York County pork producers elect officers

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MENGIS MILLS, Pa. Historic Colonial Valley in
Menges Mills was the site of
the annual meeting of the
York County Pork

Producers on March 5.
Following the family style dinner, President Roger Bankert presided over a brief business meeting. Several outgoing directors were reelected for another term and the county - wide pork barbecue was scheduled for June 11 at the Elickers' Grove park.

Mrs. Carolyn Rutter, Dover R1, is heading the promotional activities of the Pork Producers part in an upcoming York Mall Ag Day display on March 18 and 19. Two baby pigs will catch the eye of visiting shoppers and help draw potential interest in the Association's upcoming Pork Cookout King contest.

The evening's program included two films arranged by Asst. Co. Extension Agent Tony Dobrosky. "Surprise Me!" is produced by the National Pork Producers Council, an organization of

80,000 independent pork growers from across the country. Funds for the support of the advertising activities are raised through a completely voluntary market place checkoff of 10 cents per marketed hog.

The colorful menu suggestions included in the film cover the variety of ways to serve nutritional pork. Attractively cooked and arranged, the serving suggestions almost put the smell of ready - to - eat pork in the air. Cartoon characters help to sell the food - buying housewife on the outstanding qualities of pork as a source of high quality protein that is both lean and highly digestible.

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"The Covenant," produced by the American Veterinary Medicine Association, detailed the wide range of subjects that must be mastered by students in veterinary science colleges. And once graduated, the new "vet" can enter a diversified field of jobs in private practices, military positions, research, food testing and certification, zoo health, and wildlife management.

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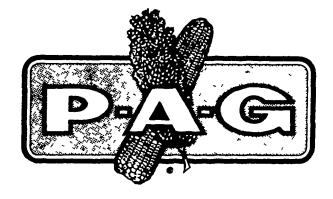
Steering the activities of the York County Pork Producers for the next year are: front left to right, Richard Luckenbaugh, Spring Grove R1, sectreas.; Robert Bankert, Hanover R3, president; Arlie Cornbower, New Freedom R1, vice president.

Back row, left to right, are directors James Parlette, Airville R2; Preston Bankert, Red Lion R3; Ronald Trostle, Red Lion R2; William Shirey, York R3.

Dobrosky alerted the hog producers to the mounting problem of "psuedorabies," a hog disease that attacks the brain centers. When found in cattle, the affliction is known as "mad itch." He recommended bloodtesting all hogs brought into established herds as a regular management practice. Government action of some type to bring the disease into control is expected in the near future.

Elected directors heading the organization are: Roger Bankert, president; Arlie Cornbower, vice-President; Richard Luckenbaugh, secretary-treasurer; James Parlette, Preston Bankert, Ronald Trostle, William Shirey, L.C. Wambaugh, Donald Lanius, William Strausser, Larry Seitz, and Joel Stern. Directors - atlarge include Tony Dobrosky, Guy Naugle, and Norwood McGuigan.





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