

Kent Shelhamer

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use, and it's one which does not necessarily add to the ultimate goodness of the food itself.

Speaking on consumer attitudes brought Shelhamer to recall the scare a few

years ago concerning climbing wheat prices.

"The stories that bread would rise to one dollar per loaf were so much hogwash!" he emphasized.

"Many times there is no correlation at all between the price paid to the farmer and the price paid by the

4-H club

ELIZABETHTOWN, Pa. — The Elizabethtown Pig and Rabbit Club held their reorganizational meeting recently. The group elected officers with Stuart Heisey, president; Bernie Gish, vice president; Tom Baum, secretary-treasurer; Brian Ebersole and Stanley Heisey, song leaders; Bruce Sipling, reporter; and Barry

Heisey and Scott Sipling, game leaders. This year's county council representatives are Tom Baum and Bernie Gish.

Special guest for the evening's get-together was Jay Irwin, Lancaster County Extension agent.

The next meeting will be held on April 26 at 7:30 p.m.

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housewife. Wheat has since gone down, but bread prices continue to rise."

Included in the ag secretary's address was a warning to farmers about escalating Social Security costs. Citing statistics and economists predictions, Shelhamer noted that there is a rapidly growing number of pensioners in the general population.

"Senior citizens now make up the largest single block of voting power in this country. And the lobbying for higher pensions will continue to intensify as the cost of living keeps climbing," said Shelhamer. He predicted that the rate of Social Security deductions will escalate from the present 11 per cent to 22 per cent eventually. Magnifying the problem is a zooming decline in the national birth rate, now at 1.2 per cent, but projected to drop below the zero growth rate.

"There will be more pensioners drawing out of the fund, but fewer young workers paying in. We're headed for a approaching labor deficit market, probably by 1985."

"Farmers are dreamers," concluded Shelhamer. "They always believe what they do today will bring them

a better tomorrow. Be proud you're a farmer."

The Extension Service reorganized during the annual meeting, electing Stewarttown beef and crops grower, John W. Marsteller, Sr., as their new president. His first vice-president is Eugene Kilgore of Airville, with Eugene Manifold, also of Airville, filling the slot of second vice-president. Mrs.

Charles Bupp, Glen Rock, was elected secretary, and Lee Poorbaugh, York, will handle the treasurer duties.

John Smith, York County Extension agent, announced plans to move the Service offices to a new location. Extension work is currently handled from the basement of the Court House in downtown York. Projected plans call for the new offices

to be located in the county home complex at Pleasant Acres, east of York.

Marion Deppen, assistant director of Extension work as being corn growing, practices, food, nutrition, and health education and land preservation. Deppen complimented the Extension workers on their excellent 4-H program, citing it as "one of the finest in the country."

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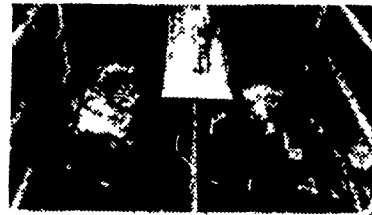


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