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At the Lancaster County Poultry Association annual meeting on Thursday evening, three producers and one allied industryman were elected to three-year terms on the associations board of

directors. They are, from left to right, Walter Shaub, Quarryville R3, Ronald Meck, Denver R2, Paul Kline, Lititz R1, and Mel Gehman, Lancaster. Gehman is the allied industryman.

Directors Elected At Poultry Meet

The Lancaster County Poultry Association had their annual banquet Thursday evening at the Farm and Home Center. The Center's banquet room was filled almost to capacity with members and guests who came to hear a speech by Dr. Kenneth Goodwin, and to view a slide presentation by Glen Eshelman.

During the business meeting, the members voted to accept the recommendation of a nominating committee which had chosen four directors for three-year terms. Two newly-elected directors were Walter Shaub, Quarryville R3, and Ronald Meck, Denver R2.

Paul Kline, Lititz R1, and Melvin Gehman, Lancaster, were both reelected. Shaub, Meck and Kline represent poultry producers on the board, while Gehman, a buyer for R. W.

Sauder, represents allied industry

Dr. Kenneth Goodwin, head of the poultry science department at Penn State, told the gathering about the work that's going on at Penn State.

Associate county agent Jay Irwin recounted the tours and educational efforts of the past year, and reminded the members of the upcoming egg pricing meeting to be held at the Farm and Home Center on November 14.

Barbara Gehman, Lancaster County's 1972 poultry queen, addressed the group, also. Stanley Musselman was the master of ceremonies, and president Vernon Leininger conducted the business session.

The meeting was capped by Glen Eshelman's half-hour slide presentation, "Where the Mountains Meet the Sky".

Carcass Show Won By Fifth Place Live Hog

Tabulations from the Lampeter Fair Hog Carcass Show were completed and released this week, and showed once again that the champion in the show ring isn't necessarily the champion in the cutting room.

The champion live hog slipped to second place in the carcass show, while the fifth place live hog took top honors on the rail. The second place animal in the live show ring slipped to fourth, and the third place live hog remained in that position.

The champion carcass belonged to a hog raised by Parke Hess, of Conestoga R2. The live weight of his porker was 203 pounds, the carcass weight, 146 pounds. The ham and loin cuts together totaled 62 pounds for a top rating of 42 percent when placed against the total carcass weight. The champion carcass hog had average backfat of 1.2 inches, also tops in the judging. The reserve champion carcass,

which as a live animal had been named champion, belonged to Leon Arnold, of Lebanon.

Arnold's 212 pound hog butchered out to a 152 pound carcass. It had 63 pounds of ham and loin cuts for a 41.6 percentage of the carcass weight. Backfat average 1.3 inches.

B. Russell Sauder, of Manheim R3, had the third place hog in both the live and carcass shows. His hog had almost 64 pounds of ham and loin eye together for a 41.5 percentage. Average backfat was 1.3 inches.

Larry Arnold, Lebanon R1, who showed the reserve champion hog, found his animal in fourth place when it was slaughtered and judged again. The 210 pound animal weighed 145 pounds in the slaughter house, had average backfat of 1.3 inches and a ham-loin percentage of 41.

A total of 10 hogs were entered in the carcass show.

Farm Calendar

Saturday, November 4
Keystone International Livestock Exposition, Farm Show Building, November 4 - 10.

Sunday, November 5
57th Annual National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) Convention, University of Georgia, November 5 - 9.

Monday, November 6
7:30 p.m. — Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District meeting, Farm and Home Center.

Tuesday, November 7
9:30 a.m. — Chester County
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4-H Dairy Members Honored

A total of 36 4-H dairy club members received prizes Friday night during the annual 4-H recognition dairy banquet held at the Good 'n Plenty Restaurant, Smoketown.

Prizes were donated by over 30 local agribusiness firms.

Recognized were dairy club members who distinguished themselves in the past year by winning prizes at local, regional or state contests. Individual project awards also went to 4-H'ers who had compiled the highest point totals for record keeping, fitting and showing within a particular breed. One prize was given in each breed category.

Daryl Martin, Stevens, got the individual project award for Ayrshires. Lois Wanner, Narvon, was the Brown Swiss winner. The Holstein prize went to Patricia Eby, Gordonville, and the Jersey honors went to Barbara Aaron, Quarryville.

Debbie Crider, Nottingham, won the Guernsey award. She also won the prize for having the highest point total for any breed.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Linda Esh, who presented the airplane monologue with which she won the 4-H talent contest last summer.

Christmas Tree Growing - A Slow Path to Profit

A successful Christmas tree grower needs a lot of skill, a steady market, and a willingness to work. He also needs a tremendous amount of patience.

If you started with seedlings, it would be eight years or more before you'd be able to sell your

first tree. Christmas trees won't make you rich in a hurry, but they could provide a supplemental income. Or, a stand of Christmas trees could be planned for a small retirement business.

Lancaster County's biggest Christmas tree grower is Ralph Frey, Willow Street. Frey has been selling trees for the past 25 years of so.

At first, he bought trees from suppliers. About 12 years ago, however, he and his wife bought the small farm they now live on and planted 37 acres of trees. Only in the past few years have they begun selling in any quantity. Frey's tree operation is strictly part-time. He's employed full-time at Hamilton Watch.

Certain aspects of Christmas tree growing are seasonal, but Frey says there's work to be done about 10 months of the year. Cutting and selling, of course, keep everyone busy in December. Shearing, a process which shapes the trees by removing excess growth, starts in June. Planting starts as soon as possible in March. "January and February are really our only slow months," the Freys pointed out.

Asked which is the most

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"Super Tree" could be another name for the Fraser fir. It has soft needles, doesn't shed, and will retain its freshness through a two-month-long stay indoors. Ralph Frey is standing here beside a 17-year-old specimen on his Christmas tree farm near Willow Street.