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Ruth Ann Hockenbroch of Richfield, Pa., was installed this week as national president of the Future Homemakers of America.

Pa. Girl Named President Of 600,000 Member FHA

A 17-year-old Pennsylvania girl was installed as national president of the Future Home-

makers of America this week at the FHA's 25th national convention in New York City.

Landisburg Man Tops Dragon Sale

Al Albright of Landisburg, Pa. showed the grand champion cow, a Holstein, at the Green Dragon Dairy Cow Show and Sale Friday.

In the afternoon, Melvin Kolb of Lancaster bought the animal for \$1700.

Larry Loose, co-owner of the Green Dragon, said the weather was excellent and turn out was outstanding for the sale. He estimated up to 500 farmers attended.

Albright's top Holstein was followed by animals owned by the following: Mike Rissei, Palmyra, RD2, bought by John Moser, Barto RD, for \$760, and two animals shown by Kelly Bowser Worthington, and Bob Kennedy Mars, near Pittsburgh. The latter two animals were bought by Robert Katz, Bernville, for \$950, and Lloyd S Martin for \$785.

In the Guernsey competition,

she is Ruth Ann Hockenbroch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Hockenbroch, Star Route, Richfield, and a senior at Middleburg High School.

Miss Hockenbroch served as first vice president of the 600,000 member organization for the past year.

She will study a mixed academic and commercial curriculum during her senior year. She intends to enroll in the Pennsylvania Junior College of Medical Arts, Harrisburg, upon graduation.

Miss Hockenbroch was accompanied to the convention by both of her home economics teachers, Mrs. Alice Wendel, Selmsgrove, and Miss Barbara Feister, Richfield. The three were slated to return home Friday evening.

Al Albright's animal was first, followed by animals shown by Elmer Bachman, Lebanon RD4, second and Glenn Fite, Quarryville, third.

In the mixed breeds, Al Albright again was first followed by Bob Kennedy with the next three animals.

Earl M. Weaver Named Star Agribusinessman of America

A 21-year-old Middletown FFA member was named Star Agribusinessman of America this week at the National FFA Convention at Kansas City, Missouri.

He is Earl M. Weaver, a member of the Upper Bucks Tech FFA Chapter.

Weaver previously had been announced as one of four Regional Star Agribusinessmen and

he was given the top national agribusiness award in competition this week with the other three regional winners.

The Agribusiness winner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin N. Weaver of Middletown.

One of 12 children, Weaver decided that it would be impossible for him to have an extensive farming program on the 160-acre family farm so he began looking for alternatives.

Because of his interest in agriculture he took advantage of the Agricultural Occupational Experience Program offered by the vocational agricultural department at Upper Bucks Tech.

Through the Agriculture Occupational Experience Program, Earl Weaver has gained experience in fruit farming, dairy herd testing, and most recently in the breeding and care of laboratory animals. His supervisor in these activities has been vocational agriculture instructor James E. Diamond.

Until he was 18, all but 10 per

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Penn State Schedules Agronomy Workshop At Fleetwood Nov. 17

Penn State University's 1970 Agronomy Dealer Workshops are slated around the state in mid-November.

The one nearest this area will be held from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Tuesday, November 17, in Berks County at the Fleetwood Grange. The Workshop is for all seed, fertilizer and pesticide dealers and their service men.

Directions to the meeting are: From Reading, take Route 222 northeast 13 miles to Moselem Springs, turn right at the traffic light on Route 662 and the Grange is one and a half miles south on the right side of the road.

Max Smith, Lancaster County agricultural agent, said the Workshop is conducted by Penn State extension specialists "to coordinate the 1971 recommendations relating to agronomy."

Penn State feels it's important that the various farm supply firms generally make the same recommendations as extension agents, he said.

Similar workshops are being held from November 10 through November 20 in Venango County, Westmoreland County, Franklin County, Centre County, Bradford County, Lackawanna County and Montour County.

The morning program will include an in-depth discussion of

the pros and cons of no-till corn planting by a farmer, engineer, entomologist, agronomist and county agent.

In the afternoon, a panel will discuss the latest developments in grassland management, including new varieties, new herbicides, insecticides, machinery and fertilizer.

Other items include bird resistant grain sorghum, cereal leaf beetle, weed identification and agricultural pollution.

U. S. Farm Bill Is Still Stalled

The new U.S. farm bill came close to passage this week, but didn't quite make it and now can't be acted on before November 16.

Previously, both the U.S. House and Senate approved separate bills, then a joint bill was worked out in conference committee and the House approved the joint bill.

But the Senate this week failed to act on the joint bill and since the Senate adjourned this week and won't be back in session until November 16, that's

the first date on which action can occur. There is no guarantee the bill will come up next month, however.

That the information this week from the Washington office of Congressman Edwin D. Eshleman.

The Congressman's office also said the two main differences between the House-approved bill and the current farm legislation are:

First, a \$55,000 payment limitation has been written into the bill. Until this bill, there has never been a payment limitation in the farm act. As a result, many large farm operations were getting federal farm payments exceeding \$100,000 a year. But the practice has been coming under fire in recent years and the opposition to unlimited payments reached a climax this year.

Congressman Eshleman reported that he voted in favor of the \$55,000 limitation, although

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Robert Weaver Honored At U.S. FFA Convention

Robert Lee Weaver, 21-year-old Strasburg RD1 dairy farmer, received a \$500 award at the National FFA Convention at Kansas City, where he was honored as one of four Regional Star Farmers.

Although Weaver didn't win the coveted Star Farmer of America award, he reported Friday morning that the convention was a memorable one for him.

The Star Farmer candidates were interviewed on radio and TV. They met big city mayors and state governors. They participated in banquets and were interviewed in depth about their farming programs, leadership experience and community activities.

Weaver, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Weaver, said the con-

vention was the largest ever with over 13,500 attending. The elder Weaver attended the convention and received an Honorary American Farmer degree. Also present was Gerald Kiger, former Lampeter-Strasburg vocational teacher and FFA advisor when the younger Weaver was a student there.

In addition to being honored as Regional Star Farmer, Weaver also received the American Farmer degree, the highest degree at the national level, along with two Solanco FFA members, Preston LeFevre Jr., Quarryville, and James S. Huber, Peach Bottom RD2.

Robert Weaver also said the Delaware Association representative won the public speaking contest.

Farm Calendar

Saturday, October 17

8 p.m. — Lancaster County Pomona Grange meeting, Fulton Grange Hall, Oakryn.
Farm Women Society 3, Mrs. Irvin Burkholder, hostess.
Farm Women Society 18, Litz Church of the Brethren, Mrs. David Buckwalter, hostess.
Farm Women Society 25, home of Mrs. Ralph Schlegelmilch, Lancaster RD6.

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