

## Penn-Mar Shropshire Club Holds Annual Meeting, Elects Officers

Performance registry may in the future be a requisite for registration of purebred Shropshire rams, Bancroft Henderson, a director of the American Shropshire Registry Association, told the Penn-Mar Shropshire Club at its annual meeting in Harrisburg.

Henderson stressed that the proposed new ruling was only in early discussion stages and the national association was anxious to know the feelings of Shropshire breeders in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Requiring all registered rams to meet Performance Registry standards would, in the opinion of Henderson, give the prospective buyer a guarantee. Performance registry for both rams and ewes is already possible on a voluntary basis and many Shropshire breeders are already using it. To qualify for performance registration an animal must meet high standards in both daily weight gains and conformation.

Members of the Penn-Mar Shropshire Club raised a number of questions about the proposal. Foremost was the concern that ram lambs would not be old enough to qualify for registration before the Keystone Sale in early July if 120 day weights were to be a qualification for registration.

In other business club members re-elected Warn G. Menhennett, Cochranville, president; Harold E. Harpster, Boalsburg, vice president, Leon Johnston, Stewartstown, Treasurer, and Mrs. Warn G. Menhennett, secretary.

Club projects for the coming year will include a "loin eye improvement kit" and a biannual buyers guide. The buyers guide will list aged rams, yearling and ram lambs, aged ewes, yearling and ewe lambs plus price ranges which club members have available for sale by private contract. The buyers guide will be published in the late spring and again in the fall. Purebred and commercial sheepmen who wish to be placed on the mailing list for receipt of the buyers guide should send their names and addresses to Mrs. Warn G. Menhennett, Cochranville RD1 19330 There.

### Middle Creek Contested

The U.S. Supreme Court has been asked to decide the state's right to exercise the law of eminent domain for a water fowl preserve.

Attorneys for Mr. and Mrs. Lester G. Rissei, Newmanstown RD1, are specifically challenging the state's taking of the Rissei's 105 acre farm in Lebanon County for the Middle Creek Water Fowl Project in Lancaster and Lebanon Counties. The Supreme Court was asked to intervene in September, but still has not reached a decision on whether to take jurisdiction.

The Lebanon County Court ruled against the Risseis in July, 1969, and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court upheld the lower court in April of this year.



# USDA '71 Potato Goals

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has recommended that growers of 1971 spring and early summer potatoes plant the same acreage as they did in 1970.

The recommendations are made in "1971 Acreage Marketing Guides, Spring and Early Summer Potatoes," a publication prepared by USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service to help growers plan production to meet market needs. The guides

suggest voluntary acreage levels based on the prospective market situation.

The total spring plantings suggested for 1971 are 111,400 acres. Assuming normal planting losses and average yields, the production from this acreage would be 25.5 million hundredweight, about equal to the 1970 production. The recommended total early summer plantings, 81,400 acres, would result in production of 12.8

million hundredweight, moderately more than the 1970 output.

State and County Agricultural Extension Service offices in areas producing spring and early summer potatoes will have copies of "1971 Acreage Marketing Guides, Spring and Early Summer Potatoes" (AMG-76), in early December, for those who wish more details.



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