

"Off-Day" Hurts Co. 4-H Judges At Chicago Meet

According to Lancaster County Agent M. M. Smith, coach of the Pennsylvania 4-H Livestock Judging team, composed of four Lancaster County youths, the boys just seemed to hit an off-day in the big judging meet in Chicago this week. The team finished 15th in the over-all contest, 8th in beef cattle, 16th in hogs, and 22nd in sheep judging.

A team they had twice beaten in meets earlier this year, Virginia, came through to take the main event with a total point score of 1627. The boys from Lancaster tallied 1465 points. This year's team consisted of Kenneth Hess, Strasburg R1; David Heiser, Newmantown R1, Michael Hosler, Manheim R3, and Fred Hess, Leola R1.

In the area of demonstrations, Lancaster County also represented Pennsylvania at Chicago and came away a blue-ribbon winner. The livestock conservation team of Nancy Frey, Marietta R1, and Dallas Wolgemuth, Mount Joy R1, presented the "Shape Up and Ship Out" demonstration which won them district and state titles earlier this year. Miss Frey and Wolgemuth were among six first-place winners, with scoring under the Danish system.

Also attending the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago was Virginia Wavell, Columbia R1. Miss Wavell was Pennsylvania's state winner in the 4-H home economics category this year. She attended the Congress as a delegate.

Penn State Short Courses Offered

Income Tax and Estate Planning short courses will be offered by Penn State University in December. The first of these will be held December 6 to 8. It is designed for those who assist rural people prepare tax schedules.

A study of wills, farm transfer father-son partnerships insurance investments, and buying and selling stock will be some of the subjects covered in the course offered December 9 and 10.

A new short course on Agricultural Structures will be offered February 8 to 10 providing a minimum of 15 persons enroll for the course by January 26. The subjects covered in this course will include fundamentals of building planning, development of safe and adequate water supplies, treatment of disposal wastes, environmental control (ventilation), and mechanical feeding systems.

All of these courses will be held on the main campus at University Park, and a registration fee of \$10 is charged to all state residents, \$15 for non-residents.

● DHIA

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their geographical district, and that one supervisor would be responsible for the condition of the equipment in each section.

The milk-o-meter equipment can also be used by those on the owner-sampler program at the same charge, providing the equipment is available. The matter of such individual use will continue to be at the discretion of the supervisors.

Nat. Farmers Union Sets Convention Date

The National Farmers Union recently announced that its 61th annual convention will be held in Denver, Colo., March 13-17, at the Denver Hilton Hotel.

According to James G. Patton, NFU president, an outstanding group of national and international spokesmen have been invited to participate in the sessions. "We can already say our overall program will be equal to any previous Farmers Union convention," Patton said.

NFU, which has a membership of 750,000, is headquartered in Denver.

In 1789, the first expectation of life table was compiled in the United States and gave the expectation of life at birth as 28 years.

NEBA Members Reject Merger Proposal

The proposal to merge Northeastern Breeders' Association (NEBA) of Tunkhannock, Pa., with New York Artificial Breeders' Cooperative, Inc. of Ithaca, N.Y., and several similar organizations in New England has been rejected by NEBA's farmer members, it was announced today by Ira L. Yoder of Selmsgrove, NEBA President. The announcement came from NEBA headquarters in Tunkhannock, and was the result of a count of ballots collected at a series of nineteen membership voting meetings held throughout the NEBA service area during the past month.

NEBA's Board of Directors convened while the vote count was in progress in or-

der to be ready to take whatever action was indicated by the outcome. Yoder stated he foresaw no problems in carrying out the membership mandate, and that all Directors had agreed to be bound by the result of the balloting regardless of their former stand on the question.

F. Pressly Shannon, general manager, pledges the full co-operation of the entire NEBA staff in continuing a full service program throughout the NEBA area. He pointed out that NEBA was created little more than a year ago, and cited several of the original goals that have been accomplished.

Plans for improvement and development have been pretty well defined, Shannon said, and members will be kept informed of NEBA's continued progress through regular member information channels.

Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the five-day period, Saturday through Wednesday, are expected to average above normal. It will be mild most of the period, with colder temperatures about mid-week.

Precipitation will probably total less than 1/2-inch, occurring as showers during the early part of the period.

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Charles, Lancaster R2; Jay R. Greider, Jr., Mount Joy R1; Lester D. Hershey, Parkesburg R2; Landis H. Kreider, Elizabethtown; and Nathan W. Martin, Terre Hill, Star Route.

Present directors whose terms expire this year are Jay Greider, Jr., Lester D. Hershey, and Melvin R. Stoltzfus.

Harry Bair will show slides of his trip to Europe, and refreshments will be served following the meeting.



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