

● DHIA

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ties would be raised modestly.

State association director J. Robert Hess reminded the group of this week's meeting of DHIA directors of southeastern Pennsylvania. The district is composed of 10 area counties, Hess said. He urged as many of the directors as possible to attend the meeting to become better aware of what other counties are doing. As one example of the importance of such a meeting, Hess told the directors that the Testers' Association had proposed a retirement plan for testers. Preliminary calculations show, Hess said, that it will require about \$18,000 to retire a tester. With 17 testers at work in Lancaster County, directors will need the facts on this proposal. Also, directors are going to need to know what their farmers' wishes are on such a proposition Hess predicted.

The matter of too many delinquent accounts was raised. After some discussion it was pointed out that the policy states the responsibility for collecting accounts lies with each individual

● Kreider

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Holsteins. He felt this would give him greater value, and permit the sale of young stock. One unique feature of the Kreider farm is its hay drying set-up. He raises 45 acres of alfalfa and has found the dryer to be a valuable tool. Kreider

tester, and also states that any farmer who is 30 days behind on his account is not eligible for testing.

Victor Plastow, association adviser, showed the directors a current copy of the Pennsylvania DHIA Yearbook which lists herd test averages for all the cooperators in the state, by counties. He suggested that anyone not getting the yearbook would benefit by subscribing to it.

Plastow also announced that tester John Myer is planning to go into farming in April, and that the association is interested in obtaining a replacement for him. It someone could be found promptly he would be enrolled in the Penn State Tester's School next week. He also reported that another tester, Larry Wagaman, had been replaced by Jay Mylin as of January 1st.

says he can dry as many as 2500 long bales at one time, and this represents just about his entire first cutting. Weevils have been a real problem in the alfalfa crop, but next year Kreider says he will try the "lady bug treatment". If that doesn't work out, he figures he will still have time to spray.

A rotation of corn, wheat, and hay gives him an average crop rotating every four to five years. Each Spring the poorest piece of hay is torn up and replaced with grain.

Kreider has had his farm under approved conservation treatment for sometime now. The entire farm is stripped and contoured, with the strips measuring 100 feet in width.

"There is no limestone soil on the farm," Kreider said. "We have a red loam soil here, and the clay is not too far down so there is no problem holding fertilizers."

He believes in a fair amount of fertilizer on corn, using 600 pounds plowed down and another 200 pounds in the planter. He said that next year he will try applying the fertilizer right on the row, instead of offsetting it.

In February and March, Kreider spends more time off the farm than on because of

Vo-Ag Teachers Report District Cooperation

Instructors of Vocational Agriculture called upon the directors and cooperating agencies frequently during the year. Many field trips were conducted where such conservation activities as: soil sampling, soil classification, pond construction, land judging, distribution of safety zone signs, planting trees for farm improvement and wild life cover, mapping farms, and laying out contour strips, were learned. One hundred FFA members from York and Lancaster Counties participated in the Annual Soil Judging Contest, the number of entries per school

his auctioneering business. For the past 12 years he has been active as an auctioneer; for most of that time he and Carl Diller have been associated in that business.

The Kreiders have five children ranging from a boy of 17 to a married daughter.

had to be limited.

Numerous films, slides and charts about conservation were used including such topics as soil, water, wildlife, farm woodlots, and fish. The Lancaster County Soil Report is being used extensively as a basic text in all departments.

The above activities were used in high school classes, FFA activities, as well as Young-Adult farmer classes.

● Stauffer

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ment pullet houses. Working on a contract arrangement with the York-DeKalb Hatchery, he produces 18 to 20 thousand pullets every 20-24 weeks.

Stauffer gets a little extra milcage out of his small acreage by doubling cropping. He is able to get a crop of barley off by late June or early July, then follows up immediately with about 12 acres of corn for silage.

There are two factors that make this system work, he said. First, he uses all wheel-track planting for his corn. This cuts out one operation and prevents unnecessary loss of moisture at the driest time of the year. Secondly, he has the Indian Run Creek cutting right through his farm. In dry years he pumps water on his silage corn, thus making up for its late start. He finds this is necessary about once every four years.

One thing he has learned is to leave the corn in the field until it is fully mature. An early freeze won't hurt it, Stauffer said. The mature silage makes a better feed and has less troublesome moisture.

The farm is laid out entirely in cropland terraces, and is planted on the contour. He has used all wheel-track planting for the past four years, and is very well pleased with the results. He expects to get most of the hay he will need eventually from a 1½ acre grass waterway which was put in last year.

This diversified, intensively-operated farm provides a variety of chores for the three Stauffer children who range in age from 7 to 13.

● Beef Club

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1966 State Farm Show, Hess had the grand champion individual with his Hampshire lamb, giving the Red Rose Club its fifth consecutive title in that category.

Other officers elected for the current year were Nancy Frey, Marietta R1, vice-president; Judy Buckwalter, Lititz R3, secretary; Lynn Hiestand, Manheim R4, assistant secretary; Donald Miller, Elizabethtown R1, treasurer; Michael Hosler, Manheim R3, assistant treasurer; Kathy Weaver and Larry Heir, song leaders; Linda Ober and Donald Gaul, game leaders; Carol Hess and Marvin Nissley, news reporters.

Re-elected at the Brecht School meeting were six club leaders. These included J. Harold Frey, Marietta R1; Jay R Nissley, Manheim R4; Mylin R Good, Manheim R1; Melvin G Rohrer, Lititz R3; Elvin Hess, Jr., Strasburg R1; and Fred W Linton, Quaterville R2.

According to County Agent M M Smith, club adviser, the 134 beef members of the club this year sets a modern membership record. The period for Lamb Club enrollment will remain open until July 1st.

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