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Poultrymen Plan Informational Meetings Local DHIA Holds Annual Meeting At F & H Center

To help farmers meet the changes in this fast moving industry, the Lancaster County Poultry Association has scheduled three informational meetings examining vital points affecting the future of the poultry business.

The three meetings, all at the Farm and Home Center, are as follows:

February 4 - 8 p.m.

- Health Management Program—Edward T. Mallinson, Veterinarian, State Diagnostic Laboratory, Somerdale, Pa
- Progress Report on Lancaster Co Diagnostic Laboratory
- Refreshments will be served.

February 20 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- PENNA'S CHALLENGE: Trimming Egg Production Costs
 - General Chairman, L. Dwight Schwartz, Assoc. Prof. Veterinary Science Extension, Penn State Univ.
 - Fixed Costs and Use of Inputs—Anthony Stemberger, Prof. Agr. Economics, Penn State Univ.
 - Problems of Feed Formulation—Roland Leach, Assoc. Prof. Poultry Science, Penn State Univ.
 - Goals of the Future, Bird
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The Lancaster County Dairy Herd Improvement Association held its annual meeting Tuesday at the Farm and Home Center with 400 persons attending the noon dinner and business meeting.

Herbert Gilmore, Dairy Science Extension, Penn State, listed changes in the State DHIA program as follows: the adding of pounds per day in the records, the listing of the date due to calve, estimating 305 day lactation average, the addition of the rolling herd average using the previous 365 days, the starting of the alternate a.m.-p.m. testing program where one milking per month is used; and starting work with a state-wide testing lab. On the one milking per month program Gilmore pointed out the records were not official but may have merit for commercial herds who want to save labor.

County agent M. M. Smith noted that in the new survey just released the most successful dairymen did the best job of output per man; production per unit (a unit being per cow or per acre) and money management. "The first three letters in

management — m-a-n — is the most important part of management," Smith noted.

Other speakers included Victor Plastow, Associate County Agent and DHIA Advisor; Debora Binkley, County Dairy Princess and Henry Hackman with a slide presentation on his trip to Europe.

The association listed total assets of \$14,012.50 and a margin of \$7,968.16 of the 1967-1968 testing year. The average number of cows in the association was 16,976; average milk per cow 12,264, average butterfat per cow 479, average number of cows per herd 41 and the aver-

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Hazardous Occupation Course Featured In Tractor Club Work

The "Hazardous Occupations in Agriculture" course will be offered in the 4-H Tractor Maintenance Club work this year according to Jay Irwin, Associate Ag Agent. The new Federal law requires that a boy or girl between the ages of 14 to 16, must be certified through this course or a similar course through the Vo-Ag class in the schools, before he or she is permitted to operate a tractor or equipment on a farm other than the parent's or guardian's farm.

"If you are interested in tractors and machinery and between 9 and 19 years of age, you are invited to take part in the 4-H Tractor Maintenance Program for 1969," Irwin said. The first meeting for the Northeast Area Club will be Tuesday, January 28 at 7:45 at the Farmersville Equipment Company. The leaders are Ivan Nolt, John Zimmerman and David Zimmerman.



ACCEPTING THE HIGH DHIA HERD AWARD are left to right, Richard Hawk, Farm Manager and David George, Herdsman of the Red Rose Research Center, from I. Eby Hostetter, Association President. The award was made at the annual meeting of the local Dairy Herd Improvement Association held Tuesday at the Farm and Home Center.

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F & H Completion Fund Backed By Prominent Businessmen

The Farm Gifts Division of volunteer canvassers opened the Farm and Home Foundation's "Completion Fund Campaign" this week with close to 100 men from all sections of the county. The \$150,000 capital funds appeal was launched Wednesday evening at the Center with a "Kick-Off" dinner presided over by John H. Herr, co-chairman of the drive.

Herr announced that 152 persons have been enlisted to help conduct the canvass, scheduled to be carried out by February 10. The first "progress report" in the campaign will be due on February 3, at the Center, where

a temporary campaign office has been established.

In launching the appeal, presumably the final all-out effort to practically eliminate the remaining debt incurred in building the \$500,000 facility, Forney F. Longenecker, co-chairman of the Farm Gifts Division, informed the group that its quota had been set at \$80,000.00. The well-known Litz area farmer indicated that this amount represented

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Penn State Specialist Discusses Ag Records

"More and more, in our sophisticated world, records are becoming increasingly important," says William H. Dickinson, Farm Management Extension Specialist from Penn State. Dickinson was the featured speaker at the Farm Management Meeting held Wednesday evening at the Farm and Home Center.

Explaining the Penn State Agricultural Records Program, the specialist listed reasons why records are important such as for credit rating, partnerships, taxes, estate planning and business operation. "It is nothing for farmers to have 50, 60 or even 100 thousand dollars of credit borrowed and if you are going to walk into a lending in-

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Farm Calendar

Monday, January 27

6:30 p.m.—Farm & Home Foundation Annual Meeting, Farm & Home Center.

7:30 p.m.—Lancaster County Swine Educational meet. Production Credit Bldg. (Dr. Kar-

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"LOOK WHAT DADDY WON," is what Susan and Charlene Martin seem to be saying when the first prize check of \$100 in the Lancaster Farming Mystery Farm Contest was presented to their father, Willis M. Martin, New Holland R2, this week. Second prize of \$50 went to David Z. Sauder, East Earl R1 and third prize of \$25 was won by E. Richard Bruckhart, Manheim R4.

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Mystery Farm Contest Winners Are Announced

A new welding set, a gift for the wife and family presents are the uses to be made of the prize money given this week to three fortunate farmers who were the winners in the Lancaster Farming Mystery Farm Contest. They are Willis M. Martin, New Holland R2, first prize of \$100; David Z. Sauder, East Earl R1, second prize of \$50, and E. Richard Bruckhart, Manheim R4, third prize of \$25.

The contest ran from Saturday, November 16, 1968 through January 4, 1969 and featured a series of eight Lancaster County farm photographs for subscribers to identify.

Martin farms 130 acres and has some tobacco and steers but is mostly interested in his 45 head of Registered Holstein dairy cows and heifers. His herd average last year was over 600 pounds of butterfat. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have five children: Galen 9, Brenda 8, Susan 5, Charlene 3 and Martha Ann 2 months.

Sauder farms 60 acres just west of Terre Hill and from his vantage point he can view a vast part of the county from his milk house. His crops are tobacco, corn, hay and wheat and he milks 33 Holsteins and has a few replacements. Mr. and Mrs. Sauder have three children, Arlene 4, Ivan 2, and Anna Mae 7 months.

Bruckhart farms 130 acres north of Manheim along Route 72. He has 85 head of Registered Holsteins and raises corn, hay and wheat. Mr. and Mrs. Bruckhart have three children: Rosene 7, Romaine 6, and Richard Lamar 10 months.

A total of 727 correct entries were submitted for the drawing. The winners were selected by Ralph E. Stine & Co., Certified Public Accountants, Lancaster.