

Gerald Biggs Appointed To Land Committee

Governor Raymond P. Shafer today announced the appointment of Gerald A. Biggs, President of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association, as a member of the State Committee on Preservation of Agricultural Land.

Biggs, a resident of McConnellsburg, Fulton County, is the nineteenth member of the Committee named by Governor Shafer.

The Committee has been charged with the responsibility of developing a plan of action for preserving agricultural land for agricultural purposes "consistent with the total land requirements of the Commonwealth."

Two Cows Fall In Pond At Drumore R1

Two cows fell through ice of a fire-pond on the Amos M. Hess farm, Drumore R1, Wednesday, but were saved by quick action of farm hands, the Fulton Fire Company reported.

About 9 a.m. the two cows wandered onto thin ice and crashed through their bellows were heard by farmhands who rushed to the rescue. The ice was hard enough to support one cow which scrambled out. But boards had to be laid across the ice to rescue the second cow. Both cows were safe by 9:30 a.m.

Pennsylvania DHIA Cows Continue To Set Records

University Park — Pennsylvania cows enrolled in the Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) testing program shattered several existing records this year which indicates dairymen continue to improve their practices which enables them to produce milk more efficiently.

Data, which were summarized using electronic computers, reveal that records were established in the number of cows on test, pounds of butterfat produced per cow, and income over feed cost. Milk production per cow, however, was slightly below the record set a year ago.

The DHIA program, supervised by the Dairy Science Department at Penn State University, is a production and feed recordkeeping system designed to assist dairymen in improving their feeding, breeding, and management practices. Over 5,600 Commonwealth herds are taking part in this program which employs the practices of big business.

"There were 167,147 cows in DHIA this year, about 3,500 more than in 1966," Herbert C. Gilmore, Penn State Extension dairy specialist and program supervisor, points out. "Average butterfat production of 489 pounds per cow topped last year's new mark by one pound. Milk production per cow was

12,497 pounds. Income over feed cost per cow this year averaged \$353, six dollars more than in 1966," Gilmore added.

Pennsylvania's DHIA production average 10 years ago was 9,259 pounds of milk and 376 pounds of butterfat, the dairy specialist said. This year there were eight herds that produced over 700 pounds of butterfat and 209 herds that topped the 600 pound mark.

"A decade ago, the program became one of the first Commonwealth farm organizations to adapt to electronic recordkeeping. Today the association has grown into a \$1.3 million a year business," Gilmore reported.

Since 1957, more than 20 million individual DHIA records have been processed at the Data Processing Center on the Penn State campus.

According to the summaries, Monroe County's herds topped all other county herds in butterfat production with an average of 554 pounds. Perry County herds were leaders in milk production with an average of 14,014 pounds per cow.

Holsteins captured high state milk and butterfat production honors as the Sinking Spring Farm 63-cow herd in York County produced 19,344 pounds of milk and 725 pounds butterfat. The Sinking Spring Farm milk record was highest in the state. The 25-cow Holstein herd owned by Stanley Pruss of Lake Arvel R1, Wayne County, topped all other herds in fat production with an average of 738 pounds. Milk production was 17,105 pounds.

● Mrs. Thomas

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the hospitality committee for the 1968 convention in Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. Eleanore G. Tompkins, Philadelphia, chairman-elect of the convention committee for 1968; and Betty M. Heimbach, Allentown, chairman of the exhibits committee for the 1969 convention in Philadelphia.

Janet E. Tritt, Clearfield, was elected treasurer of the national organization at its 1967 convention.

● County Tobacco

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—Long wrappers, over 26 in; C1-b—Short wrappers, 26 in. & under.

Class 77—Fuller B's C2-a—Long fillers, over 26 in; C2-b—Short fillers, 26 in. & under.

Class 78—Binder Type Div. A—Long binders, over 26 in; Div. B—Short binders, 26 in. & under.

Class 81—FFA Wrappers C1

Class 82—FFA Fillers C2

"A hand of tobacco shall consist of 15 leaves, tied with another tobacco leaf; select leaves that are uniform in size, color, texture and free from insect, disease or mechanical damage. The Fuller B types of tobacco are usually heavier in texture while the Wrapper B is a medium weight leaf, chestnut-brown color with good stretch. The Binders should have a very thin, silky leaf, light chestnut color with plenty of life and stretch," the agents said.

All exhibits entered in the County Show will be taken to the State Show unless the exhibitor states otherwise.

DID YOU KNOW

The first forest camp site on state forest land was executed in October, 1913, following an Act of the General Assembly authorizing the Department of Forests and Waters to enter into such leases. Today there are 4,553 such leased camp sites (Dept. of Forests and Waters).

Ephrata Young Farmers To Have Accounts Meet

The Ephrata Adult Farmers will hold a farm account records meeting on Tuesday evening, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is planned to help farmers with problems concerning farm income and expense records kept for income tax purposes.

Moses M. Weaver, Stevens R1, and other area farmers who used the Penna. Agricultural Records this past year will be on hand to give their personal opinions of the system.

Everyone is invited to attend according to Charles Ackley, Vo-Ag teacher at Ephrata.

● Regional Farm

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a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Kelly and Cooper will discuss such topics as new rulings affecting tax reporting, investment tax credit changes, how to get the Federal Gas Tax refund, changes in medical deductions, and Social Security. The session is being planned by the Cooperative Extension Service.

Another such meeting is also planned for the next day, Jan. 10, at Frank Reeser's Restaurant, Route 61, about two miles north of Reading.

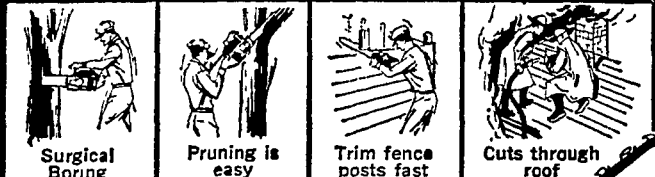
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