

FHA Chapters

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entered from the northwest area of the State," commented Kratz.

Since a great percentage of involvement came from this area, the majority of Lancaster County home economics teachers and FHA advisors have responded adversely to the situation.

In the past, Barbara Sherk, a Hempfield High School home economics teacher, encouraged her students to enter their clothing projects.

"Each year there is a less participation. Our girls are disappointed that they have to be judged in the open class with the adult seamstresses."

This year, a few girls are entering coats that were constructed during a tailoring course. "We only send the cream of the crop," she added.

According to Sherk, the home economics people at the State level did not want to handle the job.

As a result, Sherk no longer advises a FHA Chapter at the Hempfield High School.

"We have three home economics clubs instead. The students enjoy these three clubs. They may participate in the plant, needlework or braided rug clubs. Sherk was excited about the braided rug her students will enter at the Farm Show.

Jeannett Mamaprotte, a FHA advisor in the Manheim

Central High School, is disappointed her students can not compete with other high school students.

The items of clothing entered by Manheim students has really dropped.

According to Mary Gardner, the Manheim sewing instructor, there will be no projects entered this year in the open division.

Basically, the classes offered in the open division are not tailored to the interests of today's high school students, noted Gardner.

Although the school exhibits are no longer a part of the Farm Show. The Department of Education has sought to keep the FHA Chapters involved.

According to Kratz, the FHA Chapters may design a window exhibit or give homemaking demonstrations.

The window exhibits and the vocational demonstrations are judged.

Kratz said, "these activities give FHA'ers a chance to develop in other ways."

The Warwick FHA Chapter is one county chapter that is busily creating a window exhibit.

According to Heidi Long, home economics teacher, the girls have put a lot of time into their exhibit.

The exhibit is titled, "Know Your Cookware." The students have included four different types of cookware and have described each type.

Long mentioned that a

good handful of her students are involved in the FHA Chapter, meeting once a week during the school day.

"We have quite a few younger girls in our Chapter. They are not quite as outgoing, although they are getting more involved."

Long will be taking a group of students to the FHA Winter meeting and the Farm Show on Wednesday.

The Warwick students are fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the FHA Winter Convention.

Many school districts discourage bus trips or the teacher's driving because of the transportation costs.

A few Manheim Central students will be driving their own cars to the State FHA Convention.

Kathy Cassel, a Manheim student, is the State FHA Secretary. Naturally, her classmates hope to support her at the Winter meeting.

Gardner contributes the cost of transportation as a major reason for the lower attendance at the Winter meeting. The costs also contribute to the lack of FHA'ers involved in construction window exhibits and giving demonstrations. It is difficult for FHA members in the western region to travel to Harrisburg for the State events.

A highlight of the Lancaster County FHA program is the origin of a new FHA Chapter.

In the past two months, a Donegal Chapter has been organized by Eleanor Ruhl.

"We had a Chapter a few years ago, but it phased out. I wanted to reorganize the Chapter last year, in my first year of full-time teaching

Local couple to represent Region 1 Young Cooperators

PARADISE — For the first time, a young dairy couple representing Interstate Milk Producers' Cooperative was elected to lead Region 1 Young Cooperators of the nation.

At The National Milk

Producers Federation 1979 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, La., the official delegation representing dairy cooperatives from Maine to California, nominated and elected officers for the coming year.

Donald L. and Virginia Ranck, R1, Paradise, Pa., operate a 124-acre dairy farm in Lancaster County. The Rancks are members of Inter-State's district 12.

NMPF's newly elected Region 1 Vice President has a B.S. degree in agricultural education from Penn State. Virginia is a licensed practical nurse. The Rancks have three children.

Their dairy herd includes 50 registered Holstein-Friesian milk cows and 61 head of young stock. Their

rolling herd milk production average is 17,355 pounds. On Verdant View Farm, the Rancks average 66 acres of corn, 33 acres of alfalfa, 18 acres of barley and 6.5 acres of tobacco.

The young farm couple served as administrators for the MCC program from 1972-75 in Brazil and some 15 to 30 persons were under their supervision.

They have also served as region leaders with the PAFC. They are active in community activities and area farm organizations.

but I was too busy. This year we are organized."

Ruhl is appreciative of the assistance she received from Glendean Davis, State FHA coordinator.

Next year, Ruhl hopes that the Donegal Chapter will be involved in the State programs. For this year, Ruhl would like to take her FHA members to the Winter meeting.

Hopefully, a state meeting will enable the students to better understand the FHA program and its opportunities.

These students may even understand the programs which have been limited by the state department and the non-existent opportunity for students to compete with other students across the state.

"We have provided what the State Department of Education can afford. Maybe someday we will get out of the Farm Show altogether," concluded Carolyn Kratz.

If this becomes a reality, it is unlikely that FHA members will bother to attend a Winter convention. Nor will they involve themselves in state projects.

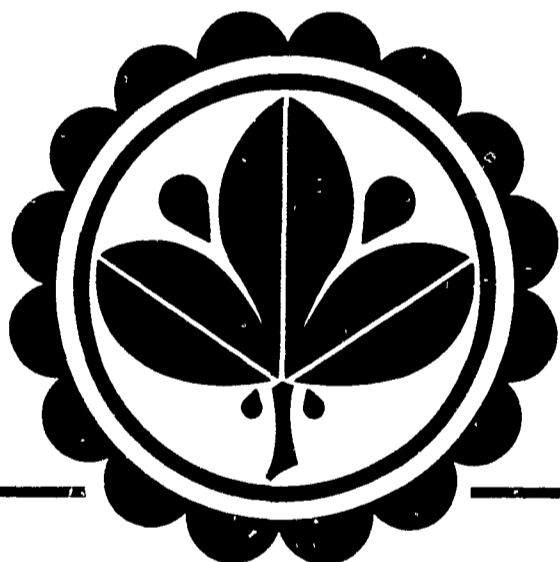
Shorthorn bull moves to Argentina

OMAHA, Neb. — Willow Crest Shorthorns, Larry and Karen Reap of Polo, Illinois, recently announced the sale of two ½ interests in a Polled Shorthorn bull. One sale went to an Argentina firm and the other to George Woods & Sons, Woodland Farm, Frankfort, Indiana.

Jose' Orotquieta y Hnos, Buenos Aires, purchased a ½ interest and possession of Willow Crest Affirmed x. Woods & Sons purchased a ½ semen interest in the

animal. The total mid-five-figure selling price placed a value on the bull that ranked him among the highest selling within the breed in recent years. Semen from the bull will be available on a limited basis in the United States only. The bull will be shipped to Argentina in early 1980.

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