

Lebanon Co. Extension holds 60th dinner meeting

By JOANNE SPAHR
 MT. ZION, Pa. - For 27 years Jacob M. Smith, Annville R2, has been working closely with the Lebanon County Extension office, and on Tuesday evening, at the Extension Service's 60th annual meeting, he was honored for his support of that organization. Marion Deppen, assistant director of the Capital Region, presented a certificate of recognition to him. Smith served on the executive committee of the organization in 1950 and has been closely lined in other capacities since then.

Deppen was also called on to give the Capital Region administrator's report. In that report he noted that Lebanon County farms produce enough milk for 400,000 people, enough eggs for 300,000 individuals, and enough poultry for 200,000.

Individual staff members also gave short reports of the past year. Greg Solt, county agricultural agent, made note of a dairy project he has started in the county in the past few months. Stemming from extensive research he did at Penn State University, Solt believes that calves can be successfully fed once a day, and with the help of several farmers from the county he has set up a pilot project to corroborate that fact.

"At last report, there were 15 animals on test, and so far, farmers seem happy with it," he said. "If this works out, Lebanon County could beat the nation to the punch, so to speak, because this research hasn't been published in journals, as yet."

At Penn State, this program of feeding the calves fermented colostrum once a day did prove successful, but as Solt observed, the test herd at the university is different than an actual on-farm herd. He will be able to judge how the program has succeeded by this Summer.

Dennis Hoke, county agricultural agent, spoke on Johnsongrass control. He said that the county began to



Jacob Smith, (second from left) receives a certificate of recognition from Marion Deppen, assistant director of the Capitol Region Extension Service, for his support of the

organization over the years. Looking on are Alletta Schadler, Lebanon County Extension director, and Alfred Brandt, president of the Lebanon County Extension Association.

focus in on this problem last season, and that a demonstration plot was set up with the aid of a county farmer and a chemical company. He also noted that the county agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service is initiating a cost sharing program for Johnsongrass control, and that the Extension Service will hold a training meeting to teach proper cultural practices and use of herbicides for control of this weed.

Pat Krall, 4-H agent, told of the county's pilot 4-H program for the mentally retarded children. That program meets during school days in the Cedar Crest Middle School with the children doing two beginning projects. Miss Krall also expressed the hope of starting a club for children with Cerebral Palsy.

Alletta Schadler, Lebanon Co. Extension director,

spoke briefly on Lebanon Co.'s new nutrition program. The county now has two nutrition aids who go into homes and teach families how to get the most nutritional value from foods.

Following the staff reports, Dr. Jerome K. Pasto, associate dean of Penn State University, and Dr. James E. Van Horn, professor of agriculture and home economics Extension, presented a program on the

life of Evan Pough, first president of the agricultural college of Pennsylvania. The program began with slides on the background of Pugh's life, and concluded with the acting out of Pugh's speech to the Cumberland County Agricultural Society, Carlisle, in 1860. Pasto, who researched the subject off and on for a period of two years, played the role of Dr. Pugh. This particular

program has been enacted over 40 times in the past year.

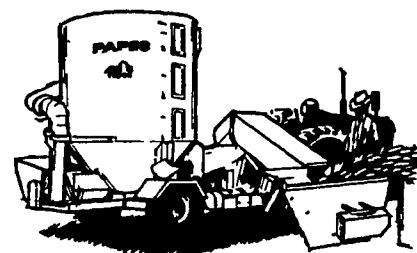
At the close of the meeting, the results of the voting for this year's officers were announced. All incumbents were reelected with Alfred Brandt, Lebanon R2, president; Richard Kreider, Lebanon R1, vice president; Clair Gerberich, Jonestown R1, treasurer; and Orpha Bomberger, secretary.

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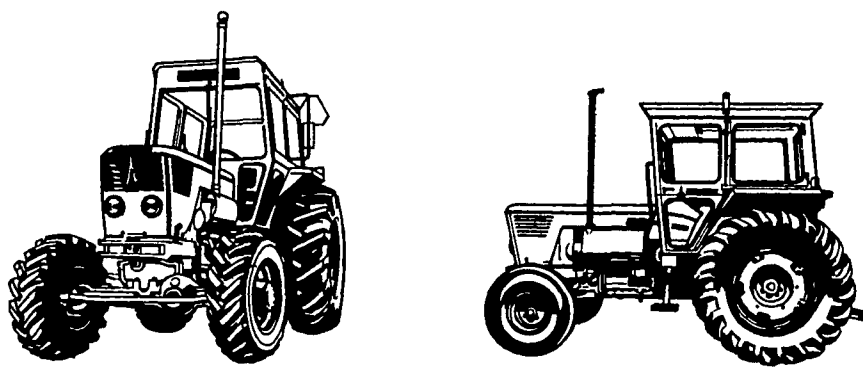


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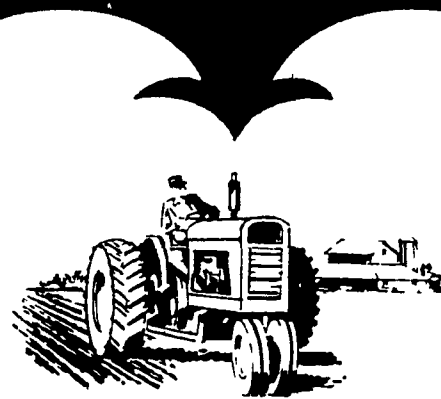
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