

# State Legislators Attend Penn State Environment Meet



Representative Sherman L. Hill (right) was among the 27 Pennsylvania legislators recently attending a two-day Symposium of Environmental Quality at Pennsylvania State University. The Lancaster lawmaker and his wife toured facilities of the College of Agriculture and heard lectures concerning research and

educational programs designed to improve the quality of the environment. Left to right are: Representative Russell Kowalshyn, of Northampton; George Connor and Amos Funk, of the University's Agricultural Advisory Council; and Representative Hill.

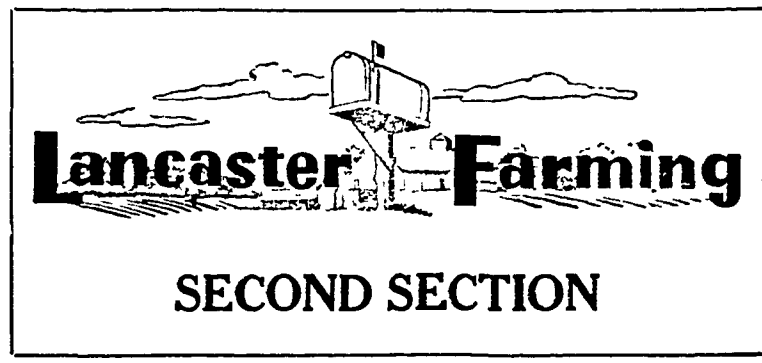
Pennsylvania legislators representing four House of Representatives Committees, attended a two-day Symposium on Environmental Quality, Foods and Nutrition at Pennsylvania State University recently.

The Symposium for legislators and their wives was sponsored by the sixty-five member organizations in the University's Agricultural Advisory Council in cooperation with the Penn State College of Agriculture.

The visiting lawmakers were informed of educational and research programs related to natural resources, foods and nutrition, and were taken on tours of research facilities to hear and see College of Agriculture scientists describe their work in these areas.

House Committees represented at the Symposium by 27 legislators from throughout the Commonwealth, included the Agricultural and Dairy Industry Committee, Health and Welfare, Consumer Protection, and Appropriations Committee.

College programs emphasized during the Symposium related to the problems of solid waste disposal, air pollution damage to plants, application of sewage wastes to crop and forest lands, as well as strip mine spoil banks to promote vegetation growth and restore groundwater purity, new methods of controlling insect pests, wildlife management, dairy breeding research and relationships to population control, and the Cooperative Extension Service expanded nutrition program with low-income families.



# Egg Marketers Review Price Study

At a recent meeting of the Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association, Sam Berenson reported the recommendation of the National Egg Pricing System Study Committee at Chicago June 4 as follows:

- 1—Establishment of a national base price quotation system,
  - 2—Twice a week quotations,
  - 3—Uniform standards, weight and quality specifications for shell eggs.
- Some doubt exists regarding any lowering of weight standards available.
- 4—Broadening of market information available,
  - 5—There should be an advisory committee to the USDA to carry out objectives,
  - 6—Initiation of research into the feasibility of pricing eggs by weight,
  - 7—Reorientation of public institutional purchase program,
  - 8—Possible research and development program,
  - 9—Committee to be continued and funded by industry.

Berenson said the matter of selling eggs by weight was tabled and there is no doubt about serious consideration on twice a week quotations. "The assembled

group at Chicago accepted the report of the National Egg Pricing System Study Committee."

Berenson reported further that a pricing system may be resolved with UEP, Urner-Barry, and the USDA working together. "The producer, packer and processor are those most vitally interested in fair pricing. "Greater cooperation in the industry seems imminent as a result of all working together toward a reliable pricing system."

Speakers of the evening were Irving Isaacson, UEP attorney, and Ray Delano, NEMA general manager.

Isaacson said, "There is considerable fear that tight decisions for the industry must be made if we wish to avoid letting anyone be hurt. NEMA and UEP are cooperatives and only bona fide egg producers may be members. Cooperatives such as these two enjoy certain immunities. Prices can be stabilized if the industry cooperates."

He continued, "Presently, conference calls are made to discuss the egg situation and this becomes an invaluable tool to know what the actual marketing situation is. Presently the industry is participating in a fowl disappearance program in an attempt to avoid an industry crash next year. It is very fortunate that suspicion and mistrust is disappearing for the good of the industry."

Delano said, "The Egg Marketing group certainly has something in common with NEMA. There are some smaller producers in Pennsylvania, and they should have the same opportunity as large producers to participate in activities beneficial to the industry. Pennsylvania people are invited and should become part of NEMA or UEP. Egg producers are interested in a fair price, based on supply and demand, and controlling surplus eggs will provide a means of developing price benefits."

"To some it appeared as if egg prices in New York were under-quoted recently, when some eggs netted 22 cents while \$8 per case was available from breakers. In Pennsylvania the producers receive more than almost anywhere in the U.S. while those in

New England receive about six cents under quoted prices."

Delano continued, "In any pricing structure a great deal of information is needed, such as producer paying prices at the farm on a grade yield basis, volume of eggs handled, prices sold to retail stores, prices to warehouses, and average price received. More information on longs and shorts are needed by NEMA and they are willing to feed back the information. The goal now is to bring production back within the USDA guidelines."

"The industry is being requested to reduce bird laying time by 45 days thru December,

1970. This will cost the producer but it will strengthen the industry. Another request is that there be zero (0) hatching during the entire month of August to bring the industry in line."

"If the industry does not do something about production reduction by 1971, there will be some eggs available next year that cannot be sold at any price."

"Members of the egg marketing association or anyone engaged in just marketing can encourage producers to join NEMA or UEP and collect for those organizations on a check-off basis."

Earl Hess, merchandising committee chairman, stated that the

committee had met and developed a suggested program on merchandising of a special product sold by members.

"The idea is to develop an egg marketing program for the PEMA organization utilizing a brand carton with an objective of strengthening the members position in the trade. "Every attempt will be made to capitalize on maximum sales potential, profit stability per unit sales, and solidification of business."

"The committee decided that there must be integrity, uniform quality, service, and uniform pricing. There must be program (Continued on Page 21)

## Local Holstein Delegates Named

Ten of 32 delegates from Pennsylvania recently elected to the National Holstein Association Convention in Boston June 30 - July 1 are from Lancaster County, reports Elvin Hess Jr., Strasburg RD1, state director and vice president of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association.

Hess said the election of delegates also included alternates who will attend in the absence of the delegates.

Besides Hess the delegates from Lancaster County are:

- J Mowery Frey Jr., 401 Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster,
- J Robert Hess, Strasburg RD1,
- J Wade Groff, 644 Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster,
- Robert H Kauffman, Elizabethtown RD1,
- Carl Diller, 1101 Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster,
- J Everett Kreider, Quarryville RD1,
- Mrs Rhelda E. Royer, 2020 Oregon Pike, Lancaster,
- John E. Kreider, 523 Willow Road, Lancaster,
- and Richard H Hess, Strasburg RD1.

## Cloister FFA Chapter's New Officers



Cloister FFA Chapter of Ephrata recently elected new officers for the 1970-71 school year. They are, seated, left to right: Tom Bollinger, president; Rick Pfautz, vice president, and Jay Zimmerman, sec-

retary. Standing, Nelson Weaver, treasurer; Dale Groff, reporter; Clark Stauffer, sentinel, and Marlin Bollinger, chaplain.