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NFU's Patton Will Step Down

James G. Patton, 63-year-old president of the National Farmers Union, has announced that he would be retiring soon, following 'twenty-five years' service with the NFU.

Patton said he will remain active in various private and governmental endeavors on a national and international scale. He also said he will be available for "advice and counsel" for the Denver-based Farmers Union.

Also retiring will be Glenn J. Talbot, vice-president. Before being elected to that office, Talbot had been associated with North Dakota Farmers Union.

Since NFU Bylaws do not provide for a nominating committee, the two top offices will be filled by nominations from the floor at an election to be held at the annual convention in Denver on March 13-17, 1966.

New Study, Part Of Pa. Turkey-Meat Test

A new study of turkeys is being introduced this year in connection with the 11th Turkey Meat Production Test of the State Department of Agriculture.

Both toms and hens will be de-boned at Pennsylvania State University to determine the meat yield in relation to both the dressed weight and live weight of the birds. (Continued on Page 4)



FROM ALL OF US AT LANCASTER FARMING TO ALL OF YOU — A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

County 5-Acre Corn Contest Won By Hess

Lancaster County's only gold ribbon winner (over 200 bushels per acre) in this year's five-acre corn growing contest was Abram M. Hess of 2441 New Holland Pike, Lancaster.

Working with a hybrid, Pioneer 3304, Hess had a yield of 207 0 bushels with a plant population of 21,200 per acre.

According to Arnold G. Lueck, associate county agent, there were 29 entries from Lancaster County this year in the 220-entry, statewide contest, a record number. In Pennsylvania, 14 farmers topped the 200-bushel mark this year in the hand-harvested class.

In last year's contest, Lancaster (Continued on Page 6)

4-H Corn And Tobacco Exhibit Set For 30th

The 4-H Corn and Tobacco Exhibit will be held on Thursday afternoon, December 30, at the Bayuk Cigar Company warehouse at 850 North Water Street, Lancaster. Judging will begin at 1:30 p.m.

CORN

An entry in the corn exhibit should consist of 10 ears of project corn. It should be uniform in length, thickness of ear, size, shape and (Continued on Page 10)

Thirty-Five Foreign Students Will Spend Holidays In Southeastern Pa.

Thirty-five foreign students enrolled in agricultural colleges will be spending their first Christmas away from home in Philadelphia and Lancaster.

The students come from six African countries and from Turkey. In addition to Turkey, Cameroon, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Uganda are represented by the 32 men and 3 women participating in the program.

The main objective of the program is to help the participants get first hand information on American family life, the American community, the American city,

and the American form of democracy.

In order to achieve this objective, the group will visit various governmental agencies, private industry, agricultural and trade associations, and tour activities of all types in both rural and urban areas. The visits with people in their homes traditionally is the highspot of the program since this is the only occasion the students may have had to see an American home and meet people in a family setting.

The group will be in Philadelphia from December 19 to 25, and in the Lancaster area from December 26 to 30.

The program is sponsored by the Agency for International Development through (Continued on Page 6)

Investment Credit Is Tax Break For Farmers

Investment credit is the biggest tax break that businesses, manufacturers, and farmers have had in recent years, according to W. T. McAllister, farm management of Delaware. Investment credit is designed to encourage specialist at the University businesses to make larger investments in depreciable machinery and equipment and thereby to bolster the economy. The tax benefits which (Continued on Page 4)

Income Tax Course For Ephrata Adult Farmer Classes

Farmers in the Ephrata area will be offered a five-week course in farm income tax reporting beginning on Thursday, December 30, at 7:30 p.m.

Featured speaker at the first meeting will be Harry Conners, Internal Revenue Service farm tax specialist. He will discuss some of the new developments in income tax reporting.

The remaining four meetings will be devoted to working out sample tax problems.

The meetings will be held on consecutive Thursday evenings in the agriculture room at the high school.

Promise Of Hybrid Wheat And Other Advances Told At Conf.

Development of hybrid wheat, the longtime goal of plant breeders, may some day enable eastern farmers to produce enough wheat to feed their own livestock plus enough for a cash crop. Such a wheat would double today's average yield of 40 bushels per acre.

This possibility of growing 80 to 100 bushels of wheat per acre was reported at the 20th annual Seed Conference of The Pennsylvania State University, held recently in Harrisburg. Penn State's small grains breeder, Robert P. Pfeifer, said he has trials of hybrid wheat averaging 69 percent higher yields than the average of present varieties.

To be successful, hybrid wheat must give the farmer 50 to 150 percent more grain than the present inbred varieties. Dr. Pfeifer reminded seedsmen. He said a 20 percent increase is not enough. This would produce only 10 extra bushels per acre of Redcoat wheat — barely enough to offset seed costs. Redcoat will normally yield 50 bushels per acre under reasonably good management.

However, Pfeifer is optimistic. One of his experimen-

tal hybrids has produced 200 percent more grain than its inbred parents.

Another Seed Conference speaker described pollination as essential to develop a successful hybrid wheat. Charles A. Laible of Funk Brothers Seed Company, Bloomington, Ill., said varieties are now being tested not only for their yield and milling qualities but also for their ability to produce and receive pollen. He added that enthusiasm is running high in the seed industry for the future success of hybrid wheat.

GOLDEN AGE REACHED

Vegetable hybrids received their share of attention at the Seed Conference. One (Continued on Page 16)

Farm Calendar

December 27 — Fulton Grange No. 66, Christmas Party.

December 30 — 1:30 p.m. 4-H Corn and Tobacco Exhibits at Bayuk Cigar Co. warehouse, 850 No. Water St., Lancaster.

— 7:30 p.m. Ephrata Adult Farmer Income Tax Course begins five-week session. Speaker, Harry Conners, Internal Revenue Service. At Ephrata H.S., Ag. Room.

Osborne Cow Rated Jersey Tested Dam

Dec. 15, 1965, a registered Jersey cow owned by Edison W. Osborne, Cornwall Farm, Peach Bottom R1, has been rated a Tested Dam by The American Jersey Cattle Club. The distinction was awarded Cornwall Confident Gano Edna for having three off- (Continued on Page 15).

Weather Forecast

The weatherman has promised us a wet Christmas, but not a white one. Warmer air will move into the area Thursday and Friday. Temperatures will be cooler Saturday and Sunday.

Precipitation in the form of scattered showers are expected to move into the area by Friday night, with Christmas Day dawning wet and warm.