

York County corn growers set annual clinic

YORK — York County corn growers will hold their annual clinic this Thursday, January 17, at the 4-H Center, beginning with informal visits to over two dozen agri-business exhibits at 9:30 a.m.

Morning session speakers will be James W. Garthe, agricultural engineering specialist from Penn State, briefing farmers on reducing field losses. Agronomist Wayne Hinsh will offer tips on manure and fertilizer usage.

An update on pesticide recertification will be given by Donald Lott, State Department of Agriculture pesticide inspector.

Included in the afternoon program are two Penn State specialists, Bill McClellan

with a herbicide presentation, and entomologist Stan Gesell on methods of control for the stalk borer and European corn borer.

A panel discussion, moderated by county agent John Smith, will give farmers a chance to question four county growers: Roger Perry, York; John Marstella, Stewartstown; Geary Huntsburger, Etters; and Earl Fuhrman, Hanover, will be on the firing line.

Five acre corn club awards will also be presented during the day-long program.

Lunch will be served at the 4-H Center, with a small donation to cover costs. Tickets are available from the extension office or numerous participating agri-business organizations.

Reservations are due Monday, January 14, and can be made by calling the York County Extension Service, 717/757-9657.

Grange leaders to meet

in Carlisle

CARLISLE — National and mid-Atlantic leaders of the country's oldest and second largest farm organization will meet in Carlisle, Jan. 18-20.

National Master Edward Andersen from Grange headquarters in Washington, D.C. will chair the week-end conference to be held at the Quality Inn on the Harrisburg Pike.

The purpose of the meeting is to further develop departmental leadership plans and projects for 1980. Andersen will also brief the state leaders on current activities in the nation's capital affecting agriculture and the economy in rural America.

State Masters and other officers from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, New York and Ohio will be in attendance including Charles Wismer of Harrisburg, Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

Also on the program will be Emory Brown and Daryl Heasley, both from Penn State University. They will conduct workshops on communications and programs development.

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Montgomery County honors dairymen



Montgomery County's top dairy farmers received awards for the production of their dairy herds at a recent Dairy Banquet attended by 325 people at Christopher Dock School, Harleysville. Left to right: Vernon Moser, New Berlinville, awards committee chairman, congratulates Harold Keener, Telford; Fred Seipt, Lansdale; and George Seneko, Harleysville. The Keener herd of 38 holsteins was the highest producing herd in the county during

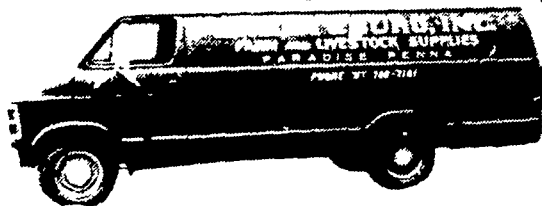
1979 averaging 17,901 pounds of milk and 692 pounds of milkfat per cow. The Seipt herd of 122 Holsteins was second high with an average production per cow of 17,217 pounds of milk and 669 pounds of milkfat. The Seneko herd of 61 holsteins was third with an average of 18,073 pounds of milk and 653 pounds of milkfat. The cows are tested by the county DHIA headed locally by county agent Joseph H. Way.



Jeanette Kolb, Spring City (seated left) was crowned as 1980 Montgomery County Dairy Princess by outgoing princess Nancy Freed, Harleysville. Alternate princess is Dana Lee Geyer, Harleysville. The selections were made at a recent meeting of 325 dairy farmers and their families at the Christopher Dock School, Harleysville.

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The 1979 U.S. corn crop, at 7.4 billion bushels, alone outstrips the harvest of all Soviet grains. That happened once before, in 1975.

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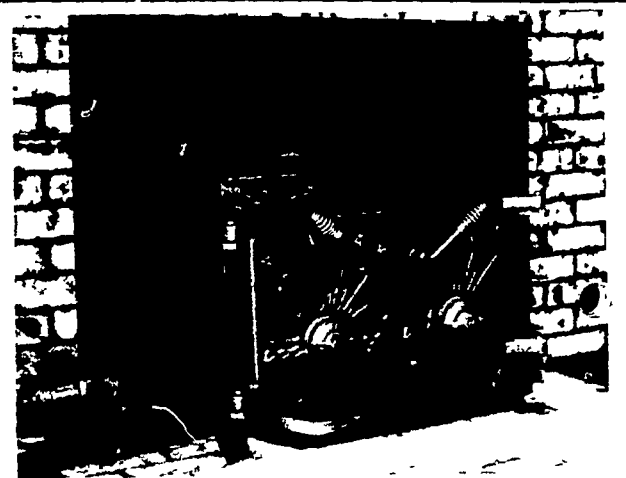
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