

Wivell Discusses Waste Conference

Clyde Wivell, past Lancaster County Farmers Association president, reported on the recent Ag Waste Conference in Harrisburg at the Association's monthly meeting at the Farm and Home Center Tuesday.

Wivell, who represented the Association at the conference, said the consensus at the conference was that agriculture can take care of its own waste problems, but if farmers don't do the job someone else will.

"They don't say how you're going to pay for it, they say it can be done," Wivell explained.

He added that there is plenty of advice on what farmers "shouldn't do," but there's no clear advice on what to do to solve many of the waste problems, he said.

He noted that the state now has the law behind it to force farmers to shut down operation involving waste.

He quoted a state senator as saying that pollution is the political "bandwagon" issue of the day, similar to the prohibition issue of the 1920's. Everyone is now against pollution whether or not they have any solutions for it, he said.

"What makes it so controversial is an entire generation of people who don't know where food comes from. They don't know that in order to have milk on the table, you have to have cows," Wivell explained.

He also noted that there is a wide variation of opinion on

what constitutes a pollution problem. While most people in this area, for instance, like the smell of chocolate, he said, he recalled that some friends from the West visiting here said they "couldn't stand it" but liked the smells at some of the local farms which would be offensive to urban visitors.

In other business, it was reported that membership in Lancaster County had reached 471

to date. The group indicated this was exceptionally good for this time of year. The annual membership kick-off is slated for 7 p.m. Monday, January 4 at the Witmer Fire Hall, Chester Heim, Pennsylvania Farmers Association legislative leader, will be the speaker.

The county directors voted "to pay the bills" for the Women's Committee activities in 1971. Several board members

indicated the Committee has been doing an outstanding job.

Mrs. Wivell, who was recently reelected to the state Women's Committee to represent Lancaster, York and Adams Counties, reported that the state committee is interested in reports on all farm accidents. A study of certain types of accidents was previously announced at the local level.

The group voted to increase payment for travel to eight cents a mile to be more in line with current automobile costs.

Sale of 40 debentures of \$100 each at six per cent interest was also announced. It was re-

ported that this is part of a statewide drive by the PFA to replace some outstanding eight and one half per cent notes.

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the cow can be detected in the milk and guidelines were discussed on how to prevent this from occurring.

Dr. Levac indicated there are other tests, not now required by law, that the dairies would like to run to help the farmer pinpoint some of the problems due to improper sanitizing and milk handling.

Every farmer was urged to have his water tested for hardness in order for him to know how much of the sanitizers and cleansers to add to the water.

It was also noted that the water that comes straight from the well or spring should not be used without sanitizer in cleaning any parts or surfaces which may come into contact with milk. The water contains bacteria, which may speed the souring of milk.

Having completed the course, the dairymen were challenged to make the few hours a day they spend milking the most meaningful work they do, realizing that all the field work, barn chores and management headaches are endured and done for those precious few minutes the farmer spends harvesting his milk crop each day.

Red Meat Up 6% in Pa.

Commercial production of red meat in Pennsylvania rose to 100,987,000 pounds in October, an increase of six per cent from a year earlier, according to the State Crop Reporting Service.

Beef accounted for most of the gain, with the October production of 43,659,000 pounds up 15 per cent from a year ago. Pork production increased two per cent to 54,390,000 pounds. Veal production was down 20 per cent and lamb and mutton was off 24 per cent.

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