

## Beef Club

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chasing committee beforehand. "They would compare favorably with any stock yard group of calves," Rohrer said. He also added that "when you buy calves at the auction you know

nothing of the animals' breeding or background". Bill Hollinger, Quarryville, speaking for the new-plan team, said it would let the better feeders get the better calves and stand a better chance of winning championships. "Many breeders prefer

to sell to customers who will win shows and bring them more publicity," Hollinger said. "If we are going to compete favorably with other counties, we must buy our own steers," he concluded. This brought a challenge later from the floor during the

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questioning period as to whether the goal of the 130-member beef club should be only to consistently win shows, or whether the present spirit of good fellowship and learning should prevail. The questioner felt the new plan, if adopted, would foster many hard feelings.

The audience rewarded the questioning of goals with a burst of applause, as they had on two other issues presented by the speakers favoring the present plan, seeming to indicate a general audience support for continuing the distribution of club steers by drawing of names.

Several other points made by speakers for both sides of the question, and activity from members, leaders, and parents from the floor, provided a thorough discussion of the two proposals. At the next monthly meeting of the club, members will make their choice by secret ballot.

Three alternatives will be voted on.

1—Retain the present distribution system.

2—Discontinue the present system and have members be responsible for buying their own calves.

3—A compromise, which would permit any member to buy his own steer; but would have the club leaders and M. M. Smith, county agent, buy groups of calves for anyone who preferred not to buy his own animal.

In addition to Weaver and Hollinger on the team favoring the new system was Carol Hess, Strasburg R1. Miss Hess suggested that buying their own steers would give members valuable experience in selecting calves. She said also that too much of the time of the leaders and extension service is involved in purchasing club calves, this should be shifted to members' families, she said.

Bill Houser, Lampeter, Pat Yunginger, Marietta R1, and Rohrer presented the arguments for retaining the present plan. That team's main points included

1—More equal chances for all members

2—Fear of membership loss if new plan adopted

3—Continue to take advantage of the experience of the steel purchasing committee and the quantity-buying discounts they would have available

4—Old plan eliminates need for each family to travel separately in search of calves and to compete with each other; would also yield more uniform animals for the club program

In an earlier part of the program, Tom Houser and Larry Herr of Lampeter-Strasburg High School presented a demonstration of the benefits of worming young beef and dairy animals. Internal parasites cost those two industries \$12-15 million loss annually, the boys said.

M. M. Smith, club adviser, announced the Pennsylvania 4-H Club Congress, a four-day affair to be held at Penn State University during the last week of June, will be open to approximately the first 30 boys and girls from Lancaster Co., between the ages of 14 and 18, who notify him before the May 20 deadline.

Smith also announced that two, \$100 Kiwanis Club scholarships are available for a boy or girl planning to enter college this fall in the area of agriculture or home economics.

## Directors Picked For '66 New Holland Fair

Five directors were elected at the annual dinner of the New Holland Farmers Day Assn Tuesday at the Leola War Memorial Building.

Re-elected to three year terms were Carl G. Weaver, 597 W. Broad St., and Rutus E. Good, 361 Valley View Drive, both of New Holland, and Earl S. Fisher, East Earl R1.

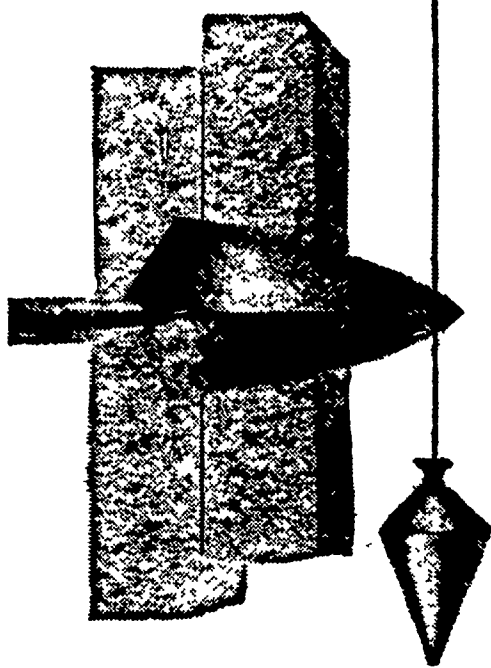
New directors named were Wilson Duck Jr., New Holland, and Larry Weaver, New Holland R1.

Dates for the 1966 New Holland Farmers Fair are Sept 28 through Oct 1.

S. O. Zimmerman, president, said officers will be elected later by the directors. Zimmerman served as toastmaster for the dinner meeting.

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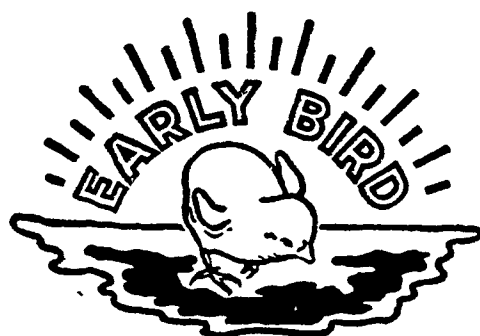
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