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## Health charts sold unlawfully

By Dieter Krieg  
 CENTERVILLE - There isn't another state in the country which can brag as much about animal health as Pennsylvania - we're No. 1 - "proclaimed Dr. Sam Guss,

extension veterinarian at Penn State, during a speech he delivered before the third annual Dairy Seminar on Feeding and Health, held here at the Quality Courts Inn last Tuesday evening.

But that doesn't mean all is well. There's still a lot to be done.

The well-known and highly acclaimed veterinarian, who will be retiring at the end of the year, warned an

audience of approximately 60 persons that there is considerable false security in some present programs, especially health certification. His listeners were mainly feed dealers, nutritionists, veterinarians, and agri-business representatives.

Guss charged that there was at least one place within the state where an ear tag and accompanying health chart could be purchased for one dollar; a Pennsylvania cattle dealer has a box full of health charts; and there are

some crooked dealers "around."

In an outspoken, straightforward manner, Guss said: "Health charts are good for toilet paper - if you like shiny toilet paper." Asked after the meeting if the statement included Pennsylvania health charts, Guss said simply that too much confidence is being placed in them. Health charts are not effective enough in bringing disease under control, those from other states are virtually meaningless. Guss strongly recom-

mends that cattle be tested after they are brought into a new herd. He notes that a number of disease problems break out in the state each year, in spite of the Commonwealth's overall good record, and the "we deserve'em."

"We have about 20 herds a year that are depopulated," he said, blaming much of it on insufficient precautions taken by dealers and farmers. "You should have

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## Schuylkill Co. miss named Pa. Poultry Queen for 1976



Dawn Heisler, (center) Schuylkill Co. was named as the Pa. Poultry Queen during pageant activities held Oct. 31 in Carlisle. Other contestants participating in the event were (from left) Julie Lanus, York County; Kathy Bicksler, the 1975 Queen and Judy Stoltzfus, Lancaster County.

By Melissa Piper  
 Miss Dawn Heisler, Tamaqua R1, was selected as Pa.'s State Poultry Queen during a pageant held Oct. 31, at the Embers Restaurant in Carlisle.

Dawn was one of three contestants vying for the title and was selected to represent Pa.'s poultry industry throughout the coming year.

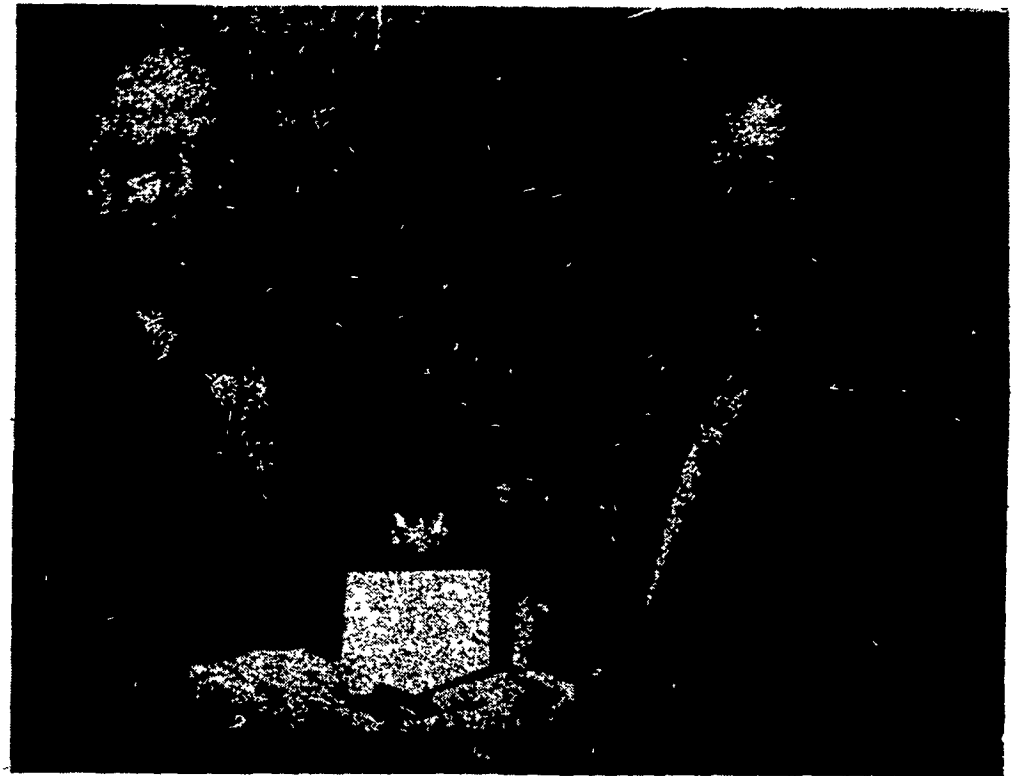
A student at the Pa. Junior College of Medical Arts, Dawn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Heisler, egg producing family from Schuylkill County.

By no means new to the farm, Dawn has helped sort, grade, candle and package eggs for a number of years.

"I've done just about everything," the vivacious brunette noted, "but I enjoy delivering the eggs to the store more than anything."

Having a special interest in the field of music, Dawn has participated in several choral groups and is an accomplished pianist. The young lady recently won the

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Dr. Sam Guss, left, extension veterinarian from Penn State, was presented with a plaque last Tuesday evening following the 3rd annual Dairy Feeding Health Seminar at the Quality Courts Inn near Centerville. The presentation was made by County Agent John Smith of York

County on behalf of dairymen in Lancaster and York Counties who appreciate the service Guss has provided for the past 24 years. The well-known veterinarian will retire on Dec. 30 and will be honored at a party at University Park on Dec. 17.

## Lew Ayres honored

By Dieter Krieg  
 EPHRATA - Lew Ayres, who was hired 15 years ago to become Ephrata High School's first vocational agriculture in-



Lew Ayres, vo-ag instructor of Ephrata H.S. is one of three FFA teachers in the state to have been nominated for the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

structor and FFA advisor, has been nominated to receive the FFA's Honorary American Farmer Degree - the highest such award presented by that organization.

One of only three teachers in Pennsylvania to receive the honor this year, Ayres was nominated by the state's FFA association and the nomination has been approved by the National Board of Directors which met last month in Alexandria, Va.

The degree is awarded on the basis of points scored by a teacher for his accomplishments as a vocational agriculture instructor, FFA advisor, and as a participant in professional vocational agriculture teachers' organizations.

During the 15 years he has been at Ephrata, Ayres has had three students who earned the American Farmer Degree; 40 who received the State Farmer Degree; and five recipients of the state proficiency award. He has had 21 of his students on national FFA judging teams and 29 on regional FFA judging teams. In addition, his chapter has had the grand champion dairy cow at the Pennsylvania

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## FFA chapters to receive nat'l awards

By Melissa Piper  
 Students from four Lancaster County schools, will be traveling to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City this coming week to

receive a myriad of individual and chapter awards.

Seven members of the Cloister FFA Chapter in Ephrata High School will be

traveling to the convention with their advisor, Lewis Ayers.

Members attending include: James Felpel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Felpel, Ephrata; Jay Gerhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gerhart, Reinholds; Gerald Good, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester T. Good, Ephrata; Harry Leininger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Leininger, Ephrata; Calvin Sauder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Sauder, Ephrata; Clifford Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Martin,

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