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Lancaster Co. FFA Gets Set For Kansas City Convention

Lancaster County FFA members will be among the 10,000 Future Farmers from all the states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands represented at the 43rd National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-16.

This convention is an annual event to conduct the business of the National FFA Organization and to recognize and give awards for outstanding accomplishments of FFA members on a national level.

Judging contests the culmination of FFA judging competition which begins at the local

chapter level and proceeds through contests at the district and state levels, will have more than 600 participants.

Local boys on state judging teams are Dairy Cattle, Ruben Houser, Lebanon, and Nelson Martin, New Holland Dairy Products, Larry R. Meis, Quakertown, Poultry, Kenneth Senning, Ephrata.

Cloister Chapter Ephrata will receive two gold emblem awards as their chapter is recognized for carrying out various activities. Lancaster County State Farmer Jay C. Zimmerman, past chairman of the Chapter Safety

Committee, will accept the National Chapter Safety Award. Cloister Chapter vice president Rick Pfautz will represent the Chapter and accept the National Chapter Award.

Among the sponsors honored this year for 15 years support will be John W. Eschelman & Sons, Lancaster.

Spectators to the convention will be Robert Campbell, Larry Horst, Allen Vach, Jacob Muesel, Frank Röss, Alvin Schlouch, Robert Scott, Sam Trupe, Carl Weaver, Ronald Youndt and Clifford Devad.

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Poultry Show Winner

Ammon Shelly, Box 85 Manheim, displays his grand champion bird in the poultry division at Manheim Fair this week.

It's a black cochen cock, Shelly explained, noting the thick plumage and green coloring on the beautiful bird's tail as factors in the championship.

Shelly is used to winning with his birds. He has about 185 in four breeds. Some 38 were entered in the fair, including entries by his wife and three grandsons. The grandsons "get a big kick out of it," Shelly said.

Shelly has been showing birds since the 1930's, except for 12 years which he took off to do some serious farming. Now he's an Oliver salesman for N G Hershey Inc. Manheim. His birds are an important hobby.

He enters about seven shows per year, including the large York Farmers Association Show at York Fair Grounds, coming up October 23-25, and the Farm Show at Harrisburg.

Asked about the cost of his hobby, Shelly said he about

"broke even" last year. While he gets some money from showing at fairs, the biggest return is from selling the birds to other hobbyists, he said.

But he indicated that the hobby is expensive for those who lack the patience and interest to develop a fine flock such as the one he has. He noted that many persons in the Manheim Lititz area have given up the show bird hobby in recent years.

But Shelly is "showing stronger than ever."

Farm Women Complete Plans for Convention

Plans for the 53rd annual convention of the Society of Farm Women of Lancaster County, November 7, were finalized at a meeting of the executive board held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Arthur D. Wenger, Manheim RD2.

Mrs. Wenger, Society 27, was assisted by Mrs. Kenneth Martin, Society 26. Mrs. Leon Thomas was in charge of devotions.

During the business meeting, conducted by Mrs. John N. Hess, president, Mrs. Melvin Meck, chairman of the bazaar table for the convention, reminded the presidents that items should be packaged in a non-returnable container and marked with a suggested selling price. The sale will begin at 10 a.m. on Nov. 7 during registration at the convention.

Mrs. Aaron Denlinger, program chairman, announced the

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Ker Groff (front) and Gary Buchen pose with the Manheim FFA Chapter's first place window exhibit at the Manheim Fair this week. The exhibit shows a hunter (rear) pointing his weapon at the squirrel, but hitting the man in the foreground. Lights flash and the victim falls. Jess Erway, vo-ag teacher, said the boys

plan to add sound and hope to enter the exhibit in the State Farm Show. In the background is the warning that in Pennsylvania in 1969, there were 28 fatal hunting accidents and 451 persons injured, of which 222 victims were in the direct line of fire.

Farm Calendar

- Saturday, October 10
- 1-5 pm — Milton S. Hetshev Medical Center, open to public, October 10-11
- 1-30 pm — Society of Farm Women 1, home of Mrs. Franklin Weber
- 7-30 pm — Fiftieth Anniversary, Lancaster County Pomona Grange, Fulton Grange Hall, Oakryn
- Society of Farm Women 20

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