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Tobacco Controls Are Voted Down 1,646 to 388

The votes in the tobacco control referendum conducted by mail by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service were counted Wednesday and controls were rejected by a 1,646 to 388 margin.

For the first time, however, two communities in Lancaster County voted in favor of quotas for the next three crop years. They are Manheim and East Hempfield Townships and Martic and Providence Townships. They are bound by the total vote, of course.

The counties included in the voting are Lebanon, York, Dauphin, Chester, Lehigh, Northumberland, Snyder, Adams, Perry, Berks, and Juniata in addition to Lancaster.

Miss Dorothy Y. Neel, office manager for the ASCS here, said 4,750 ballots were issued. Farmers voting totaled 1,844, or 39 percent of those who received

ballots for the referendum conducted last week.

Twenty-one ballots in the first mail referendum ever held arrived late and were not counted, and 93 tobacco growers failed to sign the certification, which invalidated their ballots.

Approval by two-thirds of the voting tobacco growers would be required to enact the federal quotas. Rejection means growers are free to produce and market unlimited acreage of Type 41 cigar filler leaf tobacco.

Miss Neel listed county results as follows: Lebanon - 9 yes, 91 no; York - 1 yes, 13 no; Dauphin - 0 yes, 3 no; Chester - 1 yes, 21 no; Lehigh - 0 yes, 3 no; Snyder - 0 yes, 2 no; Adams - 0 yes, 1 no; Perry - 0 yes, 2 no; Berks - 2 yes, 41 no, and Lancaster - 375 yes, 1,469 no.

She also reported Maryland as having 56.4 percent in favor of the controls.



Eby Hostetter

Hostetter Is Elected County DHIA President

Eby Hostetter Gap was elected president of the Lancaster County Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association Monday night at the board of directors meeting held in the Farm and Home Center.

Elected vice president was Richard Hess, Strasburg R1, and Allen Risser was reelected secretary of the local milk testing organization.

Jacob Houser, Lampeter, was reappointed treasurer.

Donald Eby, Gordonville R1, was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Melvin Groff, who resigned due to selling his dairy herd.

In other business, Robert Hess, State Director, told the 22 men present that the problem with milk-o-testers is getting the milk to the machine. "You can't get a proper test when the milk is churned," he said. "This occurs when the milk samples are mailed to the central laboratory."

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Poultry Debate Featured At Educational Meeting

A current and much debated subject in the poultry industry was aired Tuesday night, at the Farm & Home Center when Sam Berenson and Richard Ammon took opposing sides on the subject of production controls. The meeting, attended by 100 poultrymen, was sponsored as the third in a series of educational meetings by the Lancaster County Poultry Association.

In opening the discussion, Berenson said, "I've been in favor of marketing controls for a long time. We have experienced the longest period of depression in prices ever except during the depression period." He gave the reason for the 12 month low price period as supply exceeding demand.

"I have advocated balanced supply for years," he continued. "If you kept production down only one or two percent, it would help you tremendously."

Berenson advocated only simple government control on production and "let the market work on a supply and demand basis." He proposed a two percent cut-back on flocks of 5,000

to 50,000 birds, four percent on 50,000 to 75,000 bird flocks and six percent on 75,000 to 100,000 bird flocks. This graduated cut-back would be reasonable for the under-poultry-populated states and would put the over-producing states more in order.

"Before legislation goes into effect," he said, "I would have county agents check local situations. Once you have these production figures and production controls you could master the situation."

Berenson wants individual farm quotas not to be allowed to.

Special Office Hours

To give all farmers opportunity to enroll in the 1968 Wheat and Feed Grain Programs, the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office in the Farm & Home Center, will be open extra hours for those who cannot come to the office during regular hours. These extra hours are on Tuesday, March 5th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, March 9th from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Interested farmers should contact the office immediately. Final date to enroll is March 15th.

Chicago Exchange Representative Presents Futures Information

In addition to locking in a profit, it gives you an idea of how you should be feeding at all."

This statement was made by Karl Heimke, vice president of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, at the Futures meeting held in the sale ring at the Lancaster Union Stock Yards, Thursday night. Heimke opened his presentation with a movie entitled "Trading In Tomorrows."

In answering the question of how you can take advantage of the cattle futures, the Exchange expert recommended taking account of how much it will cost you to feed different weight cattle and the month they will be

ready to market and gauge this against the futures quotation to see if you can make a profit. If you can, then he recommended buying the cattle and at the same time selling them through futures trading.

"What are you insuring against in the futures?" he asked. "Against fluctuation!"

A panel consisting of Levi H. Brubaker, steer feeder; Chuck Golin, Lancaster Packing Co., and James Dunlap of Walter M. Dunlap & Sons Inc., along with the large crowd in the sale ring participated in the question-answer period following the formal presentation.

The meeting was sponsored by the Conestoga Bank and the Livestock Exchange.

4-H Entries Going To Harrisburg Show

The Lancaster County 4-H Dairy Club leaders met Wednesday night at the Farm & Home Center. They decided to take the Lancaster county entries in the 4-H District Dairy Show, August 30, to Harrisburg along with the state Black and White Show instead of going to Allentown.

Victor Plastow, associate county agent, said each county is going to decide individually which show they want to attend.

Farm Calendar

Monday, March 4
7:30 p.m. - Manheim Young Farmers Soil Management meeting, School Vo-Ag Dept.
7:30 p.m. - Elm-Penryn Community 4-H Club meet, Penryn Fire Hall.

Tuesday, March 5
6:30 p.m. - Soil & Water District Annual meeting, Quarryville Methodist Church.
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FEDERAL LAND BANK ASSOCIATION and PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION directors at their regional conference held Tuesday at the Host Farm, Lincoln Highway East. They are (left to right): Seated, John Long; Jacob Smith;

John Gible; Homer Graybill and Samuel Wilhams. Standing, Carl Brown, Manager; Allen Kreider; Elvin Hess, Jr.; Richard Lefever; Robert Bucher, Assistant Manager; George Speece. L. F. Photo

Soil And Water Directors Plan Annual Meeting

The board of directors of the Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District met Monday night in the Farm and Home Center and discussed plans for their annual banquet to be held March 5 at the Quarryville Methodist Church and heard information on proposed aerial tours to be conducted the latter part of June.

Afton V. Schadel, program specialist from the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission, told the group, "You'll see more conservation by air in 20 minutes than you will by bus in a day and a half. A farmer can see the balance of nature in a way he never does." He recommended Sunday as the best day to conduct such a tour.

A new urban director was present. He is Kenneth DePoe, Mount Joy R1.

New cooperators approved by the directors are Conestoga Township; W. Paul Meredith; Willard Galbreath, A Nissely Rohrer, Melvin G Rohrer; Luke Good, Brecknock Twp., Harry E. Hershey, Richard H. Hess; Ester Wagner, Robert F. Strickland, Edwin S. Clendenin; Reid E. Wissler; Babcock Hatchery; William G. Taylor and Larry A. Schmuck.

A district director's workshop was also announced for March 6, 1968 to be held at Collegeville Inn, Pottstown.