

## Penn State Offers Community Affairs Program

Young men and women who are interested in community affairs and wish to explore possible solutions to their area's public problems may apply for enrollment in the fifth Public Affairs Leadership Program being offered by The Pennsylvania State University's Cooperative Extension Service. This program provides a unique educational experience aimed at improving the abilities of people to

make informed public decisions and furthering the development of leadership for Pennsylvania's communities. This opportunity for young men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 is made possible through a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and contributions from businesses, corporations, and individuals throughout Pennsylvania. The program consists of a series of three to four day workshops, totaling 30 days of instruction, discussion and field trips conducted over a two year period. The workshops will include case studies, talks by specialists and seminars that are problem oriented and focusing on topics in economics, sociology,

government and communications. Problems dealt with will include land use planning, taxation, economic development and the provision of community services. Travel Seminars will include visits to Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Washington, D. C. Instructors will be drawn from the Penn State faculty and recognized leaders from organizations, government, and industry will lead discussions on problems with which they have first hand experience.

Those selected to participate will receive fellowships which will pay for costs of instruction, study materials and partial costs for room and board during the workshops and field trips.

Persons interested in learning more about the program should contact the Chester County Cooperative Extension Service, 3rd Floor, Paul B. Dague Building, West Chester or call 696-3500. The deadline for receiving completed applications for this Public Affairs Program is September 20, 1974.

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## Lebanon County Plowing Contest Set

The Lebanon County Plowing Contest will be held August 21, 1974 on the farm of George Wolff, Myerstown R.D. This year's contest site lies along Route 422, near the Calcite Quarry at Prescott. The contest will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Contest Manager Harvey Bomgardner, Route 3, Annville, says that plowmen from Lebanon County may enter any one of three contests. The Level Land Small Plow Contest is for tractors pulling up to three bottoms. The Level Land Large Plow Contest admits tractors pulling four or more bottoms. Any size tractors and plows may qualify to enter the Contour Plowing Contest. Winner will be awarded cash prizes and trophies.

A special feature this year will again be a soil judging demonstration, sponsored by the Lebanon Soil Conservation District. Several distinct soil types may be seen in the general vicinity of the plowing site.

To provide further educational interest, local machinery dealers have

been invited to display and demonstrate other implements used by farmers to prepare soil for planting.

Entry forms for the contest are available from any of the farm implement dealers in the county, or may be obtained from the Agriculture Extension Office, 400 S. 8th St., Lebanon, Pa. 17042.

The Annual Plowing Contest is sponsored jointly by the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service, the Soil Conservation District and local farm implement dealers.

First place winners in each of the three contests are expected to represent Lebanon County in the State Plowing Contest at Bloomsburg on August 28.

Last Year's winners were Sven Bomberger, Fredericksburg; Carl Bomgardner, Annville; and Mark Bomgardner, Annville. Carl Bomgardner placed 3rd in the State Contest at Hershey.

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## Growing Degree Days

In Lancaster County, the average temperature for the week was 71 degrees which is 3 degrees less than the normal. Growing degree days for crops starting at 40 degrees totaled 2869 or 57 days more than the average.

For crops starting at 50 degrees, days totaled 1725 which was 33 days more than the average.

Rainfall for the week was 1.34 inches. Rainfall measured from April 1, was 15.55 inches or .42 inches less than the average.

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