

# Hog producers

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some of the most modern equipment on display.

"The exhibit area at the Hershey Motor Lodge is sold out," he announced. "And 500 people have already signed up for the banquet where Dr. Earl Butz will speak. It's more than I expected."

A. K. Fisher, Kinzer, told that "the thing that comes to my mind about the Pork Congress is that it's an indication of where the pork industry is going. In years past, the hog business has been on the back burner despite its economical size. This event will point out our growth and show our ripeness for even more expansion. Pennsylvania is a significant pork producing state," he emphasized.

"Our greatest opportunity now is with farrowing operations," he continued. "We're in a severe feeder pig deficit area. We need to get a bunch more sows in our state. We're an up and coming hog state."

In addition, Fisher also noted that Pennsylvania is clean of hog diseases, and producing replacement pigs within the state would help protect that status.

"I think the program is an indication of how the Pa. Pork Producers Council feels about the hog industry in Pennsylvania," he concluded.

From Strasburg in Lancaster County, John Henkle too spoke of the expanding

hog production in Pennsylvania.

"We're sitting in one of the best market areas," he explained. "And there is a strong demand for local hogs."

"What the PPPC is trying to do," he continued, "is do things that will benefit the hog producers in the state, both update their hog information and promote hogs. We feel that this congress is a good way to get the information to the producers. It's patterned after the national pork congress."

"This is our first big venture," he added, "and the time is right for it."

He spoke of Robert Fritschen, calling him the "father of Nebraska type housing" which has a modified open front, making use of natural ventilation, and being a more economical way of finishing hogs.

"There are quite a few of this type of housing put in Pa. in the past few years", he commented. Fritschen will tell of the history of these houses and talk of other new developments.

He noted that the program based in Hershey will be self-supporting, and commented on the women's program. "It's a really fine program," he mentioned, "especially the session on the porcine heart valves."

"There should be a good trade show," Herb Shick, Kutztown commented. "And the seminars are going to be full of information. This

CARLISLE - Fifteen people met January 25th at the Cumberland Extension office, Carlisle, to evaluate strengths and concerns of the Cumberland County 4-H Program.

The group included 4-H leaders, 4-H members, County and State Extension staff, and interested individuals. Strengths of the 4-H program the group identified were learning of responsibility, good learning skills, personal development, gaining self-confidence, variety of learning experiences and preparation of good citizenship.

Concerns identified included reaching the unreached, marketing and publicizing the 4-H program. In addition, the group felt

congress will be a good opportunity for hog producers to learn a lot. I think that the people who attend will be more than anxious to return to such an event next year. It took work to get it going, but it was worth it. I hope we can build it up even more in the next years."

For those interested in more information about the Keystone Pork Congress, they can see the related articles in this week's issue of Lancaster Farming.

The Congress is set for February 16, at the Hershey Motor Lodge, Hershey, with the doors opening at 8 a.m. for those who would like to visit the exhibit area before the seminars begin. The program will start at 10 a.m.

that the on going program could be strengthened by reaching more boys, involving parents, and clarifying project completion expectations.

Individuals participating

were Nelson Punt, Joan Harms, Mary Garman, Mae Hemminger, Peggy Foreman, Bill Leib, Gary Hornbaker, Chester Schlusser, Virginia Dubs, Miriam Ulsh, Dorothy Jones, Ruth Adler, Mabel

Strock, Reverend Robert Addison, and Nancy Yorlets.

The group will meet again February 22nd to decide how to carry out the concerns identified.

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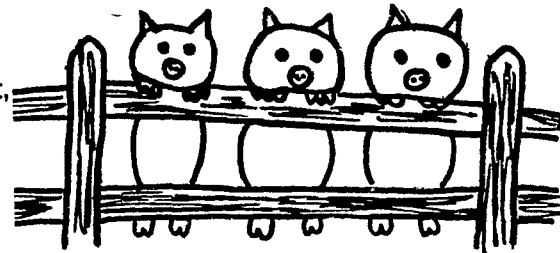
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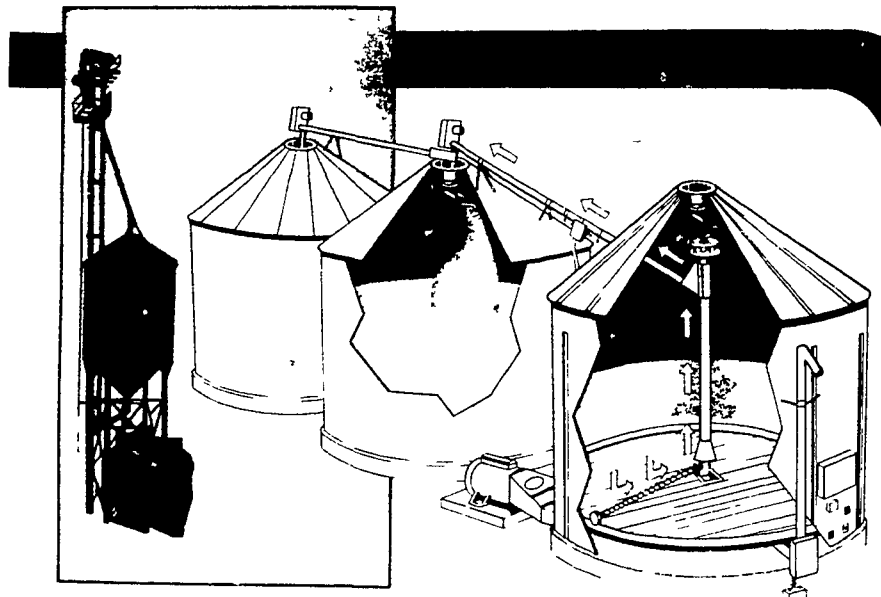
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