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Lancaster Farming

Speakers Explain Farm Coops to Area Youths



The two winners of the Conservation FFA public speaking contest this week are shown with their awards following the con-

test Wednesday night. They are Mark Wenger (left), first place, and Jacob Musser, second place.

Farm cooperatives are of value to farmers to the extent they provide services and increase farmer income, several representatives of cooperatives told youths at the Youth Institute on Cooperative Business this week at the Farm and Home Center.

The cooperatives also emphasized they have employment opportunities for capable persons with farm backgrounds.

Boyd C. Gattley, public relations director, Interstate Milk Producers' Cooperative described a cooperative as "a voluntary farm organization for the survival of the farmer by providing a service or by increasing the farmer's income. We have to be hard today. If it doesn't provide these, we should buy it."

He also said, "Working together is the only way you're going to survive. Let's be honest about it."

Stating that "the power today is in the market," he also cautioned, "But when you try to market it (farm produce) yourself you have doubled your exposure." Individual farmers don't have the capacity to be both producers and marketers, he said.

Gattley made the comments preceding a panel discussion in which four young persons questioned representatives of five cooperatives. During the panel discussion, other cooperative representatives continued the explanation of the cooperative concept, how it works, its goals and objectives.

The cooperative representatives were Gattley, Mark Hess, Lancaster county unit manager,

Agway, Inc. David Yoder, general manager, American Breeders Cooperative, Carl Brown, manager, Farm Credit Association, and S. A. Holton, manager, Mount Joy (milk) Farmers Cooperative.

The youths quizzing the cooperative panel were Averil Royer, Ruth Birnbaker, Matthew Young and Linford Martin.

In explaining the cooperative's role Hess said, "I wonder what the farmer would get for his milk if he marketed it the same way farmers market tobacco? As you broaden your scope of service to farmers, we believe cooperatives have the ability to give farmers the greatest value for the dollar he spends."

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Farm Calendar

Saturday, April 18

12:00 noon — Farm Women Societies 3 and 10, Lincoln Lutheran Church

Monday, April 20

1:30-8:30 p.m. — Southeastern DHIA supervisors conference, City-County Building, Lebanon

8:00 p.m. — Organizational meeting for Lancaster County 1970 Dairy Princess Program, Farm and Home Center

Tuesday, April 21

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. — Pattern Alteration Workshops, Berwyn Red Cross Building, Chester County

6:15 p.m. — "Sew Smart," Channel 33

7:30 p.m. — Lincoln Community (Continued on Page 5)

Wagner Wins FFA Speech Contest

Mark Wagner, Manor FFA Chapter, Penn Manor High School won the Conservation FFA public speaking contest Wednesday night at the Farm and Home Center on "Our Endangered Nation, Tragedy of Modern Living."

Wagner will compete later in the regional contest at Lebanon

Jacob Musser, Grassland FFA Chapter, Garden Spot High School, New Holland placed second with "That Unwanted Gift."

Both spoke on the threat that pollution and unwise use of natural resources poses for the nation and world.

Also speaking were Carl

Weaver, Grassland FFA, and Fred Edwards, Solanco FFA

The contest judges were William Counts, assistant superintendent of county schools, Oival Bass, district conservationist and Kenneth Depo, urban director, Soil and Water Conservation District. Depo is graphic arts teacher at Donegal High School.

National Ayrshire Group Holds Auction

Some 46 top animals from 37 farms around the country were auctioned off Thursday night at the 1970 National Ayrshire Convention Grand National Sale at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion.

While a large crowd attended the auction, most of them appeared to be merely observers and, except for a few animals, bidding competition was light.

Bringing the top dollar was Fairdale Gemini Commander, the first bull calf to sell at public auction having a full sister with a 2x 305 day record of 32,250 pounds of milk.

The calf was consigned to the sale by Fairdale Farms, Bennington, Vt. The young bull is related to Fairdale Betty Gem, which produced the 32,250 pounds of milk on the Meidith Farm, Topsfield, Mass.

Top bred heifer was Elk-Ayr Koondike's Loraine, born in September 1967. The heifer brought \$2,100. She was consigned by Charles Lane, of Woodstock, Conn.

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Bidding is shown underway on a top bred heifer at the Grand Ayrshire Sale, Lancaster.