

Twin Valley YF Seeks Members

On Thursday evening, January 6, 1972, a regular meeting of the Twin Valley Young Farmers Association will be held in the vocational agriculture classroom of the Twin Valley High School.

Topic for this meeting will be "The Aims and Purposes of the Young Farmers." The program will feature a panel discussion by past presidents of the Twin Valley Young Farmers, slides of State Young Farmer activities, and a short address by a State Young Farmer officer.

The Young Farmers Association is composed of farmers in the Twin Valley School District seeking to further their knowledge of agriculture. By definition, a "young" farmer is any farmer willing to learn, regardless of age.

The Association operates under the guidance of the vocational agriculture department of the Twin Valley High School.

Activities of the Association include eight to 10 instructional meetings with topics for each meeting chosen by the officers. These meetings are held from

November to April, with only one meeting being devoted to a topic. Meetings for this year include the following topics — Waste Disposal, Corn Contest Evaluation, Safe Water Supplies, New Corn Growing Ideas, Grain Sorghum as a Substitute for Corn, and the Soil Conservation Service.

Other activities include a summer barbecue, an annual spring banquet, a corn contest with divisions for both corn for grain and corn for silage, and summer on-the-farm meetings.

Services of the local vo-ag teacher are available to all local farmers through the Young Farmer Association.

Local membership is open to all local farmers, with no local membership dues. Local members may also become members of the State Young Farmer Association. Highlights of the State Association's yearly activities are its summer picnic and farm tour and an autumn convention.

At present the local Young Farmer organization is com-

posed of a small group of full-time farmers. However, we would like to take this opportunity to invite all farmers — full-time or part-time — within the Twin Valley School District to join our organization.

Pony Club Meets

The December meeting of the Broken-Bit Light Horse and Pony Club was held Friday, December 17. The meeting was held at the home of club members Martha, Jane and Debra Gregory, Lititz RD4.

Vice president Natalie Immel presided over the club's Christmas party. The club made plans for a skating party. Natalie had some games which the club played before the meeting.

A new movie was shown by Robert Gregory called "A Horse Made For Our Mountains." The club members enjoyed it very much.

Club leader Mrs. Russer had a gift for each club member. The gifts all were something to help

New Finnsheep Average Up to 5 Lambs Per Ewe

A Finnsheep Breeders Association has been formed in the United States for the improvement, identification and recording of Finnsheep.

The breed is a native of Finland and the first animals of the breed were imported from Ireland to the United States by the University of Minnesota and the U. S. Department of Agriculture in 1968. A second importation was made in 1969.

Since then Finnsheep have become available from Canada and a number of private flocks have been established, although many of the Finnsheep are kept

on State and Federal experiment stations.

Dwight Holaway of Pipestone, Minn., is president of the new association and John F. Redding of Asheboro, N.C., vice president.

An important objective of the association is to encourage and support breeding research to discover how the Finnsheep breed can be used most effectively in crossbreeding to improve efficiency of commercial lamb production.

The association also has the objective of striving to continuously improve and promote Finnsheep in the interests of more profitable sheep enterprises.

Production records are required for registration and every certificate of registration will include information on numbers of lambs born from animals in the pedigree.

Finnsheep have lambing rates which are about double those of most domestic breeds in this country. Flock averages of 3, 4 and 5 lambs born per ewe have been reported in Finland.

They are expected to be very useful in crossbreeding to increase efficiency of lamb meat production and to develop more productive strains of sheep.

For more information contact Dwight Holaway, Secretary, Finnsheep Breeders Association, Pipestone, Minn. 56164. Telephone 567-825-5471 or 507-825-3651.

Md. Governor Gets Local Mushrooms

Insisting that it was the "spirit of the holiday season and not just gloating", Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Jim McHale presented a bushel of mushrooms to Maryland Governor Marvin Mandel.

Pennsylvania Governor Milton J. Shapp late this summer wagered a bushel of mushrooms against a bushel of Maryland crabs on the outcome of the world series. Shortly after Pittsburgh nipped Baltimore, four games to three, Gov. Mandel paid off the bet.

Recently, Secretary McHale told Maryland's chief executive, "We can't see denying you the pleasure of the world's best mushrooms at the holiday season. So Governor Mandel, please accept with Governor Shapp's best wishes his half of the World Series wager."

Pennsylvania leads the nation and the world in the production of mushrooms, growing 123,000,000 pounds in the past year or 63 per cent of the total U. S. harvest.

Also participating in the presentation were Charles Lucido and Al Bazzoli, Chester County, representing the Mushroom Growers Co-operative Association of Pennsylvania, which provided the mushrooms.

In the Kitchen

HAM-YAM HASH

- 2 cups chopped cooked ham
- 3 cups diced cooked yams
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh onions
- 1/4 cup snipped parsley
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 tbsps. salad oil

Combine ham, yams, onions, parsley and milk. Heat oil in large skillet. Spread yam mixture evenly in skillet. Cook over low heat 30 minutes or until bottom is crusty. Makes 4 servings.



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