

## 3-Day Beef Cattle Conference Set

## Grange 66 Meets

Fulton Grange 66 held its regular meeting December 27 at Oakryn with the Master, Richard Holloway, conducting the business session

The youth committee is sponsoring a bowling party at Garden Spot Bowl, Strasburg, at 9 p.m. Saturday, January 8.

Gyles Brown, Pomona Master, is accepting reservations for the Lancaster County Pomona Grange dinner meeting at Rhoads Spanish Restaurant, Quarryville at 7 p.m. Saturday, January 15.

Girl Scout Troop 905 will present the program at the next regular meeting of Fulton Grange at 8 p.m. January 10. The business meeting will follow the program. The Junior Grange will also meet and will conduct a paper drive

Mrs. J. Stanley Stauffer Jr. presented the program with each officer in charge of one number

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Holloway Jr. gave reports of the Pennsylvania State Grange convention held at Somerset.

Mrs. Richard Jackson presented a piano solo of Christmas songs. Jokes were by Gyles Brown. Each officer told of some unusual Christmas gift they received and of a New Year's

resolution they are making. Piano solo "Jesus Is All The World To Me" by Miss Peggy Galbreath.

Mrs. Charles McSparran outlined some of the Pennsylvania State Grange projects for this year and Mrs. J. Stanley Stauffer Jr. conducted a stunt.

## Greater Emphasis Reported On Erosion Control in Pa.

Pennsylvania State Conservationist R.M. Davis recently announced that greater emphasis will be placed on controlling erosion and sediment in Pennsylvania in 1972 by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

Davis said that sediment is still one of the greatest polluters of Pennsylvania's waters.

Annually, in Pennsylvania, more than 50 million tons of soil are moved by erosion processes and much of it ends up as sediment in streams and lakes.

Not only does sediment destroy aquatic life, but also carries pesticides and nutrients which degrade water quality for municipal, industrial, and recreational uses, Davis said.

Farm lands account for about half the sediment production in the Commonwealth.

Unprotected construction sites and strip-mining areas are other major sources of sediment in the

A comprehensive Beef Cattle Conference will be held March 21, 22 and 23 at Pennsylvania State University.

Although the conference will emphasize purebred and commercial brood cow production systems, information will also pertain to finishing beef cattle systems. The conference will be held in the Meats Laboratory and the Beef-Sheep Center at University Park.

state. On a per-acre basis, strip-mined areas and urban developments can produce 10 to 100 times more sediment than agricultural lands, Davis pointed out.

Proven practices and techniques are readily available for erosion and sediment control. Local soil and water conservation districts, with the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service and other conservation agencies, are providing help to over 50,000 land users in controlling erosion. Sediment and erosion control ordinances have been established by many communities, and land developers have begun to recognize the need for holding back sediment, Davis continued.

Assistance in planning and applying practices to control sediment and erosion is available from the local offices of the Soil Conservation Service in Pennsylvania.

The program will include discussion of practices involved in establishing and maintaining pastures for profitable pasture and forage production. Methods of storing forages for wintering beef cows and calves will be discussed.

Other important topics will include: maintaining herd health, calculating rations for different types of beef cattle, constructing and maintaining low cost and effective equipment and facilities, and a demonstration of certain beef cattle production skills.

Another section of the program will go into detailed discussions of methods of improving the inherited ability of cattle, and record keeping methods.

A special feature will be an in-depth discussion of the merits of some of the new breeds recently introduced into the United States.

Another "special" will be a consideration of the controversial "optimum cow body size" question that recently has

become extremely important in producing cattle.

According to Dr. Lowell L. Wilson, professor of animal science and chairman of the program, "this conference ties together many of the essentials of modernizing cow-calf production systems. The beef cattle business is changing rapidly. To efficiently use land through beef cattle, the producer must incorporate as many modern production practices as he possibly can.

"In Pennsylvania, a state producing only approximately 25 per cent of the total beef consumed in the state, there is an opportunity to raise more beef cows. We hope that by providing this program, we can help this potential," he affirms.

For further information regarding the program, contact the Agricultural Conference Coordinator, 410 J. O. Keller Building, University Park, Pa. 16802. County agents in Pennsylvania will also have information.

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