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NEW VO-AG TEACHER ASSOCIATION OFFICERS for 1967 elected Wednesday are, left to right, seated: Robert Elmer, secretary; Lewis Ayers, president; Clair Zerby, vice president. Standing, Charles Ackley, Fair Fund treasurer; Richard Hackenberger, and J. Richards Wood, FFA Chapter advisers. L. F. Photo

## Vo-Ag Teachers Elect Lewis Ayers County Assn. President For 1967

The Lancaster County vocational teachers Wednesday elected Ephrata High School teacher Lewis Ayers association president for the coming year. Ayers, this year's vice president, had been acting president since the resignation of president Eugene Daugherty last summer.

Other officers elected at the Lampeter-Strasburg High School meeting were: vice president, Clair Zerby, Warwick; and secretary, Robert Elmer, Garden Spot Two advisers to the FFA county chapter were also chosen. They were, J. Richards Wood, Solanco, one-year term; Richard Hackenberger, Penn Manor, three-year term; Charles Ackley, Ephrata, was appointed Fair Fund treasurer.

Regarding the county's Fair Fund expenditures for 1965, York-Lancaster area adviser T

M. Malin announced that a recent audit at Harrisburg had found them in order. The amount spent by the county last year was \$1387.59, out of a quota of \$2000.

Zerby, chairman of the FFA dues committee, announced that there were currently 492 paid-up FFA members in the county's nine chapters. Zerby was appointed representative to the county Vocational-Technical School Curriculum Planning for ornamental horticulture.

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The annual meeting of the Producers Cooperative Exchange, Coatesville, will be held next Tuesday evening, December 13, at Hostetter Dining Service, Mount Joy.

The meeting, which will begin at 7:30 p.m., will be conducted by president Harry P. Metz, Belleville.

Headlining the evening's business will be the election of three new directors for three-year terms. Directors whose terms expire are Lester M. Gehman, Manheim R2; John E.

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## Futures Trading Is Price Insurance, Cattlemen Told

More than 400 Lancaster County cattlemen jammed the sale barn at the Lancaster Stock Yards Thursday night to learn how cattle futures trading could make their occupations more profitable.

Levi Brubaker, a well-known cattle feeder in his own right, served as master of ceremonies for the meeting which was co-sponsored by Reynolds & Company, the Lancaster Live-Stock Exchange, and John W. Eshelman & Sons.

In emphasizing the value of making use of all phases of the marketing system, Brubaker said, "If we lose out on the marketing end of our business, we waste much of the effort we put into production."

Richard Reed, of Reynolds & Company, told the cattle feeders that "Most people think of futures trading as speculation. Actually, all futures trading is a form of price

insurance. It allows an individual, or a firm, to pass along unwanted risks to those willing to take the risks in the hope of making a profit."

In defining several common market terms, Reed said, "If you are 'long' in the market, you have bought, and own, a futures contract; if you are 'short', you have sold a contract and intend to buy it back later, or take delivery of the merchandise."

The futures trading market is not used for the cash delivery of cattle, Reed said. It is a "paper transaction." He added, "The chances are 1000 to 1 you'll never make delivery of the cattle."

The trading of live cattle futures began in 1964 on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. It was felt from the beginning, Reed said, that success in the futures venture would depend (Continued on Page 12)

## Lancaster County 4-Hers Sweep S.E. District Baby Beef Show

Despite constantly threatening skies Wednesday, and traditionally strong Chester County Angus competition, Lancaster County 4-H youths found a lot of sunshine at this year's Southeastern District Baby Beef Show. They swept five of the six breed titles and retained possession of the showmanship honors.

Leading the 134-head field of club steers at the four county show, held at the Lancaster Stock Yards, was a 990-pound Angus named "Ikey." This Eisenhower Farm-bred

steer, shown by Sharon Weaver of New Holland R1, captured the grand champion rosette, enabling Lancaster County to break Chester County's four-year stranglehold over this annual event.

Earlier in the season's show circuit, Miss Weaver, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester M. Weaver, had shown Ikey to the grand championship at the Ephrata (Continued on Page 8)

## Frey Cow, Herd Top Oct. DHIA

The October Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association report released this week showed J. Mowery Frey, Jr., 401 Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster, on top with high cow and tied for high herd honors for the month.

A registered Holstein in the Frey herd completed the association's highest 305-day lactation with a record of 21,285 pounds of milk and 982 pounds of butterfat. Second high cow (Continued on Page 9)

## Farm Calendar

December 12 — 8 p.m., Lancaster County SWCD directors meet at County Court House, Lancaster.

December 14 — 7:30 p.m., Garden Spot Young-Adult Farmer Class, "Financing the Farm Business—Part II"; at Garden Spot High School.

— 7:30 p.m., Agway dairy meeting at Leola War Memorial Bldg. Speaker, Kenneth Dolge, nutritionist.

— 8 p.m., Red Rose Baby Beef & Lamb Club Christmas Party at Landisville Elementary School.

December 15 — 7:30 p.m., Ephrata Adult Farmer Class, "Irrigation—Water Sources". At Ephrata High School.

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IT WAS LANCASTER ALL THE WAY at the 4-H Southeastern District Baby Beef Show Wednesday as Sharon Weaver, New Holland R1, and William Houser, Lampeter, led the sweep by capturing the grand and reserve champion titles, respectively. L. F. Photo

## Weather

Temperatures for the next five days are expected to average much above the normal range of 41 to 25 degrees, says the weatherman. He predicts the mild temperatures will hold fairly steady throughout the period.

Precipitation in the form of showers at the beginning and the end of the period may total more than 1/2-inch.