

Red Rose DHIA Elects Officers; Increases Owner-Sampler Rates 5c

Daniel S. Stoltzfus, Mount Joy R1, was named 1967 president of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association at a directors' meeting Tuesday night at the Lancaster Farm Credit Building. Stoltzfus succeeds Robert A. Breneham of Strasburg R1.

Other officers elected were: vice president, I Eby Hostetter, Gap R1; secretary, Allen K. Risser, Leola R1. Permanent treasurer of the association is Jacob Houser, Jr., Lampeter.

The bulk of the meeting was concerned with how to realistically adjust the testing service rates on the association's approximately 300 owner-sampler herds.

It was pointed out that, at present, the owner-sampler program was not paying its own way; that social security rates had been going up, and could be expected to continue in that direction; and that there has been no increase in owner-sampler fees since the program was started.

Currently, herds on the O-S testing program pay a base fee of \$4.50 which entitles them to test ten cows. An additional charge of 10c is made for each cow above ten. Of the total fee, the association now retains six percent to cover all operational costs.

The directors voted to retain the base charge at \$4.50, but to increase the per cow charge by five cents, making

it 15c, and to increase the percentage of the fee retained by the association to 12. The new plan will become effective April 1, 1967.

In addition, directors decided that the pricing arrangement under the DHIA testing program should also be reviewed. President Daniel Stoltzfus appointed a three-man committee to study the problem and draw up proposals. Appointed were: Daniel Martin, I. Eby Hostetter, and Wilbur Houser.

Lanc. Extension Service Reports Consv. Efforts

An organizational meeting of the board of directors of the Lancaster County Agricultural and Home Economics Association has been scheduled for Thursday, March 9, it was announced this week by county agent M. M. Smith.

The noon luncheon will be held at the Meadow Hills Dining House, and the meal will cost \$2 per person. Smith noted. Reservations are to be returned to the extension office by March 7.

Marton R. Deppen, assistant director for the southeast, will explain various functions of an extension board to the directors, and how to recognize educational needs in a community.

Smith urged directors to give some thought to the educational problems in their individual communities, and to be prepared with questions and comments on these.

Extension Assn. Organizational Meeting Planned

The Lancaster County Agricultural Extension Service continues to be interested in promoting practices toward improved soil and water management, county agent M. M. Smith stated in his report to the Conservation District. Several demonstrations were established by request on contour strip cropping and in farm pond construction.

The soil testing program continues to be a vital part of land management with greater crop yields. Lime requirement tests are conducted locally without charge for all land owners. The complete soil test is available through the Extension Office at a nominal cost.

A number of Extension teaching methods were employed during the year, such as radio, press, and educational meetings to stress the importance of good soil and water management. The importance of a good fertility program to maintain soil organic matter at all times was emphasized at every opportunity, Smith stated.

The extension service report was prepared by Smith, and associate agricultural agents Victor Plastow, Arnold G. Luck, and Winthrop Merriam.

● Dairy Day

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Subjects will include: Dairy Barn Ventilation; Herd Management Problems; Outlook; and Health Care of Dairy Herd. Lancaster County Dairy Princess Carol Hess is scheduled for a brief appearance just before lunch.

Lunch will be available at a charge of \$1 per person. Milk, ice cream and cheese will be donated by the milk distributors and manufacturers of dairy products.

A number of local dairy equipment and farm supply dealers will have exhibits and displays on hand for inspection.

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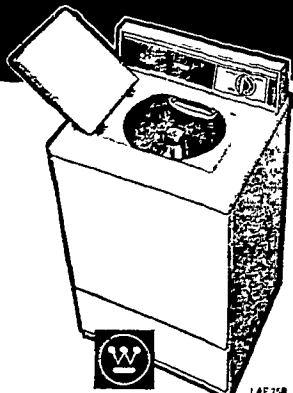
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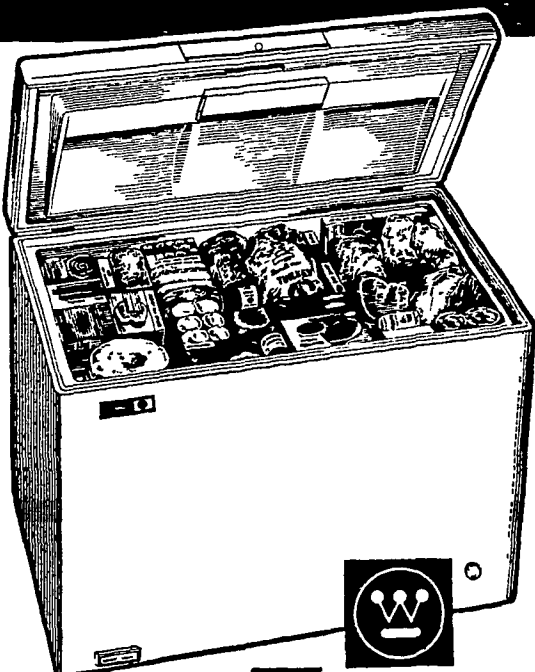
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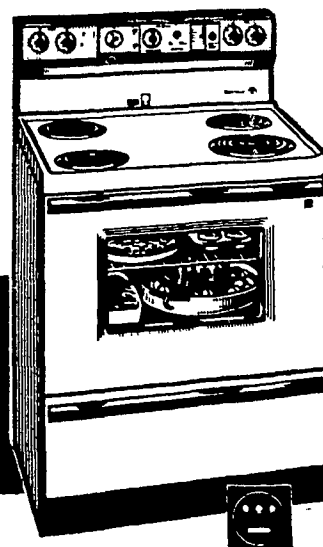
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