

Breeders co-op holds annual open house

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TUNKHANNOCK — A record crowd of 2125 men, women, and children swarmed to the Northeastern Breeders Association and Sire Power, Inc. Headquarters in Tunkhannock last Saturday for the annual Open House.

Rides for the children, clowns, balloons, and the perfect summer weather all added to the carnival-like atmosphere.

Tours of the five huge barns to see the 200 bulls housed there and demon-

strations of semen collection from bull through the laboratory procedures to the straw used for artificial insemination were the main attractions.

During the noon hour while the crowd was fed a "Deep Pit Ox Roast" served by the Tunkhannock Triton Hose Company, "Jimmy Benson and Co." entertained with their blue grass music.

Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon meeting was Margin Stout, Sales and Service Director of NEBA.

He introduced Gary Ruckard, president of the

NEBA board of directors, who remarked that the "battery of bulls of the breeding cooperative in on demand all over the world."

He commended the board of directors for making the right decisions to make the cooperative a success.

Dairy Princesses from Sullivan, Susquehanna, and Wayne Counties also were recognized.

Lewis Campbell, general manager of NEBA and Sire Power, spoke briefly. He will be retiring in November having started in the Ar-

tificial Insemination business in 1948.

Also introduced by Stout was DeWayne Kutz, new general manager who will replace Campbell.

The featured speaker was Harlan Hudson, a Franchised Herd Consultant for the Holstein Friesian Services.

Sire Power, Inc. is a complete breeding service owned by NEBA, together with the Maryland Artificial Breeding Cooperative, and the West Virginia Breeding Cooperative.

Snyder graduates

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA — Gregg Snyder of New Tripoli, Field Manager with Vigortone Products Company, recently received a diploma from the Vigortone Sales Management Institute held in Olive Branch, Mississippi.

Snyder completed an

intensive one-week course of study involving livestock nutrition, product knowledge, territory management and sales techniques. He was presented his diploma by Vigortone's National Director of Sales Training, Kenneth Cassidy.

Trucks

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weight on the rear axles.

While the weight of the tractor remains the same, its position over the axles will change the way the portable scale weighs the load.

There has been some success in circumventing the fine problem.

The Lancaster County Pomona Grange was able to secure a permit for local farmers who need to haul machinery across a posted bridge on the Octarara Creek.

Wolff notes Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is willing to work with people to secure a permit for them.

But the individual knows a risk is taken every time a truck which weighs in excess of the rating is taken across the bridge.

Solution to the problem would be to repair all of the bridges and roads which today are substandard. That costs money.

The Thornburgh Administration has proposed a six cent per gallon gas sales tax at the pump. It is known as the SWAP tax.

At present rates, five of those six tax cents would be eaten up by debt service for construction which took place 10 to 20 years ago.

The remaining penny tax would generate about \$50 million in available money for road and bridge repairs.

Since the Federal highway money amounts to about \$450 million, the state's eagerness to bring roads into compliance and get at the golden egg is understandable.

It is likely the Thornburgh

Administration will continue to press for the SWAP tax on gasoline to get the money to meet Federal requirements.

The publicity generated by fines on rural roads may only serve to heighten public outcry against posted bridges. The alternative presented is the SWAP tax, another bill added to already soaring fuel costs.—CH

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