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Two local 4-H Leadership Council delegates to the 10th annual 4-H Congress this past week at the Pennsylvania State University, check program responsibilities with Leland G. Jinks, center, State 4-H Club leader. The delegates are: Peggy Eshleman, left, of RD 1, Pequea and Jesse Balmer of RD 4, Lititz. The Leadership

Council, consisting of 60 outstanding 4-H members, is the ruling body for the 900 young people from 67 counties that attended the four-day session which ended Thursday. Congress is designed to increase members skills in leadership and citizenship.

Local Girl Elected Advisor On 4-H Congress Leadership Council

Peggy Eshleman, 17, RD #1 Pequea, was elected to be a Leadership Council advisor for next year's 4-H Congress at the conference held this week at Penn State.

Miss Eshleman, one of five advisors from the entire State, was elected to the post by the Leadership Council of the Southeast area. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. H. Clay Eshleman and has been active in 4-H Club work for seven years. She graduated from Penn Manor High School this month and will enter Lankenau School of Nursing, Philadelphia, in September.

Peggy's 4-H activities are many: she is a member of the Penn Willows Club, having served as the President last year and is treasurer this year, she is a project leader and a junior leader of the entomology club. She has two brothers and a sister in 4-H.

The conference is held each year to give delegates a chance to develop an appreciation and understanding of national problems, practice leadership and responsibility in group action and share ideas and inspiration to others when they return home.

Farm Calendar

Monday, June 23

2:00 p.m.—Soil and Water 4-H Club Conservation Picnic, Fishing Creek.

23-28 FFA National Leadership Conference, Washington, D.C.

Thursday, June 26

8:00 p.m.—4-H Holstein Club meeting, Elam Bollinger farm, Manheim, R.D. 1

8:00 p.m.—4-H County Council, Farm & Home Center

4-H Livestock Judging Session On Monday

The first practice session for 4-H Livestock Judging work will be held Monday, June 23.

County Agent Max Smith, in announcing the first practice session at 6 p.m. at the Farm and Home Center, said this is an excellent opportunity to learn more about an important part of livestock club work.

From the Judging Work this summer two 4-member teams will be selected for the State contest in August at Penn State. A junior team composed of members from 14 to 16 years of age as of January 1, 1969, and a senior team of at least 14 years as of January 1.

Mark Nestleroth has again agreed to help Smith coach the teams along with four boys from last year's senior team.

4-H Dairy Roundup To Be Held July 29 & 30

The annual 4-H Dairy Roundup will be held July 29-30 in the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, according to Victor Plastow, associate County agent.

Plastow said that this year because of limited space, the show will be divided into two parts.

Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey and Jersey cows will be shown the first day from 3 to 7 p.m. Holsteins will be shown during the same hours the second day.

Three Local Dairymen Win District Honors

Three local dairymen won district honors Thursday for the most outstanding Young Dairy Cooperator for 1969, in a Young Dairy Cooperator Contest conducted by Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative, Philadelphia.

District winners were Robert H. Kreider, Quarryville, District 3; Walter C. Martin, New Holland, District 6, and J. Mowery Frey, Jr., Lancaster, District 7.

Twenty-one young dairymen participated in a program for

the selection of top young dairy farmers, who are members of Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative.

Wilbur Seipt, of Lansdale, president of Inter-State, welcomed this unique group of dairymen.

Dr. James E. Honan, general manager, discussed the Cooperative's marketing program.

Herbert W. Wessel, Jr., president of Pennmarva Dairymen's Cooperative Federation, Inc., Baltimore, Md., commented on the future role the Federation would play in milk marketing for its 5,000 members. Arthur B. Morgan, Dealer Relations Director, New Holland Machinery Company, New Holland, was the main speaker on the young dairymen's program. Morgan briefed the young milkmakers on the need for improved industry relations and the future needed relations with consumers.

Farm & Home Center Mortgage At \$150,000.

The directors of the Farm & Home Foundation at a meeting Tuesday announced the recent fund drive amounted to \$67,000 in pledges and donations. Therefore, the mortgage is presently \$150,000.

The directors will study the advisability of converting space in the basement of the Farm & Home Center into additional office space. This will be done because the County Superintendent of Schools may be interested in an additional 2,200 square feet of office space.

Pullet Chicks For Broiler Hatchery Up 34% Over 1968

Domestic placements of pullet chicks for broiler hatchery supply flocks by leading primary breeders totaled 4,046,000 during May 1969. This was 34 percent above domestic placements in May 1968. Total placements (do-

The six finalists selected were J. Mowery Frey, Jr., Lancaster; Robert L. Knutsen, Rising Sun, Md.; Ronald B. Reich, Winfield, Pa.; Walter T. Morris, III, Chestertown, Md.; Donald E. Hileman, Williamsburg, Pa.; and Robert E. Smith, York Springs, Pa.

During the panel discussion the six dairymen were quizzed by the judges, who were John L. Morris, Chairman, Extension Dairymen, University of Maryland, College Park, Md.; Wm. M. Stout, Director of Field Service, Sealtest Foods, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Wm. Johnstone, Professor, Agricultural Economics Extension, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa. George R. Brumbaugh of James Creek, Pa., District 13 Director was chairman of the program for these outstanding young cooperators.

Summer Egg Prices Forecast Above Spring; Near 1968 Level

WASHINGTON—Egg prices this summer are expected to be "significantly above spring and probably near last year's level," the U.S. Agriculture Department predicted this week.

It said that prices in the fall months "may average moderately below a year earlier."

Broiler prices may soften slightly in the months ahead, according to USDA.

The poultry price forecast was included in USDA's "Poultry and Egg Situation" which is issued 5 times a year.

The report noted that May egg output slightly exceeded 1968 levels for the first time this year. Some further gains are forecast through summer and into fall.

"The larger number of replacement pullets started through February will be in the laying flock by early summer and will probably bring the

flock size above last year," the report stated. "Furthermore, there has been an increase in the rate of lay."

The report noted that egg prices to producers averaged 40.4 cents per dozen in the first quarter. Prices declined in April and May as output increased seasonally.

On broilers, the report pointed out that marketings in April and May were up 8 percent, and broiler chick placements indicate that the wide margin will continue through July.

So far this year, broilers have shared in the unusually strong demand for meats, despite the larger supplies of red meats. Prices also have stood up well, USDA said.

Rising consumer incomes and increasing prices of competing meats have been a factor in this gain.

County Dairy Princess Contest Cancelled For Lack Of Entries

The Lancaster County Dairy Princess Contest has been cancelled for lack of contestants.

Mrs. Herbert Royer, chairman, said this week that no girls filed applications and the event slated for next Tuesday has been cancelled.

The event started in 1964, but in recent years there have been

few contestants. In 1967 there were only three entries and last year four.

Unless the contest is revived and a local princess chosen before August 15, Lancaster County will not be represented at the state contest in September at Harrisburg.

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