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partment is back to its former structure, with Ralph Layman and William Fredd both returning. Layman had worked in administration and Fredd was on leave. Jerry McCarrell moved from agriculture to driver education. Paul Bahner transferred to Penn Manor, replacing Garland Gingerich who is on a year's leave of absence in Honduras. The third Solanco teacher, J. Richards Wood, remains at Solanco.

Meanwhile, at Garden Spot High School, Robert Elmer moved from teaching to active farming, and department head Robert Herr spearheads a pilot program which will involve sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. This will consume all of his teaching time, and agriculture has been expanded to a three-man department. Oglie replaces Herr and Robinson comes in for Elmer.

NEW TEACHERS

Oglie has taught vocational agriculture for the past two years in Somerset County. He is a three-year Marine Corps veteran, and a graduate of Pennsylvania State University's agricultural education program. The Oglies presently reside in Ephrata.

Robinson will handle the young farmer program at Garden Spot. He is also a Penn State graduate, and has recently returned from a tour of duty in Vietnam with the U. S. Army; he holds the rank of captain. Robinson's vo-ag teaching experience consists of four years in Montgomery County. The Robinsons and their three children presently reside in Lititz, but hope to relocate nearer the Garden Spot area.

In other business, the county agriculture teachers heard hog show committee chairman Clair Zerby report on this week's show and sale. In discussing the subject of more uniform standardization of entry weights, Zerby noted that 23 hogs entered had been over 250 pounds. The association members voted to set maximum and minimum limits of 250 and 180 pounds, respectively, for future shows.

Dates were announced for several upcoming events. Elvin Hess, chairman of the County Star Farmer award committee announced that all competing boys are to report to Penn Manor High School at 1 p. m. August 28. They are to bring their completed Keystone application forms along, Hess added. Each boy will be interviewed by the three judges, whose names will be announced at the next teachers' meeting.

Hess also announced that the County FFA Picnic will be held August 15th at Good's Park, Columbia R1. In conjunction with the picnic, Ephrata and Solanco teams will vie for the county baseball championship.

Thirty animals will be entered by county FFA members in the Junior Dairy Show, to be held at Hershey August 21, at 1 p. m. It was noted that decreasing interest in this show has been reflected in the declining number of entries in recent years. Several considerations for reversing this trend were discussed. It was announced that trophies will be donated at this year's show for the first time by Miller & Bushong and by John W. Eshelman & Sons, both area feed firms.

Applications for dairy calf awards, presented in conjunction with the Lempeter Fair each year by county breed associations, must be turned in to committee chairman Gerald Kiger by the next teachers' meeting — September 7, at Garden Spot High School. Kiger also moved, and the members so voted, that calf award applications be limited to sophomores in agriculture.

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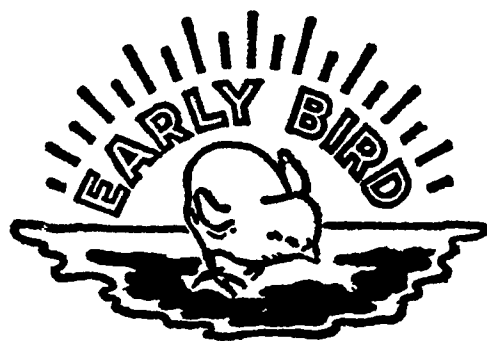
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