

# Dauphin Co. 4-H Council elects officers

HARRISBURG — At the annual 4-H Leader's Banquet, leaders and friends looked on as the 1980 Dauphin County Council officers were inducted. The candle-lighting ceremonies took place last Friday evening, at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

This year's county president is Rick Baker, R2 Elizabethtown. He takes office from last year's president, Tina Taylor, R2 Elizabethtown. 1979 was Tina's last year as a member of 4-H, and she said she is looking forward to being a leader.

Assisting Baker will be Brenda Hensley, R1 Harrisburg. She is stepping into the vice-president's office after serving as last year's secretary.

Brenda Fisher, R1 Hummelstown, will be assuming the 1980 secretarial duties for the county 4-H club council. She too gained experience on the 1979 council, serving as social chairman.

Todd Kohr, R1 Palmyra, will be the 1980 treasurer. Kurt Hess, R4 Elizabethtown, as social chairman, will help to find ways to spend the funds. Kohr follows Shelly Fetterhoff, R3 Harrisburg, in the office of treasurer.

The 1980 historian, news reporter and photographer duties will be the responsibility of Molly Landon, R1 Harrisburg, Barb Baker, R2 Elizabethtown, and Greg Taylor, R2 Elizabethtown. Last year's reporter was Lisa Yohn, R2 Grantville, and Kari Schengrund, Hummelstown, was the photographer.

Along with the officer inductions, leader awards were presented to Bill Sweigard, R3 Halifax, 35 years service in the Upper Dauphin Beef & Swine Club, Harvey Gipe, R2 Elizabethtown, 5 years



The 1980 Dauphin County 4-H Council officers inducted at last Friday's banquet are, from left, front row: Rick Baker, Brenda Hensley, Brenda Fisher, Todd Kohr, Kurt Hess, Molly Landon, Barb Baker, and Greg Taylor. 1979 officers leaving the council are, from left, back row: Tina Taylor, Shelly Fetterhoff, and Lisa Yohn.



4-H leaders, attending the banquet, who received awards were, from left, Harvey Gipe, Harvey Fisher, and Shelly Kaylor.

service in the Lower Dauphin Baby Beef Club; Harvey Fisher, R1 Hummelstown, 10 years service in the Lower Dauphin Baby Beef Club; Shelly Kaylor, R3 Elizabethtown, 5 years

service in the Upper Dauphin Beef & Swine Club; Mrs. Byron Timmins, Hummelstown, 15 years service in South Hanover So & Sew, Mrs. Elinor Schall, Hershey, 5 years service in

Hershey Sewing Club; Mrs. Linda Rhoades, Hershey, 5 years service in Hershey Sewing Club; and Mrs. Toni Gearhart, Hershey, 5 years service in Hershey Sewing Club SM.

## USDA seeks to change fruit grade standards

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture Friday proposed a new grading procedure for canned fruits that will offer packers better control over the finished product's quality.

USDA also proposed an official grade standard for canned fruit mix, a product similar to fruit cocktail.

The proposal would change the grading procedure for sweet cherries, fruit cocktail, pears, apricots and grapes. The new grading procedure, called attributes sampling, would replace variable sampling, a system which has been used in the processed fruit and vegetable grade standards since 1928, according to Assistant Secretary of Agriculture

Foreman, which uses four defect categories: minor, major, severe and critical. For each grade, limits are set on the number of permissible defects in each category.

This system offers packers better control over the finished product's quality by enabling official graders to give reports on the quality of a lot at various stages of production, without having to wait until the end of a shift to determine whether a lot meets a specified grade.

Under the older system, the finished product is numerically scored on a number of quality factors. The grade is an average of these scores.

Attributes sampling is already in use as the official grading method for canned clingstone peaches. It was adopted in 1978, after a USDA study of the method in 10 California packing plants

Foreman said USDA is also proposing a new grade standard for canned fruit mix, a recent addition to the consumer market commonly found under generic labels in the supermarket.

Under the proposed standards, both U.S. Grades A and B fruit mix would have a reasonably bright appearance, and be practically free from seeds and pits. Other quality factors such as defective pieces would be graded under the new attributes sampling system.

The canned fruit mix usually costs less than fruit cocktail because the expensive, artificially colored fruit ingredients are omitted, and various forms of fruit ingredients, such as slices, dices and quarters, are included in the product. Canned fruit mix offers consumers a savings while

maintaining the same nutritional value as the more expensive fruit cocktail.

The proposed changes were published in the March 21 Federal Register. Copies are also available from the Fruit and Vegetable Quality Division, Food Safety and Quality Service, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Comments on the proposal will be accepted until December 12, and should be sent in duplicate to Executive Secretariat, Attn: Annie Johnson, room 3807-S, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

USDA's Food Safety and Quality Service established grade standards and provides official grading for many food products, under authority of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946. Use of the standards and grading service is voluntary and paid for by the user.

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