



PENN WILLOWS
by Eric Eshleman

The regular monthly meeting of the Penn Willows 4-H Club was held Friday, June 13 at the Pequea Township Elementary School. The meeting was opened with a baseball game. The Penn Willows Club played the Garden

Spot Club. Victory went to the Penn Willows. The program was "Safety" Mr. Jay Irwin from the extension office showed a film on farm safety. The meeting was adjourned by the president, Tim Bieneisen. The next meeting will be held at Safe Harbor park on July 11, 1969.

Clashing Thimbles
The second meeting of the Clashing Thimbles Sewing Club was called to order on June 18

At the business meeting, the first year girls learned how to thread and operate the machines, while the advanced girls fitted their patterns and straightened their material.

A 4-H cookie sale, sponsored by the Leaders' Council, is now underway. The cookies to be sold were distributed after the meeting.

Hay Prices

There was little movement of new hay and no old hay being moved in trading in Lancaster County and six other southeastern counties last week. All hay was number 2 or better.

At the Green Dragon, Ephrata, a total of 13 loads of hay, 11 loads of straw and three loads of corn were sold.

Prices per ton were one load alfalfa, \$32.50, timothy, \$20.00-\$30.00, mixed hay, \$20.00-\$25.00; straw, \$20.00-\$23.00, and ear corn \$39.50-\$45.00.



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Regulations Governing Filled Milk Are Recommended

Filled milk could soon come under the same type of regulations governing whole milk products as the result of a recommendation of the U.S. Department of Agriculture at a hearing in Memphis, Tenn.

The USDA recommended this week that federal milk marketing orders be amended to provide specific methods for regulating the dairy ingredients of filled milk.

Filled milk is a beverage containing either fresh liquid skim milk or skim milk reconstituted from nonfat dry milk, to which

vegetable fat or oil is added to replace the natural butterfat. According to USDA officials, filled milk has been priced as a fluid milk product under most federal milk orders since it appeared on the market two years ago.

The filled milk has not been specifically mentioned in the orders in the fluid milk definitions and officials believe more detailed provisions are needed.

The decision, in recommending that orders specifically apply to dairy ingredients in filled milk, defines filled milk as a product which is a combination of skim milk and nonmilk fat and resembles other fluid milk products. Only products which contain less than 6 per cent nonmilk fat are included.

The effect of the decision would be that the present Class I (fluid milk) would be maintained for all producer milk in the various fluid uses. USDA officials said that in most markets, the decision would not change the cost to handlers for the milk ingredients that go into filled milk.

For filled milk made with skim milk derived from other than producer sources (dry milk, for example) and sold in a marketing area, a payment into the producer-settlement fund equal to the difference between the Class I and surplus prices would be required. The payments would apply to products made in either a pool plant or a non-pool plant.

Producer-handlers who serve markets where some exemptions are maintained even though supplemental fluid milk products are purchased from regulated plants would have to include filled milk in the total amount purchased. They would not maintain the exemption if reconstituted skim milk or unregulated dmilk is used for his sales of filled milk or other fluid milk products.

The pool plant provisions would be changed so that the sale of filled milk would not be a basis for a plant's becoming eligible for pooling.

● Pullet Chicks

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Domestic plus exports) were reported at 4,593,000 compared with 3,621,000 a year earlier. Domestic placements of pullet chicks during January through May were 16,882,000 an increase of 10 percent from the same period last year.

The placement data include pullet chicks sold during the month, plus the number of pullet chicks expected from eggs sold during the preceding month. The primary breeders included in this report account for a very large percentage of total supply of replacement pullets for broiler hatchery supply flocks. Sales of replacement pullets by these breeders provide an indication of the potential number of pullets available for addition to hatchery egg supply flocks several months before the pullets will actually move into the flocks.

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