



PEMA News

President Eugene Bailey called upon Fred Bloom Chairman of the nominating committee for a report on candidates. The following were duly elected: President Eugene Bailey; Vice President Dale Weaver; Treasurer George Hauer; Secretary E.J. Lawless, Jr.

Dr. Floyd Hicks gave a progress report on a study being conducted to try and determine

the cause of heavy poultry condemnations. They plan to begin with flocks and have prepared a questionnaire which includes information on strains, type of house, ventilation, etc. Phase II will deal with the producer and or manager. They will be able to relate results on grade-out with type, and degree of good or poor management practices. Phase III will have to

do with pickup, hauling, and handling. Phase IV will include information on a health program and trouble shooting for disease. Phase V will include suggestions from processing management.

Several members of the Penn State Staff are going to other states to obtain more information. They are finding that other states have something similar in mind. All of the data

will be computerized in an attempt to get answers. The work is now being done at one plant but it may be understood that others can benefit from such a service, if necessary.

President Eugene Bailey attempted to bring the group up to date on happenings. Teams are gathering information on acceptable quality level. On solid waste disposal, the industry is waiting to be alerted as promised. If any one hears anything he should notify the Association. Every operator must watch the matter of sewage disposal.

Office of safety and health act is making progress in their noise control inspections. In some instances the most serious sounds are almost impossible to control. One plant was cited but later was withdrawn. There is a five member committee keeping close contact with the situation and they will get outside help if necessary. An attempt is being made to get variance in order to secure answers for licking the sound situation. There are some things that have been done which help. Anyone having any ideas should pass them on to other members.

Caution should be exercised when making changes to be certain the inspection service approves. Plants can check on the use of ear muffs or plugs, but when choosing plugs-choose the best to avoid ear infection. One stated that Swedish wool was the best because it is effective and is used once then thrown away. The group emphasized the fact that O.S.H.A. and U.S.D.A. work together to come with fully acceptable improvements. Some members have surveyed their situation and are convinced that results can be attained, but at an almost prohibitive expense.

Dr. McNay and Dr. Farber

were present to explain the new inspection regulations.

Dr. McNay indicated that there is pressure on their organization because as of Monday, July 17, there are 570 meat plants to be taken over in Pennsylvania. They anticipate they will have to send 250 inspectors into Pa. from other states. Poultry plants in Pa. need not fear that their services will be endangered or interrupted.

Exemptions—Small poultry and turkey processors are exempt but larger operations must meet the sanitary requirements and proper

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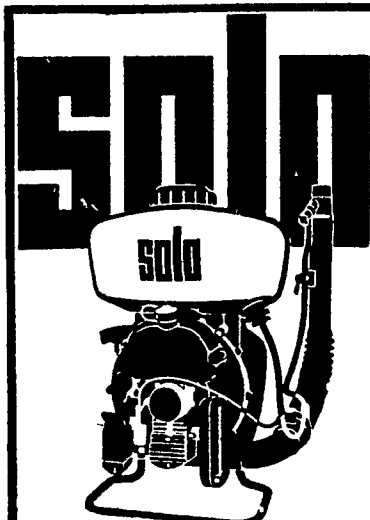
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