

Survey of Consumer Buying and Home Improvement Being Taken

Families and households in this area will be included in a nationwide survey of buying plans and home repairs to be taken the first two weeks of January by the Bureau of the Census, according to John G. Gibson, Director of the Bureau's Data Collection Center in Philadelphia.

Bureau interviewers will ask householders about any plans to buy a house, a car, or major household appliances during the next year. Questions about home repairs and alterations will concern those made during the past three months.

The Bureau conducts the survey every three months to

serve as a guide to economic growth. A mathematically selected group of households throughout the Nation serves as a measure of what U.S. families expect to buy in the near future.

For example, the October survey indicated that consumer plans to buy both new cars and houses were higher than they were in the July survey, as were expectations to buy major appliances, furniture, and carpets. Households included in the survey are not identified. The information is confidential, and is used only for statistical purposes.

Penn-Mar Shropshire Club

To Install Johnston as Pres.

Sales of registered Shropshire sheep for breeding purposes in Pennsylvania and Maryland have almost doubled during the past year according to L.G. Johnston, newly elected president of the Penn-Mar Shropshire Breeders' Club. Johnston, from Stewartstown, will take office when the Shropshire Breeders convene during the Pennsylvania Farm Show on January 8th.

Johnston says that figures recently released by the American Shropshire Association indicate that there were 137 Shropshire ewes and rams sold for breeding purposes in the two state areas. That is an increase of 98.6 percent over the total of 69 sold the previous year. The renewed interest in the wool market could be a contributing

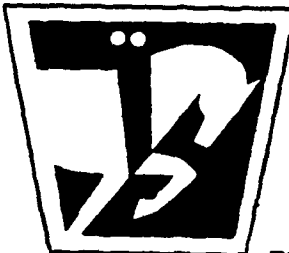
factor in the increasing sales of Shropshires because the breed shears more wool of a better grade than other medium wool breeds. At the same time Shropshires produce highly desirable carcasses for the meat trade.

For the past two years Johnston has chaired the Penn-Mar Shropshire Club's Bred Ewe Sale. He was able to persuade some of the midwest's top breeders to bring new bloodlines into this area. Average price of ewes sold at the Club's first bred ewe sale held in 1971 under Johnston's guidance was \$92. In 1972 the average price paid rose to \$115. Other club members who will take office on January 8th are: Harold Harpster, Boalsburg, re-elected for another term as vice-president, Mrs. Warn Menhennett, Cochranville, again serving as secretary, and Mrs. L.G. Johnston, Stewartstown, assuming the job of treasurer for a first term.

The Shropshire Club meeting will be held in Room C of the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg at 3 p.m. January 8th. All who are interested in Shropshire sheep are welcome to attend.

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