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able organizations can be linked to it. No doubt the conscience of the officialdom connected with legalized betting on races in Pennsylvania would be eased by such a tie-up and it would be a nice thing at which to point as justification of pari-mutual betting. It would also be a nice move if a few churches could be encouraged to take a part of the loot! No! Let's have no part of this proposed program! If this country of ours is to remain a first class nation, somewhere — sometime — somehow — somebody has to put on the brakes and bring to a screenching halt this matter of moral disintegration. And it will not be done by a senate committee investigating crime, or the FBI, or a "youth squad" of the state police, or more modern jails and houses of correction. These things are merely ways of dealing with situations that have already occurred. They do not correct the conditions that were responsible for the moral breakdown that led to the crime of delinquency. This moral disintegration (study the statistics on crime if you don't think there is such a thing) will be stopped in only one way. That way is by the sum total of a lot of positive

breakdown — just as we have arrived at our present situation by too many negative stands on the same small issues. You, and I, and the man next door are the people who must make these decisions and take these stands. We are the people who can control the destiny of our country.

A concession to accept tax money secured from gamblers and from gambling — even for the most worthy purposes — is just one more step in the lowering of our standards. It is just another negative stand on another (not too) small issue. The Future Farmers of America has always been an organization whose activities have merited respect. Let's keep it that way. Then we, as FFA advisers, may truthfully say along with our FFA members — "I believe that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions in our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community that will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task."

It is hoped that we haven't fallen to the point where the "life abundant" has become so important to us that we are willing — yes, perhaps even eager — to secure this abundant life by means of something less than "honest wealth".

**Food Costs**  
If the price of food at the farm had increased as much during the last 10 years as the cost of other goods and services, we would be paying \$4 to \$6 billion more a year for food, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports. Ten years ago, the food we bought took 23 percent of the family income.

Today, we spend only 14 percent of our income on food. In most other countries, food costs range from 30 to 80 percent of family income.

**Apply Wax**  
One common mistake in waxing smooth surface floor coverings is to apply too much wax, points out Helen Bell, Penn

State extension home management specialist. A thin film hardens more quickly and gives better protection. This is because the moisture in the wax can evaporate. Thick coatings leave subsurface wax soft and this makes the floor more susceptible to denting and surface scratches.



Sidney B Hutton (left) stands with County Agent Robert A. Powers on contours of roses where once land was washing away. Contours now catch and hold rain water for plants, eliminate soil runoff.

## Roses On The Contour Saves Soil, Makes Better Blossoms

For the first time in Pennsylvania, and probably in the nation, a nursery is growing roses on contoured land, according to Robert A. Powers, County Extension Agent of Chester County, Pa.

Conard-Pyle Company, West Grove, Pa., reports that contouring on their 400 acres of rose plantings has increased the number of top-grade plants per acre by about 20 percent though planted at the same rate used before contouring.

This success story had its beginning in 1948 when the nursery was considering quitting its low-yielding fields and moving its operation to land it owns in California. The management happened, around this time, to attend an Extension Service meeting in the county and heard Robert Powers talk on soil erosion and soil improvement problems. They asked Powers to recommend soil improvement practices for their land.

In cooperation with agronomy Section Chairman James H. Eakin, Jr., Cooperative Extension Service, The Pennsylvania State University, Powers laid out a program of land management and a six-year system of crop rotation which included orchardgrass and sudangrass for soil improvement.

"Cost reduction in growing top market roses is largely due to control of erosion," Powers said. "These reductions make the conduct of business possible in the face of rising costs of other supplies and services."

One of the chief side benefits of this project, Powers points out, is that it serves as a graphic demonstration of the increased efficiency in rose production with contouring and crop rotation. Contouring effectively increases the amount of good soil and water available to plants and rotation improves the soil quality over the years.

Demonstrations of this kind affect Pennsylvanians two ways: first, by creating a new profit level on the farm on which the improvement was made, second, by providing information that can be given other farmers of the state through the Extension Service.

Unit demonstration farms throughout the state also serve as year-round proving grounds for the recommendations Extension offers farmers in its educational program. New technology arising from research goes to work on these farms showing farmers best management for crops and soils, insect and disease control, livestock and farm machinery.

## Twenty Six County 4-H Steers Selected To Go To Farm Show

Twenty-six county 4-H'ers brought steers to the Lancaster Stockyards Tuesday but took them home again Tuesday night to await their try at state honors in January.

A total of 12 angus, 12 Herefords and two shorthorns were selected at the Red Rose Baby Beef club roundup to be shown at the Farm Show. The other steers in the club were sifted and penned for the district show on Wednesday.

The county showmanship contest and a purebred Hereford feeder steer, presented by the Lancaster Intelligence Journal, were won by Wesley Mast, Elverson R2.

Following are the names and addresses of those selected to show steers in the 4-H classes at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in January.

### ANGUS

Judy Flory, Lititz R2, Jav Ranck, Quarryville R2, Donald Snyder, Lititz R3, Linda Ober, 532 Strasburg Road, Lancaster, Kenneth Hess, Strasburg R1, Robert Groff, Peach Bottom, Mae Mast, Elverson R2,

Judy Longenecker, Holtwood R1, Pat Zartman, Ephrata R1; Mylon Landis, Strasburg R1, and Eugene Hosler, Manheim R3.

### HEREFORD

Bertha Boose, 2258 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster; Thomas House, Lampeter; Kenneth Weaver, Quarryville R2, Pat Bollinger, Lititz R4, Larry Weaver, New Holland R1, Carol Hess, Strasburg R1, Judy Drager, Marretta R1; Frieda Landis, Strasburg R1; Dallas Wolgemuth, Mount Joy R1, Mike Longenecker, Lititz R2, Debbie Denlinger, 2854 Yellow Goose Road, Lancaster, and Mary Jane Heir, Reiton.

### SHORTHORN

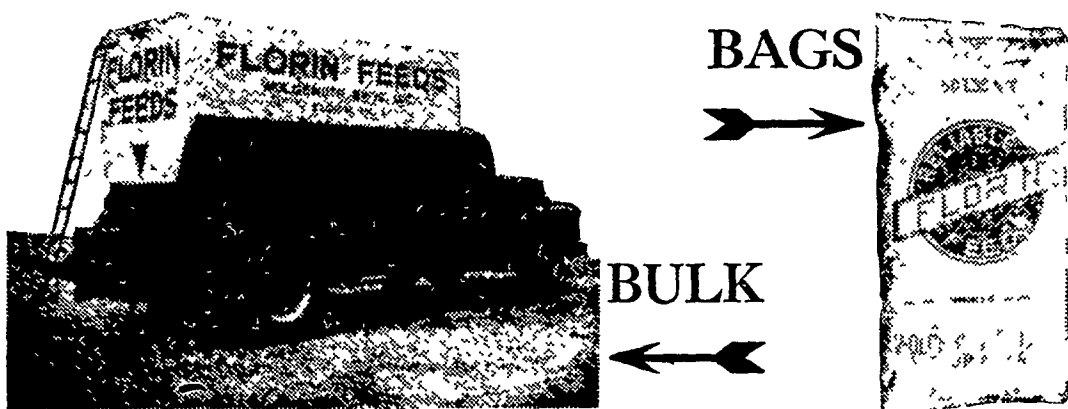
David Heisey, Sheridan R1, and Donna Hess, Strasburg R1.

### Cranberry Crop

Another bumper cranberry crop is in sight nearly one and one-third million barrels, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Although slightly below last year, the crop is 9 percent above 1947.

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