

Lancaster Farming

2 Local Families to Host IFYE Visitor From India

A 28-year-old man from India will visit two Lancaster County families for a month under the International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) program.

He is Ema Subong Ao, who operates a 30 acre farm in India on which he produces rice, vegetables, fruits, cattle, pigs and fowl.

Marek's Vaccine Production OK'd

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has granted permission to two State College scientists, Dr. Robert F. Gentry and Dr. Maximilian O. Braune, to produce a vaccine for experimental use in treating Marek's disease of poultry.

Marek's disease is a highly infectious disease, similar to lymphoid leukosis, which can cause severe losses in poultry flocks.

The vaccine is to be used in experimental work to develop an immunizing agent against the disease. Distribution is restricted to Pennsylvania and may be used only by qualified persons, according to the permit issued by the Agriculture Department.

He will stay with the John Henkel family, Strasburg RD1, from September 22 to October 5, and with the Larry R. Weaver family, New Holland RD1, from October 5 to October 22.

Subong Ao will come here after a month in another Pennsylvania County and two months in Iowa. IFYE is a program of the Cooperative Extension Service of the state land-grant universities and the USDA coordinated with the assistance of the National 4-H Club Foundation.

A resident of Spring Villa, Mokochung, Nagaland, India, Subong Ao speaks three languages including English. He has a BA degree in English, Economics and History.

The young farmer lists his leisure interests as music, dancing, sports, fishing and hunting.

His special interests while visiting the US include farmers' organizations, crop cultivation and harvesting techniques, livestock production, foods and nutrition, community and rural development and culture and 4-H clubs, including leadership development, projects and activities, teaching methods, community service and recreation.

He has three brothers and six sisters and is married.

Solanco Fair Schedule

Wednesday, September 16
12 Noon — Judging Dairy Cattle and various other judging
7:30 p.m. — Formal opening of the Fair
8 p.m. — Talent Contest and Crowning of the Queen

Thursday, September 17
10 a.m. — County-Wide Tractor Driving Contest, 4-H, FFA and Open Class
1 p.m. — Judging Swine
2 p.m. — Judging Baby Beef
8 p.m. — Tug-of-War

Friday, September 18
10 a.m. — Baby Parade
2 p.m. — Fat Hog and Baby Beef Sale
6:30 p.m. — Parade
8:30 p.m. — Rural Youth Awards

State Hampshire Sheep Meeting at Local Farm

The Pennsylvania Hampshire Sheep Association field day and annual meeting is being held at the Clyde Brubaker farm near Lancaster today (Saturday).

Members will inspect the Brubaker flock and the flock of Robert Buch, Lancaster.

A lunch will be served, there will be a judging class and a meeting will be held in the afternoon for election of directors.

Solanco Begins Co. Fair Season

The 1970 Lancaster County Fair season opens next week with Solanco (Southern Lancaster County) Community Fair's 21st Annual Exhibition starting Wednesday, September 16.

The usual full schedule of judging events will highlight the Solanco Fair with classes for everything from livestock to domestic and fine arts. A schedule of events at the Quarryville Memorial Park may be found elsewhere in this issue.

The West Lampeter Community Fair and the Ephrata Fair share the week of September 23 with both events drawing farmers and their city relatives to the shows and exhibits.

Lampeter Fair as usual will be the convening place for the scores of FFA youths representing the nine Lancaster County Vo-Ag departments in livestock judging contests, rope pulls and

horse shoe pitching on Thursday, September 24. The All-Western Horse Show takes over on Friday and livestock and produce judging will be conducted throughout the week.

Ephrata Fair features the County FFA Tractor Driving contest as well as the judging of fruits, vegetables, and livestock.

New Holland Farmer's Fair follows with events to run from September 30 to October 3 and the Manheim Community Farm Show October 7 to 9. Both of these fairs will also feature three days of livestock judging, canning displays, baked goods and arts and crafts.

Schedules of events at each local fair will appear in Lancaster Farming as they approach.

Pa. Florists Meeting Set

A statewide florists meeting will be held at Pocono Manor September 21 and 22.

Bedding, plant production, pot plants cut flowers, merchandising holiday plants and grading of cut flowers will be among the featured talks.

Growers from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Wisconsin, and Colorado will take part in the discussions.

Two Lancaster County 4-H Teams Earn Travel

Two of Lancaster County's 4-H Teams earned the privilege of representing Pennsylvania in several inter-state contests.

The inter-state travel was earned at the recent state-wide 4-H Judging Contest at Penn State University.

The 4-H Livestock Judging Team won the state contest for the third consecutive year and will represent Pennsylvania in four inter-state judging contests: Richmond Virginia, September 26, Pennsylvania Exposition at Harrisburg, November 12, Eastern National at Timonium, Maryland November 14, and the National Contest at Chicago, November 27.

The 4-H Livestock Conservation Demonstration Team won a blue ribbon and have been authorized to compete in the national contest at Omaha, Nebraska on September 30.

These two 4-H Club girls are: Cindy Hess, Strasburg RD1, and Nancy Yunginger, Manetta RD1.

Members of the winning livestock judging team are Burnell Buchen, Manheim RD3, Gary Dean, Strasburg RD1, Ed Donough, Manheim RD1 and Clark Stauffer, Ephrata RD1.

West German Ag Minister Quizzes Some Local Farmers About Farming

The West German minister of agriculture, the German counterpart of the U.S. cabinet-level Secretary of Agriculture, spent a day in Lancaster County touring farms this week.

Minister J. Ertl and some officials with him wanted to discuss farming with local farmers.

The delegation visited the Amos Lapp farm at Kinzer RD1, where the tobacco harvest had just been completed. The farm operation also includes dairying and corn. The minister was reported interested in the corn blight and how it is affecting the crop. Lapp's corn has a little blight but is reported in excellent condition.

The group then went to the Melvin Stoltzfus farm at Ronks RD1 to view the dairying operation including a milking system. The farm has a loafing shed system for the cattle. Stoltzfus recently was voted chairman of the Farm and Home Foundation.

The group then went to the large Turkey Hill Dairy operation at Conestoga which has more than 400 dairy cows. The minister was reported impressed that only three men could handle the milking of such a large herd.

During the visit of the Farm and Home Center, Ertl was surprised that such a nice building could be built without state or federal aid.

16 States Enter All-American

Outstanding dairy animals from 16 states will be among the 1,541 entries at the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show to be held at the Fair Show complex, September 21-25.

Pennsylvania leads with 651 entries. Other states entering animals are Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Breeds and entries are: Ayrshire, 241 animals, Brown Swiss, 174 Guernsey, 138 Holstein, 640 Jersey, 239, and Milking Shorthorn, 109. They will be competing for \$54,119 in premiums.

Jay Irwin, associate county agent, who conducted the tour, said the minister seemed quite interested in discussing in detail the various phases of farming with the farmers involved. The minister also discussed farming in Germany.

Like farmers in the U.S., German farmers have a critical labor problem because of the competition for labor from industry, the minister related.

Irwin also said the minister appeared impressed by the conscientious attitude and knowledge of farming displayed by the local farmers.

The minister also asked numerous questions about how local farm products are marketed.

With Ertl were Jost R. Wilke, Forestry Secretary at the German Embassy and Edwin C. Hadlock, administrative assistant of the National Grange. German TV crews filmed the visit.

The delegation arrived early Wednesday from Washington and returned late that evening after a full day of visiting here. Although the minister expressed interest in visiting the county again, it's not on his immediate agenda. He was slated to return to Bonn later this week.

Type 41 Tobacco Referendum Set

Every three years, ASCS is required to conduct a marketing quota referendum on Type 41 (cigar-filler) tobacco.

A referendum will be held early in 1971 to determine if growers want marketing quotas for the 1971, 1972 and 1973 crops of Type 41 tobacco.

(Type 41 accounts for the great majority, possibly around 90 per cent, of tobacco grown in Southeastern Pennsylvania.)

Allotments must be established for each farm prior to the referendum, based on the acreage grown in the past five years.

Cards are being mailed to all known tobacco farmers asking them to report to the ASCS office by November 15 the acreage of tobacco grown in 1968, 1969 and 1970. If the card is not returned by November 15, the allotment will be computed on the basis of acreages estimated by County or Community ASC Committeemen.

To receive full credit for the acreage grown, farmers are urged to complete and return the cards as soon as they receive them. Anyone who grew tobacco, but does not receive a card by September 25, should contact the County ASCS Office.

Farm Calendar

Saturday, September 12
Farm Women's Society 1 All Foods Sale at Nichols Store Ephrata
National Plowing Contest, Greenville, Ohio
Pennsylvania Hampshire Sheep Association field day and annual meeting, Clyde Brubaker farm, Lancaster
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