

Animals Driven By Sounds, But Ignore Lights

Experiments on driving and penning livestock by remote-controlled electric shocks, strong lights, sounds, or release of compressed air through jets are described in a report released this week by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

USDA reports that under test conditions, cattle, sheep, and swine responded best to mild electric shocks. Compressed air jets and a loud-speaker emitting drovers' cries also gave satisfactory results. But test animals did not respond to high powered lights.

These experiments indicate that it may be feasible to use remote-control devices to drive and pen livestock in auction markets, stockyards, or

other locations. The devices might move livestock more efficiently than could workers on foot or horseback, and could minimize injuries sometimes inflicted by livestock on workers and on each other.

The experiments also provided information useful in designing and constructing equipment used with the driving devices. Experimental devices were mounted on a mechanical sweep, or wooden gate that could be moved through alleys between livestock pens. Additional work is needed before the experiments are ready for practical application.

FARM WOMEN GROUP NO. 8 MEETS

The Society of Farm Women #8 met Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clyde Wivell. There were 25 members and one guest present.

Mrs. John Warfel was in charge of devotions. Four ladies are in charge of visiting. Treasa Whitman during the month of June. Farm Women will rent two sewing machines for the Donegal 4-H Sewing Club.

Mrs. Roy Greider gave a report of the program of the Spring Rally meeting held at Dillsburg.

Mrs. Kenneth Eshelman was the speaker. She gave a book review "God Speaks to Women" by E. Price.

FULTON GRANGE TO HOLD "GO-TO-CHURCH" NIGHT

Fulton Grange #66 held its regular meeting May 23 at the hall in Oakryn, with Gyles H. Brown, Master, presiding. Plans were made to hold the "Go-To-Church" Night Sunday, May 29, 8 p.m., at the Wrights-dale Baptist Church.

Norman Wood represented Fulton Grange at a hearing May 10 at the Lancaster County Court House when opponents of the closing of the Pennsylvania Railroad freight station in Quarryville each spoke for its retention.

The Grange is receiving good, clean used clothing for State Hospitals and the Water Street Mission.

L. K. Hostetter presented five books to the Grange library.

Fulton Grange will attend the Lancaster County Pomona Grange visitation meeting at White Horse Fire Hall, May 31, 8 p.m., as guest of Salisbury Grange. Fulton's officers will open and close the meeting, and Colerain Grange will present the program.

The Lecturer, Miss Agnes Spence, presented a Memorial program with Miss Mary Lou Wesley as pianist: Group singing "Nearer My God To Thee"; Scripture Reading of 23rd Psalm and prayer by the Chaplain, John Galbreath; flowers were placed on the altar in memory of Walter Wood, Samuel C. Heiney and Charles Grimsey by Theodore Beck, Charles McSparran and J. Robert Reed; vocal solo, "The Lord's Prayer," by Mrs. Theodore Beck; poem, "Good-bye," by the Lecturer; Memorial address "Nostalgia" by Rev. John Campion, St. Catherine's Catholic Church, Quarryville; group singing "Lead Kindly Light."

The next meeting will be the annual home-made ice cream party June 13.

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Head tester Wilbur Houser reported to the directors on suggestions made by the testers, but aside from the suggestion calling for a joint meeting, no action was taken.

Robert Hess, state director, told the local board that although membership in the state association is still reflecting the decreasing number of herds in Pennsylvania, the total number of cows on test continues to increase.

Also, in reporting on a recent state meeting, Hess told the directors that of the 160 full-time testers in the state only three are making more than \$7,000 a year. Testers in southeastern Pennsylvania are among the highest paid in the state, Hess added.

In the continuing discussion of stainless versus tin pails for the testers, the association finally decided to gradually replace tin pails with 40-pound stainless pails. It was decided that Houser would have the authority to replace the tin pails as it became necessary.

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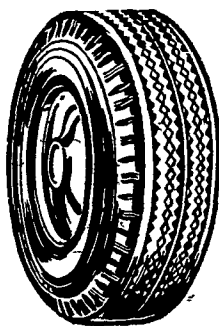
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