

Rabies Cases Confirmed

Two positive rabies cases were diagnosed in May, 1974, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Animal Industry.

The cases included a rabid bat from Lycoming County and a skunk from Somerset County.

A total of 129 suspected rabies specimens were submitted to the Department's diagnostic laboratory in Summerdale, near Harrisburg, during the month of May.

Only four animals contracted rabies during the first five months of this year, compared to five rabid animals during the same five months last year.

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Chester Co. FFA Elects Officers

On May 15, 1974, the Chester County FFA held their officers election at Owen J. Roberts High School.

The newly elected president for the 74-75 school year is Dennis Yoder. He is a member of the Octorara FFA and also will be serving as president of their chapter during the 74-75 school year. Dennis has also been a member of the Octorara's dairy judging team for the past two years and he will be a member again this year.

The new vice-president is Sharon Henley who is also a member of the Octorara FFA where she also will be serving as vice-president. She also is a member of their dairy judging team.

George Tkoozuk will be one of the two second vice-presidents. George is a member of the Owen J. Roberts FFA where he will be serving as their vice-president this next year. He is a member of the Owen J. Roberts dairy judging team.

The other second vice president is Brian Yoder. He is also a member of the

Octorara FFA. Brian was a member of the Octorara Land Judging Team last year.

The new secretary is David Nolan who is a member of the Owen J. Roberts FFA. He also will be serving as their secretary for the 74-75 school year. He is a member of the Owen J. Roberts dairy judging team.

Ron Hershey will be the new treasurer. Ron is a member of the Oxford FFA, Oxford student advisor and participates on the Oxford dairy judging team.

Bruce Yoder, the news reporter is a member of the Octorara FFA where he served as Treasurer. He is also a member of the dairy judging team.

The new sentinel, Joe Neyman, is from the Oxford FFA. He will also be serving as their Treasurer for next year. He was also in the local small engine contest.

Joe Swartzentruber from the Owen J. Roberts FFA is the new chaplain. He will be serving as their president this next year. He is the president of his youth group at church. He was also in the FFA small engine contest.

On May 14 the Octorara Chapter of Future Farmers

electd their officers for the 1974-75 term.

Dennis Yoder and Sharon Henley, who were elected to county offices, also won positions as President and Vice-President, respectively, in the Octorara Chapter.

Dave Rzcudlo, the newly elected secretary, has participated on several committees and has attended the Interstate Milk Producers dinner as a representative of the Octorara Chapter.

Bill Harper, the new treasurer has been a member of FFA for three

years and has participated in the FFA agronomy contest at Penn State. Bill is also active in committee work.

The news reporter is Sue Mullin who served as secretary last year. Sue is also active in committee work and has served on the Parliamentary Procedure team.

Bruce Wrigley was elected as sentinel. Bruce also serves as sentinel on the Parliamentary Procedure team and was on the scholarship committee. This year Bruce was named "Star Greenhand" at the annual banquet.

The new Chaplin, John Whiteside, is also a member of the parliamentary procedure team.

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Nationally, total red meat production was 22 percent more than a year earlier and 7 percent above April 1972. Production was up from a year ago for all livestock species with beef production up 25 percent, veal production up 17 percent, pork production up 19 percent, and lamb and mutton production up 10 percent.

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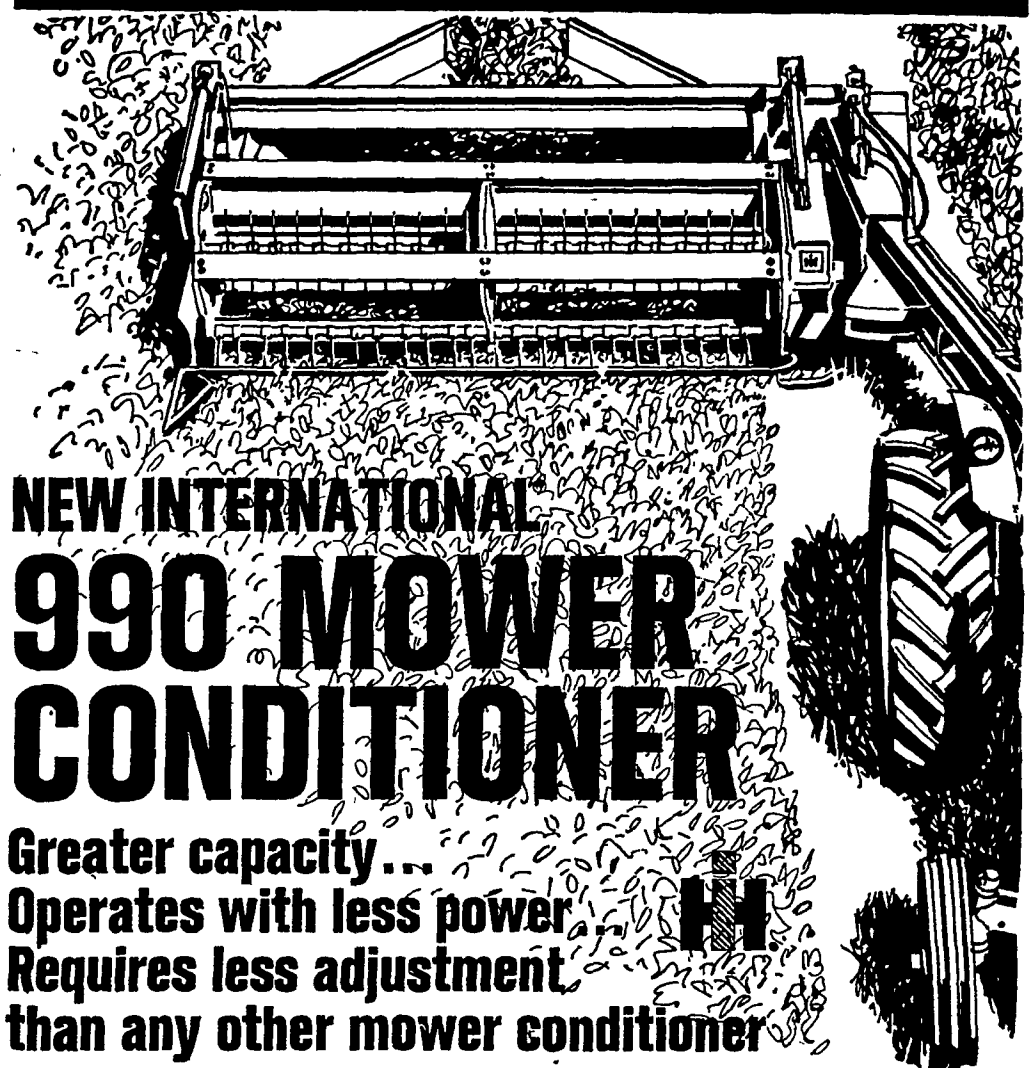
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