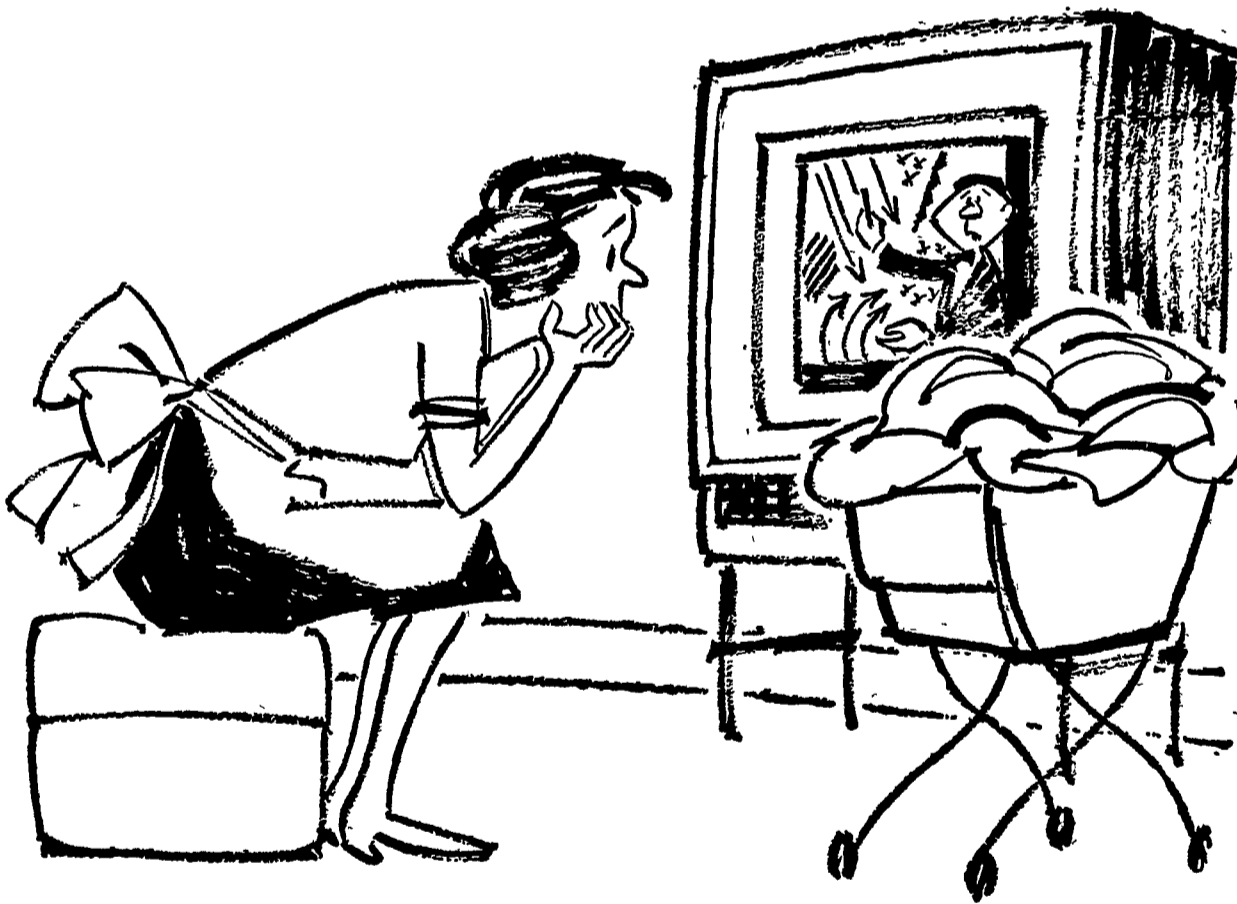
He said records show that dairymen can expect an extra \$100 return over feed cost per cow for every 100 lbs. increase in butterfat average.

With last summer's drought causing a shortage of forage, Taylor cautioned dairymen to go no lower than one pound of hay or hay equivalent per hundred pounds of cow body weight per day or butterfat production would be hurt. He said production can be maintained satisfactorily on a pound and a half per head per day, but at this rate it is important to supply extra vitamins and minerals in the grain ration.

Taylor said dairymen in Northern Pennsylvania are feeding a ration of 1,250 pounds of shelled corn, 540 pounds of soybean meal, 200 pounds of molasses, 50 pounds of dicalcium phosphate and vitamins at the rate of 60,000 units of A and 120,000 units of D per ton. Four county dairymen on a panel moderated by Taylor said they feed almost this much corn, but were "a little bit afraid" of the high corn rate. The dairymen were Clarence Keener, J Robert Hess, Harry S Mumma, and J. Rohrer Witmer.

The program was sponsored by the county extension association.

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