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Bushong Is Elected President Of 4-H Baby Beef & Lamb Club

Dale Bushong, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bushong, Columbia R2, was elected president of the Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Club Wednesday evening at the annual reorganization meeting held in the Farm & Home Center. He succeeds Mrs. Larry Weaver, the former Carol Hess of Strasburg.

Other officers elected at the meeting of parents and club members were Mike Hosler, Manheim R3, vice president; Sharon Weaver, New Holland R1, secretary; Marvin Nissley, Mount Joy R1, treasurer; Kay Weaver, Quarryville R2, and Larry Landis, Quarryville R1, song leaders, Donna Hess, Stras-

burg R1 and Barry Longenecker, Lititz R2, game leaders, and Sheryl Weaver and Ray Brubaker, news reporters

Club leaders were appointed this year, instead of elected, to conform with the policy recommendations of Penn State. These area leaders and assistants are

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2 FFA Banquets Were Scheduled For Last Night

Two Lancaster County FFA Chapters had annual banquets scheduled for last night at the cafeterias in their respective high schools — one at Manheim and one at New Holland

Editor Honored

The 16th Annual Manheim FFA Parent and Son Banquet was held at the Manheim Central High School, starting at 6:30 p.m. In the awards program Everett Newswanger, Lancaster Farming Editor, was made an Honorary Chapter Farmer. Lester Heistand, president, made the presentation.

The Star Green Hand was Wilmer Groff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Groff, Manheim R4; Chapter Star Farmer was Edward Donough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Donough, Manheim R1;

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Dr. Cecil Howes

Final Poultry Meeting Set For March 13

The Lancaster County Poultry Association will hold a final Educational Meeting of their current series on March 13th at 7:45 p.m. in the Farm & Home Center.

Dr. Cecil E. Howes, head of the Department of Poultry Science, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, will be the speaker on the topic, "Our Industry—Past, Present and Future."

Dr. Howes has received many honors and recognitions including the Poultry Science Teaching Award, The FFA Honorary State Farmer Award, The Virginia Poultry Federation Meritorious Service Award and the Who's Who in America Award.

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Conservationist Pfautz Likes New Farm Methods

"I would not want to go back to the old way of farming," said Leroy R. Pfautz in discussing his contour farm conservation program with Lancaster Farming. "Even though we have some point rows and triangles which are not as nice to farm, the sav-

ings in dollars and cents far offset the old way."

The Stevens R1 farmer was named Conservation Farmer of 1967 at the Annual Meeting and Banquet of the Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District, Tuesday night, at the Quarryville Methodist Church.

Pfautz did start a token program of conservation with his dad about 27 years ago when he laid out some of the steepest slopes on their farm in two acre strips. This helped control erosion by about 65 to 70 percent. "But at that time, we just did not want to farm 'crooked,'" he said.

"I knew all the time that you definitely can hold more water on contours," he said. "We did some custom field crop spraying and found neighbor's contoured fields too wet to get in, when others were dry. But we just had the problem of wanting to stay away from point rows," he said.

"But, now I would never go back. You need it when it's dry (to hold the water you do get) and you need it when it's wet (to keep soil from washing away)," Pfautz added.

When Pfautz made the change to contours seven years ago, he left part of the strips like the family had them. But, by adding contours, he estimated he saved

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ASCS Signup Deadline Near

Growers are reminded that March 15 is the last day for filing applications to take part in the 1968 feed grain program and the voluntary wheat program. Fred G. Seldomridge, chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee, points out that only growers who sign up and then participate in the programs will be eligible for payments.

The chairman urges farmers who are interested in taking part in this year's feed grain program to call at the ASCS county office as soon as possible since there are only five working days left before the March 15 signup deadline, and signing up is a necessary first step in program participation.

Through March 6th, 233 farms in the county had been signed up under the 1968 feed grain program, with intended diversion of about 3,010 acres. This includes the 20 percent diversion necessary to qualify for participation and the additional acreage diverted for payment.

And the current signup period for wheat in Lancaster county began February 5 and will end March 15. Through March 6th, 445 county farms with allotments totaling 5,372 acres had been signed up to participate.

Farm Calendar

Monday, March 11

7:30 p.m. — Ayrshire-Jersey 4-H Dairy Club Meet, Farm and Home Center.

Tuesday, March 12

9:30 a.m. — Dairy Day Program, Guernsey Sales Pavilion.

7:30 p.m. — Ephrata Adult Farmer Program (tractor maintenance) School Vo-Ag Room.

7:30 p.m. — Elizabethtown-Donnegal 4-H Community Club meet, Donegal High School.

Wednesday, March 13

10:00 a.m. — Large Herd Owners meet, Ag Bldg, Harrisburg.

7:30 p.m. — Guernsey 4-H Dairy Club meet, Farm and Home Center.

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AN AERIAL VIEW of Lancaster County contour stripcropping. The scene is about one-half mile East of Stevens, and shows the Leroy Pfautz Farm. Pfautz has

been named honor farmer by the Lancaster County Soil and Water District for 1967. Photo is by Orval Bass, Conservation Service.