

Guy Eshelman (center) of Clyde K. Eshelman and Sons, Washington Boro, RD1, receives a trophy for the co-championship in the hand harvested ear corn class of the Penna. Five Acre Corn Club. The Eshelman farm produced an average of 196.4 bushels per acre. Presenting the trophy is Dr. Joseph McGahen (left) Ex-

tension Agronomist at Penn State, and Arnold G. Lueck, Associate Extension agent in Lancaster County who worked with the Corn Club. The event was co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Crop Improvement Association and the Cooperative Extension Service. The trophy was presented at the Farm Show Wednesday.

Pomona Grange Holds Dinner Meeting

Mrs. Robert Neuhauser, Strasburg Pike, Lancaster, Lancaster County Coordinator of the AYE, spoke at the dinner meeting of Lancaster County Pomona Grange 71 at Rhoads Spanish Restaurant, Quarryville Jan. 16. Her topic was "American Youth Exchange."

Mrs. Neuhauser explained that this is a youth exchange program started 10 years ago in Miami, Fla. Fifteen states in the U.S.A. and six South American countries are now participating in it.

Some 41 youths from South America have visited in Lancaster County in the past four years in which we have taken part in it and 13 from Lancaster County have gone to South American countries. Our county hopes to have several go next summer. They visit in homes where there are young people their age and their visit is for 10 weeks.

It is for young people between the ages of 15 and 18 years. The cost per person runs between \$500 and \$800, depending on

where they go and other incidentals.

Mrs. Jesse Wood, Lecturer of the Pomona Grange, introduced Misses Judy Carrera and Maria Rivera from Peru who answered questions concerning their homeland and exhibited pictures and articles from Peru which they brought with them. Also introduced were girls who are entertaining the Peruvian girls, Misses Connie Campbell and Cindy Wood.

Mrs. Wood also conducted a memorial service for the following members who died during the past year: Mrs. Bertha Hamilton of Salisbury Grange and Mrs. Mary J. Herr, Mrs. Grace Grimsey, Mrs. Alice Grubb, Ralph Armstrong, Allen Dubble and B. Cookman Dunkle from Fulton Grange.

Taking part were the acting Master, Clifford Holloway Jr., Chaplain, Miles Cochran; the Graces, Miss Elaine Galbreath, Mrs. Joseph G. Hess and Mrs. Clifford Holloway Jr.; and Secretary, Mrs. Charles McSparran. Also Mrs. Groff and Mrs. Rich-

ard Holloway gave readings. Mrs. Richard Jackson accompanied the group singing "The River of Time" and "Beautiful Golden Somewhere."

Clifford Holloway Jr., acting Master, presided at the business session when the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, All bulk milk tanks used to store milk to be sold in the Philadelphia milk shed must have the stamp of approval of Dr. Walker, health officer of Lower Merion Township. And

WHEREAS, A fee of \$75 must be paid by purchaser of such tank to have his stamp on the tank. And

WHEREAS, We consider this fee as pure blackmail and entirely unconstitutional. Be it

RESOLVED, That Lancaster County Pomona Grange urge the Pennsylvania State Grange to use every method at their disposal to abolish this blackmailing of dairy farmers

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Mount Joy Co-Op Will Meet

The annual meeting of the Mount Joy Farmers Co-Operative Association will be held at Hostellers Banquet Hall, Mount Joy, at 12 noon Wednesday, January 27.

The meeting will open with a dinner to be served to members and their wives.

Special entertainment will be provided by "The Trebleaires" Clarence Newcome, a former Mount Joy boy, who is now District Attorney, will speak.

The annual reports of the business of the association for the year ending October 31, 1970, will be presented and any other business that may come before the meeting.

Two directors will be elected to serve for a term of three years.

The terms of the following Directors expire this year: Lewis Bixler, Marietta, and Donald Ney, Marietta.

The nominating committee has met and have selected four members whose names will be placed in nomination. Further nominations may be made from the floor.

New Farm Loans Slow

New farm mortgage loans during the first half of 1970 were at the lowest level since 1962.

The \$605 million loaned by the three major lender groups was 50 per cent below the peak volume of \$1,240 million in the first half of 1966, according to the USDA.

Largest decline in loans was recorded by life insurance companies, down 56 per cent from a year earlier. Federal land banks registered a 25 per cent drop.

Insured loans approved by the Farmers Home Administration (FHA) declined 12 per cent.

Milk Output Continues Up

U. S. milk production, at 9.3 billion pounds in December, was up 13 per cent from a year earlier.

This marked the sixth consecutive month and 11th month of the past 13 that output has been above that of a corresponding month a year earlier.

It also pushed output for all of 1970 to 116.9 billion pounds, up 6/10 of one per cent over a year ago, the first time production has been above a year earlier since 1964.

Over-all December output was above a year earlier in 23 states and unchanged from a year earlier in six states. It was down from December, 1969, in 21 states.

Sharpest December increases were in Washington, up nine per cent; Florida, up eight per cent,

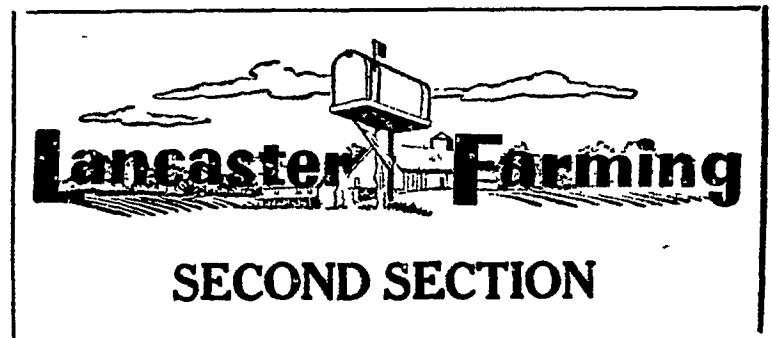
Arkansas, Utah and California, up six per cent, and Vermont and Oklahoma, up five per cent.

Sharpest December decreases were in New Jersey, down six per cent; North Dakota and Alaska, down five per cent.

Ortiz Promoted

Juanito David Ortiz, Martindale, has been promoted to a supervisory position in the Fresh Poultry Processing Division of Victor F. Weaver, Inc., New Holland.

Ortiz joined Weaver in 1955, and has recently been serving as a Group Leader in the Eviscerating Department. In his new position, Ortiz will be responsible for assisting in the supervision of the Eviscerating Department.



National Hog Cholera Cases Reported Down 54% in 1970

Positive cases of hog cholera in the Nation dropped 54 per cent in 1970 as compared to 1969, according to figures released recently by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The 679 positive cases last year were 802 less than the 1,481 total in 1969. Moreover, 1970 closed with only 25 positive cases in December — the lowest total ever for that month and, along with November, which also had 25, the lowest for any month since February 1966 when 15 cases were reported.

Dr. R. S. Sharman, Acting Director of USDA's Animal Health Division, Agricultural Research Service, termed the 1970 reduction in hog cholera "significant progress" in the nationwide program to eliminate this costly swine disease in the United States.

In the final, stamping-out phases of the four-phase program, infected and exposed swine are destroyed to prevent further infection; and herd owners are paid State and Federal indemnities to help compensate them for losses.

The national program for eradicating hog cholera got underway in late 1962, and comprehensive reporting started in 1964. Before that time, the

Guernsey Group Selects Officers

Officers of the Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders were elected at a meeting Monday at the home of Art Breneman.

Fred Crider, Nottingham RD2, was elected president; Ken Garber, vice-president; Mel Brenehan, secretary-treasurer, and Robert Rohrer, DHIA representative.

Named to the tour committee were Ken Garber, chairman; Ralph Bitler and Larry Brenehan.

The field day committee consists of Jesse Balmer, chairman, Paul Breneman, and K. D. Linde.

Directors voted to give a donation to the Plastow Memorial Fund.

country was experiencing an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 hog cholera cases annually at a cost of over \$50 million a year to the Nation's swine industry.

By the end of 1970, 48 States and Puerto Rico were in the final program phases with 17 States officially declared "hog cholera free," and 16 in Phase IV — the last step before becoming a "free" State. Fifteen States and Puerto Rico are in Phase III.

To be declared free of hog cholera, a State must complete all steps of the program and go for one year without a positive case. Since a danger of reinfection exists, a State continues regulatory activities and case investigations, if any, even after attaining cholera-free status.

The infectious, highly contagious virus disease that affects swine only is most often spread through movement of infected or exposed pigs. Hog cholera is completely unrelated to the disease of cholera in humans.

Dr. Sharman points to several

factors in 1970's reduced incidence:

Market standards — Stronger standards for stockyards and livestock markets doing interstate business went into effect last July.

State action — A growing number of States are requiring on-the-farm inspection and identification of feeder pigs and breeding stock as a pre-condition to movement. States are also acting more promptly in placing quarantines to stop swine movements and to isolate suspect herds.

Vaccine ban — A Federal regulation stopping interstate movement of swine inoculated with modified live virus vaccine went into effect on December 31, 1969. Despite some concern that stopping vaccine would cause an upsurge in the disease, this did not materialize. While vaccine may help control hog cholera, it can also cause the disease, so eradication could not be achieved while continuing vaccination.

Special operation — A two-State area in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina was accounting for

more than half of the Nation's hog cholera in the second and third quarters of 1970. A cooperative State-Federal eradication task force was formed there in September; and by late October the last positive hog cholera case had been found and eliminated. Surveillance action continues in the area.

Dr. Sharman, warning against complacency, said, "with hog cholera now confined to just a few States, the opportunity is here—in 1971—to eradicate this dread disease once and for all."

Square Dancing

Lancaster County award winners in the Square Dancing Contest at the Folk Dance Festival included

Blue ribbons in the Open class to the Lancaster County Union-suiters, Lancaster County Grand Square (second set), and the Red Rose County Squares.

Red ribbons to The Shoeflyers, Lancaster County Grand Square (first set) and Lancaster County Do-Pas-O.