

Patton Named Extension Head

Thomas H Patton has been named director of the agricultural and home economics extension service at The Pennsylvania State University, effective Feb. 1.

His appointment was announced by President Eric A. Walker, following approval by the Board of Trustees of the University.

Patton has been a member of the service since 1930 and for the past five years has been associate director of agricultural and home economics extension with over-all administrative responsibilities.

Lawrence L. Yager, RD1, Bellefonte, has been appointed southcentral area extension marketing agent, on the Co-

Vegetable Men

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Topics for Jan. 27 include direct retail selling, strawberry production, nutgrass control and herbicides, chemical weeding of vegetable crops, and co-

operative Extension staff, starting Jan. 20.

Dr Russell E. Larson, Dean of the College of Agriculture and acting director of Extension, announces Yager will have his headquarters in the Extension office building at Gettysburg. He will work under the supervision of Robert B. Donaldson, chairman agricultural economics and rural sociology extension at the University.

Yager has worked in the extension farm management section at Penn State since Sept. 1962.

ver crops. Speakers include Ray Kriner of the Stauffer Chemical Co. and C. W. Porter, C. W. Hitz, C. J. Noll, and J. E. Baylor of The Pennsylvania State University.

Topics on the morning of Jan 28 include "How to Express Fertilizer Needs in the Future," "Magnesium — How, When, and Why?," and "Pesticides and Their Proper Use by the Food Industry." Speakers from Penn State are D. E. Baker, R. F. Fletcher, and E. L. Bergman. Industry speakers are Kendall S. Tomlinson of Lebanon Chemical Corp. and Max D. Reeder of H. J. Heinz Co.

The annual award of merit of the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers' Association will be made the afternoon of the 28th — as well as the annual master tomato growers' awards of the Pennsylvania Cannery Association. "New Proposed Grade Standards for Tomatoes for Processing" will be discussed by Frank W. Betz of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

ACP Practices Are Outlined

Farmers who have been considering soil- and water-conservation practices to be established on their farms with Agricultural Conservation Program cooperation next spring and summer should file their requests for program assistance as soon as possible, Fred Seldomridge, chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Lancaster County Committee, has suggested.

The 1964 ACP was drawn up several months ago, and applications are being accepted at the ASCS County Office.

The Chairman explained that the sooner the application is filed, the easier it will be to obtain approval of the practice and take care of other program details before the work is begun.

Under the 1964 program, cost-share program assistance

averages about half the cost of carrying out such conservation practices as establishing and improving vegetative cover of grasses, legumes, or trees for soil protection; installing erosion-control structures, and practices for the conservation or more efficient use of water.

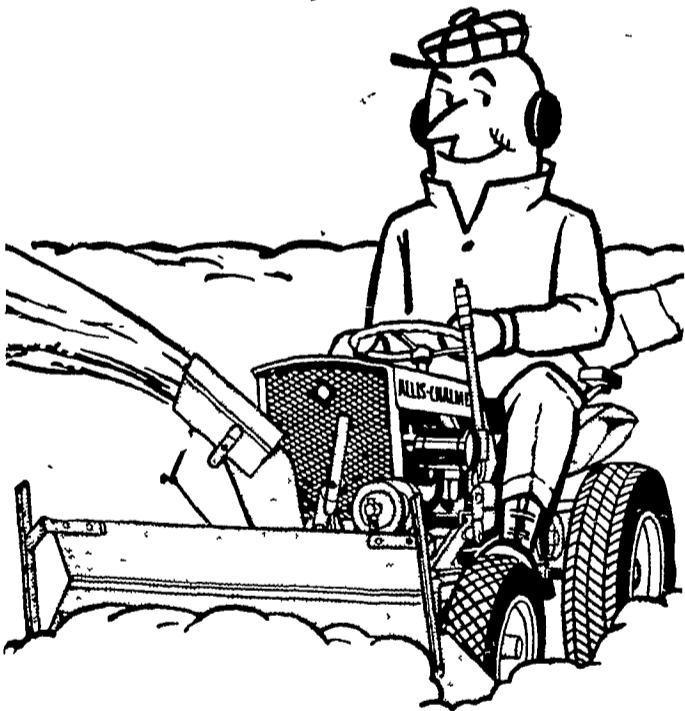
In addition, the 1964 program provides for similar cost-share assistance to farmers in developing soil- and water-conservation practices primarily for the benefit of wildlife. These include the establishment of wildlife food plots or habitat, ponds and shallow water areas, and other practices which provide important wildlife conservation benefits.

"ACP program assistance has been singularly effective in introducing conservation practices on privately owned cropland, pasture, or woodland," Mr. Seldomridge said, "and this applies particularly to practices which provide little or no immediate return."

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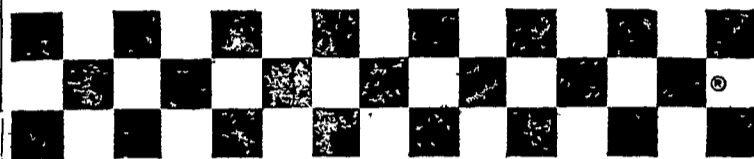
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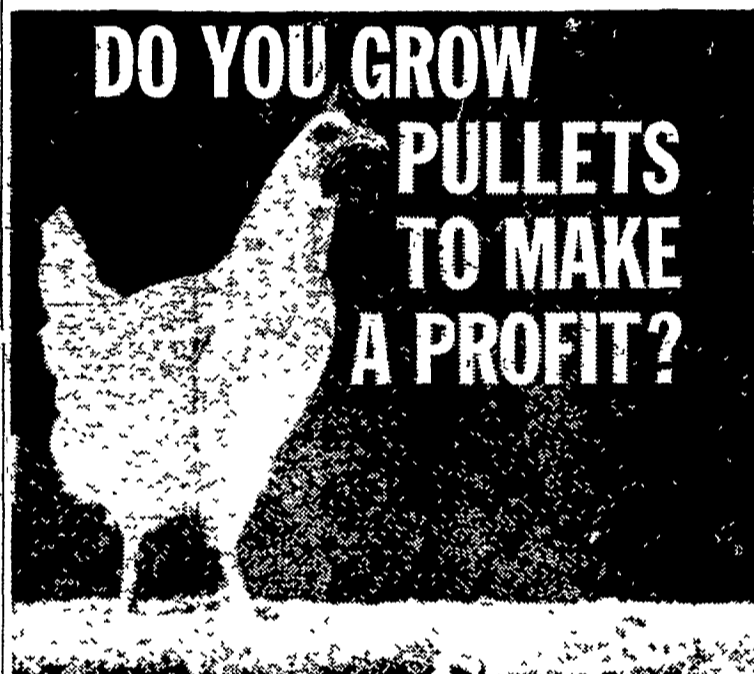
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4-H Leaders

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each year Under the new article, half the board will be elected each year for two year terms on a rotating basis.

At the annual meeting in the Farm Bureau Cooperative building, members elected the following directors:

Home Economics - Mrs. Herbert Royer, 2025 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, Mrs. Raymond Denlinger, 602 Enfield Drive, Lancaster, Mrs. Dean Lefevel, Kirkwood R1, and Mrs. Edgar Porter, Washington Boro R1.

Agriculture - Melvin Long, Lititz R3, Wilbur Houser, Lampeter, and Daniel Trimble, Quarryville R1.

It was learned that Melvin Long has resigned as treasurer of the county 4-H Development Committee. The committee was formed last November to apply for a grant from the state harness racing fund and make plans for its use. Long said he resigned the post for personal reasons.

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effective January 17, and that Mrs. Paul F. McGarvey will clerk the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Center will remain closed at all other times as an economy measure.

Three suggestions, made by some of the 70 members in attendance at the annual meeting will be turned over to the board of directors for later action. The suggestions were: 1, Erect a new directional sign at the intersection of West Roseville Road and Fintville Pike; 2, Hold an Association Chicken Barbecue next summer; 3, Select a county Poultry Queen and enter her in the state contest.

The association finished the year with its second consecutive deficit of more than \$2,000. Total income for the 1963 fiscal year was \$17,222.09 and expenses totaled \$19,651.15, giving a net loss of \$2,429.06. Net loss for the 1962 fiscal year was \$2,021.53. Both income and expenses in 1963 were more than a thousand dollars below the totals for the previous year.

The association, which lists a membership of 163 members, recently raised the annual membership dues from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

Speaker of the evening was Larry Keggeners who showed slides and spoke on "Russian agriculture through the eyes of a Lebanon County Poultryman."