

427 attend annual Lancaster poultry banquet

STRASBURG — If sports fans were as loyal and supportive as members of the Lancaster County Poultry Association, there would hardly ever be any empty, "no-show" seats in stadiums and ball parks.

Thursday night at Historic Strasburg, 432 places were set for the annual banquet of the Poultry Association.

A total of 427 of them were filled when president Leroy Esbenshade called the annual get-together to order and welcomed the large throng.

Major item of business was the election of four directors, including Marlin R. Hershey, Lancaster, representing allied industries; and producers, John Hershey, R1, Marietta; Galen R. Martin, R2, Mount Joy; and H. Dale Rohrer, R6, Lititz.

The on-going support of the members of the association, in addition to the large attendance, was exemplified in reports given by LaVon Fuhrman, County Poultry Queen; and Jay Irwin, County Extension Director, on behalf of the various committees.

In just three months, the poultry queen has participated in at least a

dozen major promotional events on behalf of the poultry industry. These range from riding the association prize-winning float at all county fairs, attendance at the Pennsylvania Foods Expo and a hatchery open house to helping to prepare egg food items at the downtown Lancaster Harvest Days and the Ag Week of the Lancaster County Farmer's Association at Park City.

"It has been an unforgettable experience to meet all of these people and tell them about the egg and poultry industry," Queen Fuhrman said.

"I'm looking forward to a continuation of the promotion during the next nine months."

Extension Director Irwin outlined the achievements during the past year of the many committees, including Education, Promotion, Queen, Membership, Tour, Publicity, Float, and Banquet.

"This is a \$143 million poultry industry in Lancaster County," Irwin reminded.

"Sometimes, many people take it for granted, but we must never take for granted the many efforts that are put forth to promote it."



Newly-elected directors of the Lancaster County Poultry Association, include, from the left, Marlin R. Hershey, Lancaster; John

Hershey, R1, Marietta; Galen R. Martin, R2 Mount Joy; and H. Dale Rohrer, R6, Lititz.

Mrs. Vernon Leininger turned over a check for \$1,072 to the association from the profits of the food stand at the Ephrata Fair. She told of the preparation by members of her family in cooking 50 chickens, deboning them and

freezing them for the stand.

Steve Ney, of Marietta, served as Master of Ceremonies; and John Hoffman, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, gave the in-

vacation.

Entertainment was provided by Bob and Vera Kensinger, who combined comedy with a very meaningful message concerning human fellowship.

York Holstein breeders elect Cope to presidency

YORK — State Holstein Association president, John Cope of Mechanicsburg, told York Holstein breeders last week that their association is "in good hands with some 6,000 members now" and that another good financial year has been closed on the books.

Cope was one of several Holstein association leaders who presented brief comments to the hundred dairy farm members and guests attending the annual dinner meeting, held last Friday evening at Avalong Farms Restaurant.

County members also elected three new directors to the board for three year terms. They are Charles Rauhauser, Dover, Rodney Smyser, York, and J. Donnell Taylor, Delta.

Honored during the program were several youth of the county, winners in the Junior Holstein Association's summer fitting and showing workshop, held late July. Fitting awards were presented to Dana Doll and Todd Warner. Accepting showing trophies were Angela Cooper, Joe Arnold, Bridgette Boyer, also named the reserve champion showman, and champion showman, Barbara Kilgore.

National Holstein representative, Clarence Stauffer of Lancaster, announced an order being assembled for 100 head of grade Holsteins for an order from Puerto Rico, urging any interested breeder with suitable bred grade

heifers to contact him immediately.

Stauffer also touched on the recurring problem of a lengthy turnaround time on Holstein registry paper, saying the Brattleboro offices are working toward having papers returned to breeders within a month after application.

County members interested in advertising in the state's convention magazine issue have been given a two-week extension to copy deadline, according to advertising chairman Karen Laughman. Advertisers are asked to contact Mrs. Laughman with their convention ad materials.

Selections for the February convention sale, scheduled in Harrisburg, are being made by sale chairman Doug Cope, and Holstein staffer Mike Weimer.

Potential consigners should get in touch with one of these two selectors for York County if they are interested in consideration.

Members were urged to send in their membership dues before December 1, and take advantage of a five percent discount on the fee. If the county club reaches membership goal by January 15, they will receive a \$200 award from the state association. If goal is reached before July 1, 1982, a \$100 award goes to the county's treasury.

In a reorganization meeting following the annual meeting, Douglas Cope, Dover, was named president of the York Holstein group, with Mike Stewart, Airville, as vice president. Larry Ampsacher, York, was re-elected secretary-treasurer, assisted by June Boyer, York. E. Wayne

Beshore, New Cumberland, is the state director representing York County. Several committee heads were appointed, including, Doug Cope and Mike Stewart, co-chairing sales, Karen Laughman, advertising, Joyce Bupp, news, Larry Ampsacher, tour, Charles Rauhauser, banquet, Carl Anderson, youth.

Holstein members named to serve on the Adams-York-Calfarama sale committee are Rodney Smyser, Doug Cope, Larry Ampsacher, Phil Laughman, Tom Boyer and Donnell Taylor.

A two-day tour to New York during late March or early April for county club members is in the planning stages. Other upcoming events include membership kickoff in November, a planning session in January, and the Adams-York-Calfarama in March.



Awarded junior fitting and showing trophies during the York Holstein meeting were Bridgette Boyer and Dana Doll, front, and back row, Joe Arnold, Todd Warner and Barb Kilgore.

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