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Among Garden Spot Young Farmers officers for 1970 are: from left, Monroe Good, treasurer; John J. Landis, public relations director; William Fisher, secretary; Clyde Martin, member-at-large;

Mervin Hooper, member-at-large, and John Campbell, president. In addition Loren Zimmerman, was elected vice president.

Economist Projects Fair Year For Beef

Prices are up, so beef cattle producers should make money in 1970, but not as much as in 1969, according to H. Louis Moore, Penn State agricultural economist.

Moore said beef profits will be particularly hard hit this year by the cost of feeder calves.

He said feeder calves in the 500 to 700 pound range have been running at \$35 a hundred weight, compared to the \$30 to \$31 the producer can get for the finished 1,100 to 1,300 pound animal.

The producer has to be awfully efficient to pay \$35 for the smaller animal and make money by selling him back at \$30, Moore said.

Moore predicted the feeder calf will remain high, because of the relative shortage of supply

for them in relation to cattlemen demand.

Moore also foresaw possibilities that cattlemen will be caught this year between the forces of inflation and recession.

Continued federal efforts to slow inflation could lead to higher unemployment, which could begin to detract from beef sales.

An increase in beef production in the range of two to four per cent is expected in 1970 compared to only one per cent.

Despite a 10 per cent import on meat cuts, some countries began shipping in substantial amounts of meat in 1969, Moore told about 70 county cattle feeders.

He laughed at his beef industry forecast a year ago and conceded that if the assumptions on which a forecast are based turn out to be wrong, then the forecast will be wrong.

He had projected a poor year (Continued on Page 6)

Farm Calendar Young Farmers Elect 1970 Officers For Garden Spot

Monday, March 2

6:30 p.m.—P. L. Rohrer and Bro. Inc and Chevron Chemical Co., annual fertilizer banquet, Meadow Hills Dining Club.

7:30 p.m.—Lancaster County 4-H Soil and Water Conservation Club, home of Tim Breneisen, Conestoga RD1.

7:30 p.m.—Elm-Pennyn Community 4-H Club organization Penryn Fire Hall.

Tuesday, March 3

4:30 p.m.—County Vo-Ag Lampeter Strasburg High School.

7:30 p.m.—Ephrata Young Farmers, dairy herd management course, vo-ag room.

7:30 p.m.—Garden Spot Young Farmers Assn., dairy bleed. (Continued on Page 7)

John C. Campbell has been elected president of the Garden Spot Young Farmers for 1970.

The ballot election was held at the organization's annual banquet last week and announced early this week.

Loren Zimmerman was chosen vice president.

William Fisher will be secretary, Monroe Good, treasurer, and John Landis, public relations director.

Mervin Hooper and Clyde Martin were voted members-at-large.

The new officers were selected by vote from a larger list of candidates presented by the nominating committee.

Officers in 1969 were Larry

Weaver, president, Loren Zimmerman, vice president, John Yost, secretary, Dale Herr, treasurer, John C. Campbell, publicity chairman, Kenneth Martin, Mervin Weiler, and Monroe Good, members-at-large.

Hybrid Corn For Southeastern Pa.

Hybrid field corn specially developed for southeastern Pennsylvania is now available in limited amounts from commercial seed growers, according to Dr. Guy W. McKee, secretary of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Pennsylvania State University.

The corn geared for use in southeaster Pennsylvania is among several newer varieties of hybrid field corn developed and released by the Agricultural Experiment Station.

A small amount of seed is available this season for Pa 848 hybrid corn adapted to southeastern Pennsylvania. Pa 848 is outstanding in yield, standability, and resistance to smut and blight. It was developed by Dr. Melvin W. Johnson and Dr. Walter I. Thomas.

Limited seed supplies are now available for two other field corn hybrids adapted to southeastern Pennsylvania. Pa 855 and Pa 8703. Pa 855 is superior in stalk strength to Pa 820, an older hybrid, and has good resistance to leaf blight, smut, and aphids. Pa 855 was developed by Dr. Walter I. Thomas and Dr. George W. Gorsline. Dr. Melvin W. Johnson developed Pa 8703.

Available in good supply this season will be Pa 450 hybrid corn, an improved hybrid for medium length growing seasons.

Weather Forecast

Weather for southeastern Pennsylvania is projected to stay cold Saturday through Tuesday, with possibility of rain or snow Monday night or Tuesday.

Saturday will be partly cloudy, breezy and cold with temperatures ranging between 35 and 40 degrees. No precipitation is expected, according to the Philadelphia Weather Bureau.

It will be cold Sunday and Monday. Monday will be fair with a chance of rain or snow Monday night or Tuesday.

Tuesday will be not so cold Sunday through Tuesday will have daytime highs near the 40's with overnight lows in the mid-20's.



H. Louis Moore

What's New?

Lancaster Farming this week introduces a new feature, "What's New," to present in capsule form some of the many innovations constantly coming on the market to make farming more efficient.

The feature is designed to give Lancaster County farmers some insight into some specific changes underway in farm equipment and practices.

Because of space and time limitations, the items presented in this column can generally present only a fraction of the information available on a particular item. We suggest the individual companies or their representatives be contacted if further information is desired.

New Holland

New Holland Machine Co. has announced two new pitmanless mowers, the three-point hookup Model 451 and the trailing type Model 456.

On both the drive head has been re-engineered with tapered anti-friction bearings for a substantial increase in service-free use life. Stronger frames and a beefed up cutterbar attachment greatly improve the

mower's ability to withstand the severe load in today's heavily fertilized, higher yielding hay crops.

Leveling Tool

DriALL Driers, Inc., Attica, Ind., has introduced the LevLer, a patented low-cost leveling tool that eliminates ridges and depressions, giving a smooth seed bed.

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Poultry Cancer Scare Called 'Unfortunate'

The recent poultry cancer scare is "the most unfortunate thing that ever hit," a Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture official said in Lancaster Thursday night.

Speaking on "A Review of the Poultry Inspection Law at the Farm and Home Center, Dr. Fred Heining said poultry inspection standards "have not changed."

"Any bird" with cancerous tissue is condemned, he said, but added that the rate of condemnation necessary by inspectors "is not high."

In a movie on progress in the US poultry industry, including inspection standards, it was reported that since the 1930's poul-

try prices have declined sharply, but poultry consumption has increased rapidly.

Americans now consume 25 pounds of chicken per person each year, duck, geese and other poultry bring the total to 38 pounds, or a total of about 6.5 billion pounds of poultry a year.

In a panel discussion on "What Consumers Want From an Egg," it was reported housewives and other consumers still want the fresh egg, and not canned versions of it now on the market.

Mrs. Doris Thomas, extension home economist, led the panel. With her were Mrs. Elizabeth Geiger, supervisor of the school food lunch program for Lan-

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