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P. Wilmer Dagen

Dagen Finishes Course

P. Wilmer Dagen, 60 Main St., Salunga recently completed a 20-day study of social and economic problems of rural Pennsylvania which was administered through the Pennsylvania State University College of Agriculture public affairs education program. (See photo on page 29.)

The course Dagen successfully completed is supported by a W. K. Kellogg Foundation grant which paid for the cost of his studies.

Road Engineer To Speak Here

Lewis Robinson, Pennsylvania Highway Department engineer, has been invited to give the latest information on highway development and construction in Lancaster County, including schedules and dates of highway programs.

Robinson is slated to be the speaker at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 14, at a meeting of the Lancaster County Rural Development Committee, which is chaired by Max Smith, Lancaster County agricultural agent.

Local Youths Place High In Dairy Judging Contest

Both local individuals and teams placed high in the annual Invitational Dairy Cattle Judging Contest sponsored by the Penn State Dairy Science Club at the University May 1.

Robert Hess, Strasburg RD1, was high individual in judging Guernseys in the 4-H show.

Joyce Weaver, Chester County, was high individual in Ayrshire and Jersey judging.

The Solanco High School team from Quarryville placed first among 10 FFA teams competing. Team members were: Carl Kreider, Randy Clark, Wayne Kreider and William Krantz. The coach was Stephen M. Leiser, vo-ag teacher.

Chester County and Lancaster County placed one and two, among 12 4-H judging teams. Members of the Chester County team were: Susan Weaver, Joyce Weaver, Nancy Wollaston, and James Wertz. The coach was Glenn Shirk.

Members of the second place Lancaster County team were: Burnell Buchen, Susan Kaufman, Raelene Harbold, Robert Hess, and Rick Hess, all members of the Lancaster County Holstein Club. Mrs. Robert Kauffman, Elizabethtown RD1, was chaperone.

Chester County edged the Lancaster County team with a score of 1,219 to 1,213.

New Plateless Planter

International Harvester Company's new plateless corn planter will be demonstrated Monday at the Farm of Ivan Yost, Christiana RD1. Interested persons have been invited to drop around between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to see the planter, which works on air. For directions, Yost's phone number is (215) 593-5326.

While the Solanco FFA boys did not win top honors in any breed, they had the best team score and Carl Kreider and Randy Clark placed second and third in the high individuals of all breeds. In a real close placing, Kreider was also third in oral reasons in the FFA division.

The Solanco High School Dairy Club was formed last fall as an extra-curricular activity. The purpose of the club is to promote interest in dairying and to expand or supplement skills not learned in class. Other members of the club include Larry Aaron, Gary Ackers, David Bitler, Roger Cambell, Charles Coates, Kenneth Glick, William Hershey, and Fred Leffer.

The judging was divided into 4-H, FFA and Collegiate divisions.



Members of the winning Solanco FFA dairy judging team recently at Penn State are: left to right, seated, Carl Kreider and Wayne Kreider; standing, Randy Clark, Stephen Leiser, advisor, and William Krantz.

Editorial and Market Changes Announced

Lancaster Farming this week announces two changes in its format.

The editorial page has been moved to a new location and the market section has been expanded to three pages.

Both changes are largely a result of gradually expanded market coverage which has made the traditional market pages, two and three, inadequate.

Because it was felt that the market section should be kept together on adjoining pages, the editorial page, which has traditionally been page four, has been moved to a new location. Some markets will be moved to page four. See markets on pages two, three and four this week.

The editorial page has been moved to the fourth page of the second section. Editorial page readers can find it easily; it's the same location as before, except it's in the second section instead of the first section. See editorials on page 20 this week.

Farm Calendar

Saturday, May 8

12:30 p.m.—4-H Walk-a-Thon.

Sunday, May 9

Mother's Day

Monday, May 10

7:30 p.m.—Agriculture Committee, Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, Chamber office.

Tuesday, May 11

8 p.m.—Manheim Young Farmers Association meeting, Bruce and Dale Hershey farm, Manheim RD3.

8 p.m.—Fulton Grange presents State Grange Traveling Gavel to Fremont Grange, Chester County.

Regional FFA Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure Contest, Millersville.

Thursday, May 13

2:45 p.m.—Area FFA Leadership Contest (Continued on Page 5)

Pa. Poultry Extension Mobilizes to Solve Waste Problem

Penn State University Extension Service has recently begun a program to analyze and develop solutions for the state's poultry waste disposal problems, the Lancaster County Poultry Association was informed Monday.

Jay W. Irwin, associate Lancaster County agricultural agent, said the purpose is to keep Pennsylvania poultrymen in business.

The long-term potential threat of restrictions against pollution are now deemed so critical that Extension poultry specialists and many poultrymen and allied industry men believe top priority must be placed on solving this problem, Irwin explained.

The Penn State effort will begin by evaluating the extent and nature of the total waste problem across the state.

This will include surveys and research on actual costs of equipment installation and maintenance necessary to solve the problem.

Workshops are planned throughout the state to review these problems with poultrymen.

Also, research is underway on the possibility of recycling.

"I think it is important that agriculture take the leadership," Irwin said.

"We're trying to show that farmers have to move in this direction in order to preserve their industry," Irwin said.

Irwin said industry leaders feel the Pennsylvania poultry industry will be much farther ahead if it takes the leadership in solving this critical problem than if it waits until action is forced upon it. Industry leaders, including Floyd Hicks, Penn State poultry specialist, also stress that action must begin now, five years from now may be too late, Irwin explained.

Primary emphasis toward finding solution will center around the automated stirring and forced air drying system developed by Dr. Glenn Bressler of Penn State. This system is now receiving nationwide attention and some other states have now installed similar systems for

research and development, Irwin noted. Some states are also reported shifting emphasis from other systems to the Bressler approach.

The system primarily involves two aspects removing moisture and removing odors from poultry waste. Under the system, odors are actually stopped before they form because the drying process kills the bacteria which cause the odors.

This results in a light-weight product which is relatively odorless. Because the moisture has been removed, there is less volume of material to process.

Irwin noted that one of the key aspects of the new research efforts is to develop means to further process the dried waste

to make it into commercially usable materials. This would help eliminate the need to dispose of wastes over a restricted scope or area near the farm or near residential areas.

One of the immediate objectives will be to get local poultrymen to commit themselves to converting to the new drying system so that additional know-how and experience can be gained. Some operations in the county already have successfully converted to the new system. As further know-how is developed, it is believed the system can be even more successful.

The Association also reviewed its place in promotional program and considered possible expansion this year.