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Pollution Panel Slated

"Pollution Prevention and Control" is the topic of the second of three panel discussions by the Farm and Home Foundation at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, December 9 at the Farm and Home Center. All interested persons are invited.

Three speakers for the panel are:

John B. Moyer, director of the department of Environmental Resources, Harrisburg, on "Pennsylvania's program for Pollution Control."

N. Henry Wooding, Penn State

University Extension agricultural engineer, on "Agriculture and Pollution Control."

Robert A. Dye, president, Lancaster County Supervisor's Association, on "Township Government and Pollution Control."

Max Smith, Lancaster County agricultural agent, panel moderator and member of the Farm and Home Educational Committee, stated, "Pollution is a very important subject and everyone is urged to attend this meeting to learn more about prevention and control."

No-Till Discussed

Corn growers who used the no-till planting system in 1971 will most likely do so again next year, Penn State University Extension agronomist at the annual Forage and Seed Conference recently. Dr. Willis L. McClellan pointed

out that no-till corn planting will work satisfactorily as long as weeds and grasses are eliminated. He explains that the system involves planting without any prior soil preparation such as plowing and harrowing.

"Since soil conditions vary from field to field, it is essential that the planter is adjusted so the seed is always covered with 1½ inches or firm soil," the Extension agronomist said.

McClellan emphasized that a fall application of rye in a continuous corn rotation might possibly make a contribution to weed control and help rot the corn stalks from the previous year.

Commenting on seeding legumes in the spring using the no-till method, the specialist said a system must be developed to slow the growth process of the existing sod so legume germination can take place. No-till legume seeding needs more experimentation before it can be adopted as a common practice, he added.

Farm Calendar

Sunday, December 5

Annual meeting, American Farm Bureau Federation, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, December 5-9.

Monday, December 6

8 p.m. — Lancaster County Poultry Association board of directors meeting, Farm and Home Center.

Lancaster County Farmers Organization board meeting, Farm and Home Center.

Tuesday, December 7

9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. — County Homemakers Christmas meeting, Farm and Home Center.

1 p.m. — Lancaster County 4-H Beef Roundup, Stock Yards.

1 p.m. — Extension dairy feeding meeting, Honey Brook Grange Hall.

7:30 p.m. — Ephrata Young Farmers dairy herd management course, agriculture department, Ephrata Area High School.

7:30 p.m. — Garden Spot Young Farmers meeting, agriculture department, Garden Spot High School.

7:30 p.m. — Extension dairy feeding meeting, Russellville Grange Hall.

Wednesday, December 8

9 a.m. — Southeastern District 4-H Beef Show and Sale, Lancaster Stock Yards.

Thursday, December 9

5:30 p.m. — Educational meeting, State Representatives, Brownstown.

7:30 p.m. — Joint meeting of Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, Legislators, agricultural leaders, Lancaster.

7:30 p.m. — Educational panel on "Pollution — Prevention and Control", Farm and Home Center.

Golden Harvest Holstein sale, Guernsey Sales Barn.

Friday, December 10

7 p.m. — Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association Ladies Night, The Embers Restaurant, Carlisle.



Officers of the Lancaster County Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association for 1972 elected at a meeting Thursday night are: left to right, seated, Jesse Erway, Manheim Central High School, president; Arba Henry, Solanco

High School, vice president; Charles Ackley, Ephrata High School, treasurer. Standing, Jim H. Hilton, Penn Manor High School, county FFA advisor, and Richard Thomas, Lampeter-Strasburg High School, secretary.

Egg Fowl Bill Is Before Congress

Legislation authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to activate a program which would adjust the number of commercial egg laying fowl upon recommendation of an industry advisory committee has been introduced in both Houses of Congress, United Egg Producers (UEP) reported recently.

Senator Herman Talmadge of Georgia and Representative John Dow of New York introduced similar bills, entitled "The Egg Industry Adjustment Act," in their respective Houses.

Representative Dow dropped his bill into the hopper Friday, November 19, prior to the House of Representatives recess for Thanksgiving. His bill is numbered H.R. 11913.

Senator Talmadge introduced his bill on Monday, November 22, and it became numbered S. 2895.

Senator Talmadge is Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee and Representative Dow is a member of the House Agriculture Committee and the

sub-committee on Dairy and Poultry.

James F. Fleming, director of UEP governmental relations, reported "indications of strong support" among members of Congress for the measure. He said the final success of the legislation, however, lay in the amount of support egg producers back home rendered.

"Congress is receptive to the needs of egg producers just as it

is to other segments of the national economy," Fleming said.

"Members will support the egg industry in this emergency legislation if the industry wants it. Congress has become disenchanted with old-line government control programs which call for huge outlays of government money and have become increasingly in favor of govern-

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New Castle Is Topic

Seriousness of the recent outbreaks of foreign New Castle disease will be the topic at the meeting of the Lancaster County Poultry Association at 8 p.m. Monday, December 6, at the Farm and Home Center.

Speakers will be Dr. Edward Mallinson, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, and Dr. Walter Hohlestein, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Annual County 4-H Beef Roundup Set

The annual Lancaster County 4-H Baby Beef Roundup will be held at the Lancaster Stock Yards at 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 7.

Purpose of the show will be to pick 35 head of Lancaster County animals for the annual Pennsylvania Farm Show.

On Wednesday, beginning at 9 a.m., the annual District 4-H

show will be held. This will involve animals not going to the Farm Show from Chester, Dauphin and Lancaster Counties. About 125 to 130 head are expected, according to Max Smith, Lancaster County agricultural agent.

A sale, sponsored by the Lancaster Livestock Exchange, will be held at 1 p.m. at the auction barn.

Gypsy Moth Hits Two Million Acres, Including Half-Million in Pennsylvania

Gypsy moth caterpillars caused light to severe defoliation over about two million woodland acres in nine Northeastern States this season, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reported recently.

Connecticut was the hardest hit with 655,000 acres defoliated, according to officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Service (APHIS).

Gypsy moths also defoliated more than 598,000 acres of trees in Pennsylvania, 479,000 in New York, 180,000 in New Jersey, 18,000 in Massachusetts, 8,000 in Rhode Island, 3,000 in New Hampshire, 800 in Maine and 700 in Vermont.

Approximately 25 per cent of the two million acres were severely defoliated with trees being stripped of from 70 to 100 per cent of their leaves. Over 40 per cent were lightly defoliated (5 to 60 per cent loss of leaves), but infestations in these areas may be extremely heavy next year. The two million figure is

twice the acreage defoliated in 1970, and more than six times the 1969 damage.

Gypsy moth populations increased significantly in recent years, with spread occurring this season south and west of infested portions of the northeast. Aphs entomologists trapped moths in more than 80 new countries, including numerous cataches throughout the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia. Areas now being invaded are those where forest makeup is high—up to 95 per cent in some areas—in oak and other

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