

# Penna. hosting young Polish Farmers

YORK, Pa. — Ten young farmers from Poland have arrived in Pennsylvania recently to begin a 13-month stay with host families. The young people are living and working on farms while they learn the latest methods in the production of beef and dairy cattle, swine, poultry and crops. Among this delegation is trainee, Zdzislaw Trojanowicz, who is living with the Irvin Rapoldt family, Glen Rock R1. These young farmers will be paid by the host for the

work they do while they learn all aspects of the operation. The trainees will try everything from working with modern machinery to learning the 4-H program. The program includes technical training by

specialists from Penn State University's Cooperative Extension Service. The trainees will help bring about cross-cultural awareness by participating in 4-H and other community activities during their stay:

The Poles are the third group to arrive from Poland, for a total of 230, in an ongoing exchange between Polish farm youth and young Americans who have been active in 4-H. Nineteen U.S. delegates have returned from stays on state and private farms in Poland, and four are expected to return in late Winter or early Spring. Another group of 15 American delegates are scheduled to leave for Poland this Summer. The exchange is designed to help increase food production through sharing of modern agricultural technology and enhance cross-cultural understanding among people of the two countries.

The initial group of 100 Poles, who have nearly completed their 13-month stay on American host farms, will meet at the National 4-H Center here April 26 and 27, 1977, before their return to Poland April 28, 1977. Another group of 30

have been situated on host farms since their arrival in early December 1976.

National 4-H Council coordinates the exchange in the United States on behalf of the Cooperative Extension Service. Sponsoring Polish groups, The National Council of the Polish Society of Agricultural Industry Engineers (SITR) and The National Council of the Union of Socialist Rural

Youth (ZSMP) administer the program in Poland. The exchange is made possible, in part, by a grant from Massey Ferguson, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa, a leading manufacturer of farm machinery and the largest company in Massey-Ferguson Limited's worldwide group of companies. U.S. host farmers' contributions assist in financing the the program

## June is scheduled month for nat'l pork cookout contest

DES MOINES, Iowa — The nation's best outdoor pork chefs will gather in St. Louis June 10-11 to demonstrate their culinary skills in the National Pork Cookout Contest.

The contest, sponsored by the National Pork Producers Council, will be held at Northwest Plaza shopping center.

"In the past, our national contest has been held at the American Pork Congress, our organization's annual meeting," Lou Lalko, NPPC

promotion director, said. "But the only people who got to see the contest were pork producers and their families. By bringing the contest to one of our image cities, we're able to show consumers how easy pork is to prepare and how delicious it is on the outdoor grill."

The NPPC represents more than 80,000 pork producer families across the country. Its main function is to conduct fresh pork promotion and production research. Its promotion

program is built around 11 major metropolitan areas called "image cities." St. Louis was one of the first NPPC image cities.

The winner of the contest will receive an expense-paid two-week trip to Hawaii for two. First runner-up will receive \$300 plus a special gas grill. Second runner-up will receive \$200 and third runner-up will receive \$100.

To be eligible for the national contest, the contestants must have been selected by a state pork producer organization as its state's pork cookout champion. Contestants must enter the national contest with the same pork item and recipe used in the state contest.

## Berks Farmers meet

OLEY, Pa. The annual spring meeting of the Berks County Farmers Association was held April 1, at the Oley Vocational Technical School. Eugene Thompson, president of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association spoke to 160 people who were in attendance. The work accomplished over the past year was the major topic discussed.

District PFA Board member Arthur Hershey also addressed the group, as well as Jane Carson, from the State PFA office and Gary Gillispie, Farm Management and Business Analysis Service representative.

William Myer, president of the Berks County PFA reported to the members on the recent COWAMP (Comprehensive Water Quality Management

Planning) meeting held in Philadelphia.

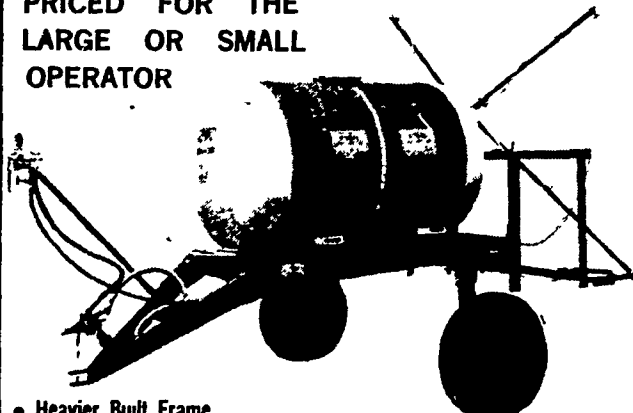
Other business was conducted by Harold Burgert. Burgert explained how policy development meetings are conducted and how the forthcoming suggestions are submitted at the State convention and hopefully adopted. Approximately two-thirds of the policies submitted by the Berks County committees had been adopted at the state convention.

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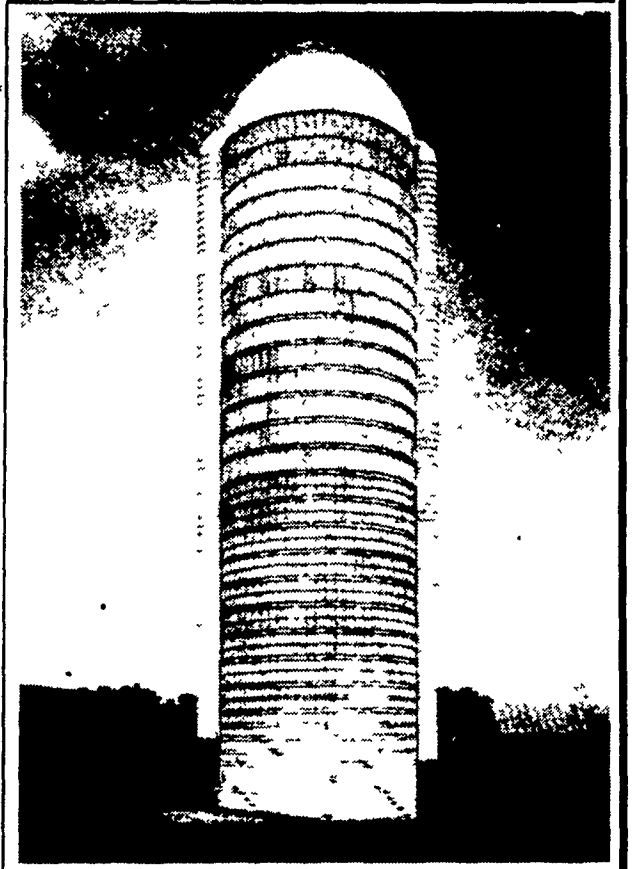
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