

## Sheep Breeding Chain Formed By Warwick Chapter Of FFA

The interest in the sheep breeding enterprise among members of the Warwick Chapter of Future Farmers of America has begun to move toward realization. A sheep breeding chain has been formed and ten blackface yearling ewes have been purchased. The ewes are now in the hands of their new, eager owners. Eight of the ewes have dropped 13 lambs thus far.

Barboursville Farm of Barboursville, Virginia had been contacted and were asked if they had any yearling ewes bred to lamb in January or February. The type of program the Warwick Chapter wanted to get started was discussed with the owners of Barboursville Farm, Mr. and Mrs. C F Smithers and their farm manager, Mr. E William Hess. They were very happy to learn of the interest in these young Future Farmers and

assured them that bred ewes were available. They quoted a price and indicated that they would donate one half of that amount toward the purchase of the ewes.

The Lititz Jaycees were contacted and informed of the program and they very generously donated one hundred dollars toward the sheep breeding program. The difference between the donation from Barboursville Farm and the Lititz Jaycees was put up by the FFA Chapter.

Each boy that was interested in a pair of ewes made an application for them. A complete budget for one year for one ewe was required, plus a list of approved practices to be followed in handling the ewe and her lambs. Each boy had to indicate why he desired to receive the ewes. After the student receives the bred ewes he has two years to return a bred yearling ewe to

the Lititz Jaycees and Warwick FFA Chapter. He returns one for every one he received.

Should the student have all ram lambs born the first year or for some reason did not have any yearling ewes after two years, he shall be granted an additional year.

The bred ewes that are returned to the Lititz Jaycees and the FFA will go to Freshmen or Sophomores interested in the sheep breeding enterprise. Should there be no interested students then the ewes will be sold and the proceeds will go to the organizations sponsoring the program. The intent of the program is to allow students to get an enterprise started with very little initial investment and to get the student better acquainted with sheep.

The recipients of the first set of ewes were: Gerald Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Z Martin, R.D. 1, Lititz; Kenneth Grube, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Grube, R.D. 1, Lititz; Jay Showalter, son of Mr. and Mrs.

## Holsteins Have Record Year

Another year of record-shattering activity has been announced by Robert H Rumler, Executive Secretary of Holstein-Friesian Association of America. An all-time high of 292,128 Holsteins were registered, the second consecutive year a new record was set for number of certificates issued. For the fifth year, Holsteins made up over two-thirds of all the dairy cattle registered and for the first time exceeded 70 per cent of the all-breed total.

The general high volume of

Luke Showalter, R D 2, Lititz; Dale Martin, son of Mr and Mrs Albert Martin, R. D 4, Lititz; and Dennis and Bobby Styer, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Styer, 21 Wentling Lane, Rothsville.

business was reflected in gains for most major activities. Total transfers were well above the average of the five previous years. The grand total of 150,782 was second only to the all-time high set in 1966.

The "active member" count of the Association continued to climb and again set a new record — 25,915. Included are all those who registered or transferred an animal within the 24 months preceding December 1, 1968. Total membership, including both actives and inactive, stood at nearly 45,000.

Combined state association membership reached 28,308 — a new high. What's more, each of the five previous years set a new all-time high!

The strong interest in Registered Holsteins by young people was evidenced by another year of over 2,000 new junior members. Holstein Association records currently list a total of some 13,600 junior members.

Descriptive Type Classification broke previous records. A total of 88,534 animals in 3,655 herds were included in this breed improvement program. Programs are available on a group basis about every sixteen months. A staff of 13 classifiers travel throughout the country providing the Association's official body conformation evaluation service.

During 1968, 2,463 head were officially transferred to foreign ownership. Eighteen countries obtained animals, with the three biggest importers being Japan, Mexico and Italy, in that order. With the establishment of Holstein-Friesian Services, Inc., the export of U.S. Holsteins will enter a new era. In February, 1969, Mr. C. T. Barns, Jr. of Richmond, Virginia, assumed the responsibilities of Export Director for H-F Services, Inc. The new corporation is a subsidiary of Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

Over 128,000 Registered Holsteins were enrolled in the Association-sponsored official testing program, DHIR. While this represented more herds than in 1967, the total cow numbers are below the average of the past five years.

Additional services are regularly being made available by the world's largest dairy breed organization. A major new service inaugurated during the past year was the publishing of "Registered Holstein Sire Performance Summaries." Printed three times a year, the new publication combines USDA Sire Production Summaries and Holstein Association Type Summaries.

The continued strong demand for Registered Holsteins at home and abroad, the ever expanding services available to breeders of Registered Holsteins and other economic advantages of the breed, point to still higher volumes of business in the years ahead.

The FFA provides an opportunity for youth in agriculture to learn, to do, to earn, and to serve.

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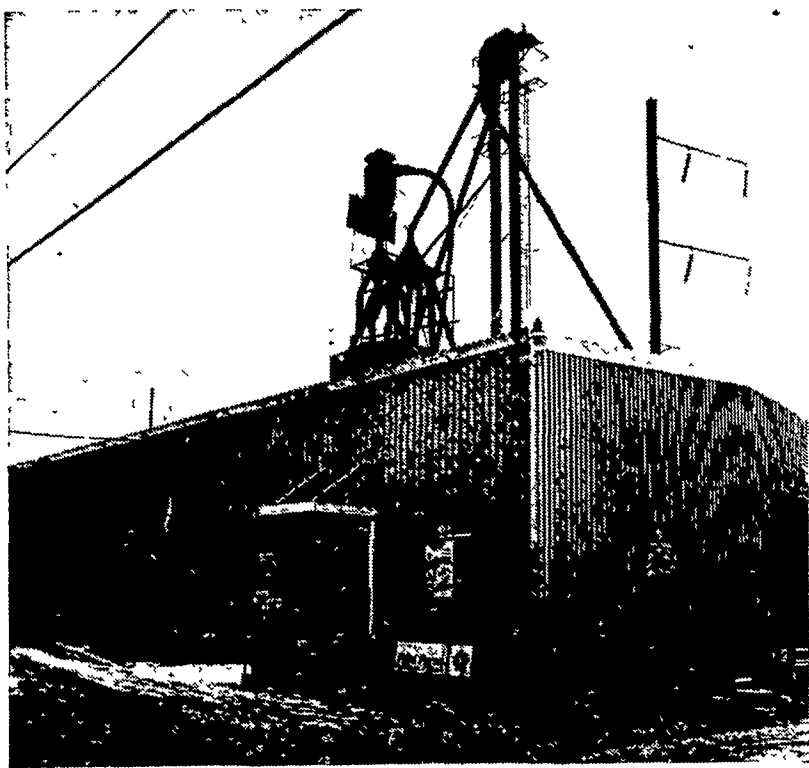
Slang seems to be as popular as ever, only it changes every few years.



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