

Bergstrasse Busy Bees Leaders Attend Washington Conference

The Bergstrasse Busy Bees held their third meeting, which was called to order by Jo Anne Hurst, president. All members met with each individual leader

to discuss their projects for this year.

These leaders from the Busy Bees 4-H Club attended a leaders training session at the Farm and

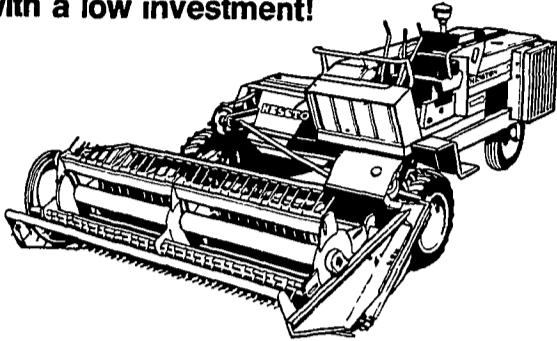
Home Center: Mrs. Jean Styer, Mrs. Sandy Reidenbach, Mrs. Kaye Mumma and Mrs. Irene Smith. The topic was "Sewing Tidbits", with many little hints on sewing with double knits. The next leaders meeting will be held June 1 with the topic "Food Goodies."

Mrs. Roy Hooper, New Holland, and Mrs. Grant C. Smith, Ephrata RD2, attended a conference at the 4-H Center in Washington, D. C. They joined other leaders from the 13 counties in the Southeast District. Scheduled were assemblies, tours, field trips, discussions, and visits with Congressmen.

The next meeting is June 14.
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Penn Manor Community Club Elects new Game Leader

The second meeting of the Penn Manor Community Club was held at the Ann Letort School.

The feature of the meeting was a film which showed insects and how to control them. The business followed.

A new game leader, Daryl Hershey, was nominated.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. June 26 at the Ann Letort School.

News Reporter
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Committee Sets Goals for Environment Improvement

State and Federal officials have identified general priority objectives for improving agricultural and forestry environments through coordinated research and extension efforts.

Three areas to receive increased attention soon are:

—Improved techniques and methods of applying chemicals to reduce runoff and pollution.

—Establishing guidelines to control animal wastes on feedlots and farms, and

—Collecting data needed to register safe and effective pesticides for use on specialty crops grown on smaller areas.

The development of a cooperative effort in these areas has been agreed on by a coordinating committee which represents the nation's Land Grant Universities, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Dr. John L. Buckley, EPA, and Dr. David J. Ward, USDA, serve on the committee, the latter as executive officer.

One of the first actions will be to identify areas where cooperative research is needed, officials said. They also will compile and improve existing guidelines, and get this information to appropriate audiences.

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Regarding better techniques for applying chemicals, committee officials explained that there are several measures already in limited use.

These include applying ultra-low-volume pesticides to hold down pollution, foams to keep pesticides in place and soil and vegetation practices that help keep fertilizers in place. The committee seeks to improve these and other techniques and to get such information to people as well as data on the best time of year to apply pesticides, the effect of drainage and ground cover on runoff, and other factors.

Existing guidelines aimed at control of animal wastes on feedlots and farms need to be greatly improved, officials said. Factors to be considered include storage of solid wastes during winter when there would be runoff if wastes were scattered around the feedlot or farm, how often feedlots should be cleaned and best techniques for doing the job; location of surface drainage and filtration of differing soil types.

There are a number of less-persistent chemicals that might be used on certain specialty crops, but they have not been registered for such with EPA because the companies do not consider it economically feasible to carry out the tests necessary for registration.

The amount of pesticides they could sell to treat small, specialty crop areas just doesn't make it worthwhile from the economic standpoint, officials explained. To overcome this obstacle, the Universities, USDA and EPA jointly will consider ways to carry out the necessary research that would enable registration of safe products for commercial use.

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