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Corn Growers Hear About No-Til Farming

About 100 Lancaster County corn growers attended a meeting Thursday on the revolutionary no-tillage concept of farming.

Enthusiasm for the concept was reported high at the meeting and there were indications that no-tillage corn planting will begin in Lancaster County this year.

The no-tillage concept centers around use of a non-residual weed killer to create a dead sod mulch and planting of seeds with a minimum soil disturbance.

The meeting at the Meadow Hills Dining House was sponsored by P. L. Rohrer and Bio Inc of Smoketown and the Otho Division of Chevron Chemical Co.

A movie on the no tillage concept in corn was presented Richard Bokan of the Chevron Co. showed detailed slides of the various methods employed in this concept.

Bokan explained that no-tillage farming involves planting a seed in a dead sod mulch with the least soil disturbance necessary for proper placement, germination and establishment of the crop.

The no-tillage concept helps conserve moisture, which is particularly beneficial in drought years, and it helps control soil erosion.

Bokan explained that the no-tillage concept is made possible by the non-residual weed killer Paraquat, which is safe, easy to handle, non-residual and non-selective in killing noxious weeds.

The corn growers also discussed the growing incidence of corn root worm, which is a major new pest in corn increasing in population in Lancaster County.

The control recommended was a new non-toxic insecticide, Bux (Continued on Page 12)

Livestock Specialist To Speak At Swine Meet

Dwight Younkin, livestock extension specialist for Penn State, will lead a discussion on "Reproductive Efficiency in Swine" at a 7:30 p.m. meeting Friday February 27 at the basement of the Farm and Home Center, Lancaster.

Max Smith, county agriculture agent, urged swine producers to attend the meeting to learn about preferred practices in order to benefit from "a very strong outlook" for swine growers.

A similar meeting was held this week on "Swine housing and Waste Disposal"

Smith also said that two very important reports from the National Pork Council have been completed and are now ready for discussion and evaluation by swine breeders and feeders.

Food Prices And Consumption

U.S. food consumption was up four-tenths of one per cent per capita in 1969.

But food prices increased 5.2 per cent from a year earlier, according to a USDA report last week.

While over-all food expenditures rose 4.6 per cent to \$104 billion, a record high, disposable personal income rose even more sharply — at 6.8 per cent to \$630 billion.

As a result, only 16.5 per cent of personal disposable income went for foods in 1969, a record low percentage.

4-H Leaders Kick-Off Meeting Next Thurs.

The county and state extension staff are combining forces to bring 4-H leaders a "Kick Off" meeting, February 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Farm and Home Center.

Jim Van Horn, extension's new family life specialist, will present a message on adult-youth relationships and Frank Bortz, Assistant State 4-H Club Leader, will give a run-down on program planning.

A Blue Ribbon covered dish luncheon will highlight the noon hour.



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Poultry Series Next Thursday

A review of the poultry inspection law and a consumer's report on eggs will highlight a poultryman's meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday, February 26, at the Farm and Home Center, Lancaster.

Jay W. Irwin, associate county agent, said the husband and wife meeting is designed to help poultrymen plan for the changes and challenges of the 1970's.

"A Review of the Poultry Inspection Law" will be presented by Dr. Fred Herring of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. He will review the changes and how they affect both small and large operators.

A panel moderated by Mrs. Doris Thomas, Extension Home Economist, will give opinions on "What Consumers want from an Egg." This panel will consist of a Chef, Dietitian, and a Housewife.

John H. Herr Elected Chairman Of Farm & Home Foundation

John H. Herr was elected chairman of the Farm and Home Foundation at a reorganization meeting of the board of directors at the center Tuesday night.

Herr succeeds B. Snavely Garber, who has been chairman for several years. Garber had asked to be relieved of the post.

Herr, 62, of 1564 Millport Road, Lancaster, is active in farm and land real estate. He said, he has been farming in the areas of dairy, poultry and steers "since I was a boy."

He has been on the center's board for many years. He was also re-elected to a three-year term on the board.

Other officers re-elected were L. H. Skiomme, 2150 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster, vice president, and George Lewis, 3106 Cochran Drive, Lancaster, treasurer.

Seven of 21 board of director positions were filled for three-year terms.

Only new director elected was Mrs. Glenn Myer of Kirkwood, who replaced Mrs. E. Robert Nolt of 3650 Meadow Spring Road, Lancaster, as the Farm Women representative.

Besides Herr, directors re-elected were Dr. Harry K. Gerlach, J. Everett Kieder, Richard Maule, E. I. Robertson and L. H. Skiomme.

In other action at the brief meeting, the board voted unani-



John H. Herr is shown at his home at 1564 Millport Road, Lancaster, following his election as chairman of the Farm and Home Center.

mously not to serve alcoholic beverages at the Farm and Home Center. Some inquiries have been made about such service, it was reported.

Next meeting of the board is March 17.

Herr has previously been active in numerous farm organizations, but recently has cut back on most of them to devote more time to the farm and Home Center.

He previously was secretary of the Producers Cooperative Exchange, director of both the Lan-

caster County and Pennsylvania Poultry Assn., chairman of the Lancaster Mill Marketing Committee and director of the American Dairy Assn. He is a former trustee of Mellinger's Mennonite Church, Lancaster.

He is married to the former Rhoda M. Denlinger. They have two foster children, Donald Gorman, assistant manager of Hubbard Farms, Lancaster, and Mrs. Joseph Martin of Manheim, R3.

Herr is the third chairman of the Farm and Home Center. Preceding Garber was Willis Z. Esbenshade.

Speakers Set For Crops And Soils Day Tuesday

Weed control, applying fertilizer, machines for planting, and corn yields will be among key subjects discussed by Pennsylvania State University speakers at the annual Lancaster County Crops and Soils Day Program at the Farm and Home Center Tuesday.

Purpose of the program, which is open to farmers and agribusinessmen, is to explain current farm practices and provide unbiased thinking on field crop production for the coming growing season, Arnold G. Lueck, associate agricultural agent of the county extension service, explained.

The program also includes exhibits of county seed fertilizer, lime, agricultural chemicals and farm supplies.

The program runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, with time allowed for lunch and viewing the exhibits.

The speakers include three extension agronomists, an extension agricultural engineer, and a staff member of the Center for an Environment Studies, all from Penn State.

The first hour of the program

is provided for touring the exhibits and Lueck gives a report at 9:30. The remainder of the pre-noon schedule is, 9:45, 1970 weed control for farm crops, Willis McClellan, extension agronomist, 10:30, managing soils by applying lime and fertilizer for maximum results, Wayne Hinsh extension agronomist, 11:15, air pollution damage to agronomic crops, Craig Weidensaul, Center for Air Environment Studies.

Following lunch and exhibits period from noon till 1:30, two Penn State speakers will wrap up the program as follows: what machines for planting and sowing, Burt Hoine, extension agricultural engineer, and 2:15, putting the heat on corn yields, Joseph McGahan, extension agronomist.

Lueck urged farmers to take time to discuss their needs with agribusinessmen, eat lunch at the center, and "gain all you can from this event as an educational service."

The Farm and Home Center is located at 1383 Arcadia Road near the by-pass just north of Lancaster.

Local Man Appointed To Nursery Council

Thomas E. Atkins of Lancaster has been appointed to the State Nursery Marketing Advisory Council for a three-year term, according to State Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull.

The council, which includes producers and marketers of nursery stock, is one of nine commodity councils appointed by Secretary Bull to help improve marketing of Pennsylvania agricultural products.

John H. Seyler, of Womelsdorf, has been elected chairman of the advisory council.

Robert Eshleman, Jr., of Bloomsburg, was named vice chairman and Raymond Nelson, of DuBois, was elected secretary. Other new members appointed to the Council for three-year terms are John H. Freehaver, Reading, and Walter W. Pitzonka, Jr., Bristol.

Farm Calendar

Monday, Feb. 23
7:30 p.m.—4-H County Council Farm and Home Center.

Tuesday, Feb. 24
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.—Crops and Soils Day, Farm and Home Center.

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