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NEPPCO to merge with PEIA

LANCASTER - The Northeastern Poultry Producers Council (NEPPCO), one of the oldest all-weather regional trade associations in the country, will merge with the Poultry and Egg Institute of America (PEIA) on January 1, 1978, it was jointly announced by Richard I. Stark, president of NEPPCO, and Ken Longacre, chairman of the Board of PEIA.

Final action on the merger proposal came to NEPPCO's annual meeting held here last month in the Lancaster Farm and Home Center when NEPPCO members voted unanimously to accept the formal agreement that had been negotiated earlier by PEIA and NEPPCO officials and endorsed by PEIA's board of directors.

The agreement provides that:

1) All current members of NEPPCO will automatically become members of PEIA with their membership paid up to the month in 1978 when their dues would have again become payable to NEPPCO.

2) NEPPCO members will have the right to elect three members to PEIA's board of directors for one, two and three-year terms.

3) PEIA will take over and operate such current NEPPCO services as its life insurance plan, egg quality school, turkey conference, and similar services.

4) NEPPCO will convey and assign to PEIA all of its assets and stipulated

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Wendy Shaw wins major dairy titles

HARRISBURG - Wendy Sue Shaw, 16, of Oley R2 Berks County, repeated her championship performance for the second straight year in the 22nd Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show held as part of the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show in Harrisburg. Wendy, a 4-H member for eight years, captured the grand and senior championships in FFA Holstein competition with W-S Linden-Loch R A Sutee, a 2-year-old.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Shaw, Wendy was also named the grand champion fitter and showman for both Holstein

and overall competition. Last year her 5-year-old, Bryncoed Dandy Doll, won her grand champion honors in 4-H Holstein and overall competition. A separate article on Miss Shaw's accomplishments and outlook appears elsewhere in this issue.

In the other breed classes, it was a family affair with brothers and sisters scoring wins in Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey and Milking Shorthorn classes.

The Yoder family from Shoemakersville, Berks County, continued to

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4-H member wins beef championship

LAMPETER - The grand champion steer of the West Lampeter Beef Show was shown by Marjorie Myers, Lancaster R6. The 15 yr. old sophomore from Penn Manor, and 4-H member, showed her heavyweight steer, weighing 1155 lbs., to the top position, making the award the youth's first championship. The steer was a Simmental-Angus crossbred.

The reserve champion steer was shown by Tim Hess, 14, a fifth year 4-H member. The Lampeter youth showed his Maine-Anjou Angus Charolais crossbred weighing 1000 lbs. The animal had been bred locally.

In the FFA division, top honors went to two brothers. Jay McMichael, Pequea R1, was named champion while his brother Steve's steer was named reserve champion. Both steers weighed 1045 lbs. The champion FFA steer was a Charolais-Angus crossbred while the reserve champion was a Simmental-Hereford cross.

In the showmanship division, Michelle Dean, Strasburg R1, showed the top winner in the age 11 yrs. and under class. In the senior division, Debra Greider, Columbia R2, won the first prize.

Judge for the evening was

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National 4H Week
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Nearly six million celebrate 4-H week

DOVER, Del. - From California's agricultural valleys to the central cities of the East Coast, more than 5.8 million young people will observe National 4-H Week October 2 through 8. Theme of this year's observance is "4-H-Freedom to Be."

President Jimmy Carter said in a message to 4-H members and volunteer leaders: "4-H-Freedom to Be" is a most appropriate theme for an effort that reaches out to all young Americans - rural and urban - from all racial, cultural, economic and social backgrounds. For many, 4-H is the door to a lifetime of personal growth and self-fulfillment."

National 4-H Week is set annually by the Cooperative Extension Service, which

conducts the 4-H program in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam. The observance gives 4-H members, their leaders, and parents an opportunity to review the past year's work and plan for the coming year. It also focuses public attention on the values of 4-H as an informal educational program that enables young people to learn real-life skills and develop leadership abilities.

Boys and girls between the ages of nine and 19 participate in 4-H through organized clubs, special interest groups, nutrition education programs, television series, short-term activities, and camping.

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Eastern refutes business stories

SYRACUSE - Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative has strengthened its over-all position in the Northeast dairy industry and with its lending bank through the adoption of a new financial program with its members and increased sales to buying handlers, it was reported here last week. Howard McDonald, Eastern's general manager, refuted statements to the contrary which have recently appeared in the press.

The new financial program, in effect since September 1, 1977, was recently acted upon by the cooperative's delegate body

and placed into motion by its board of directors. Designed to offset losses experienced by Eastern in marketing huge supplies of surplus milk, benefitting both members and the entire dairy industry, the program also meets the bank's requirements and improves the cooperative's relationship thereto.

Inaccurate statements which appeared in several newspaper articles last month have caused some unrest within Eastern's membership. Legal redress is being seriously considered by the cooperative for these

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Sandy Miller, former Berks County dairy princess, received the state title on Wednesday of last week.

Sandy Miller crowned new Pa. dairy princess

By JOYCE BUPP
York Co. Reporter
HARRISBURG - There's a dairy farmer in Berks County who is spending his weekend repainting a sign at the end of his lane. The sign originally read: "The home of the Berks County Dairy Princess." Now, it will instead read, "The home of the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess."

Sandy Miller, 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Miller, Hamburg R2, is Pennsylvania's 1977-78 state dairy princess. She was selected from 39 lovely and talented contestants during

the 21st Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Coronation held Wednesday evening at the Penn Harris Motor Inn at Camp Hill. The coronation is the climax of the annual recognition banquet held in conjunction with the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show.

A life-long farm girl, Sandy is currently employed within the home dairying operation. A 1977 graduate of the State University of New York at Farmingdale, with an associate of applied science degree, the new princess hopes to secure a

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Champs chosen at New Holland

By JOANNE SPAHR
NEW HOLLAND - Two junior livestock shows were on tap at the New Holland Community Fair last Thursday-the 4-H beef and the 4-H hog shows.

Beginning the day's events, 14-year-old Glenn Yoder, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Yoder, Morgantown R1, showed his 1060 pound Charolais/Angus crossbred steer to the grand championship title of the 4-H beef show. This is the highest the fifth year 4-H member has placed thus far in his career.

The Garden Spot freshman pulled lots out of a hat to determine the steer he would show this year, as did all

members of the New Holland 4-H Beef Club. According to Yoder, the animal was purchased in Virginia.

Taking the reserve champion of the show as Janae Martin, 11, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Martin, with her purebred 1040 pound Angus. Janae is a second year member of the New Holland Beef Club, although she has never shown previous to this year. Last year her animal was killed by a motorcyclist one month prior to the show.

"She's really pleased to be the reserve champion this year," says her mother. Miss Martin was also named

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