

# 1,000 Young Farmers conclude national institute

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From the time the state flags of these visiting Young Farmers were paraded into the ballroom at Saturday night's opening banquet until the closing luncheon Wednesday afternoon, the delegates were treated by the Pennsylvania YF group to a varied and worthwhile program.

On Saturday night, three new Spokespersons for Agriculture were selected in speaking competition among representatives of 19 states.

Winners were Carey Davis, of Sheridan, Ind.; Dick Helms, of Arapahoe, Neb.; and Gerald Garber, of Weyers Cave, Va.

The three spokespersons will now participate in a week-long "speaking blitz" to three metropolitan cities. In the visits to the cities, sponsored by Elanco, the trio of Young Farmers will carry their message of promoting a better understanding of agriculture to news media and consumers in the big city areas.

Speaker at the opening banquet was Pete Wambaugh, originator of the "It's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania" radio series. Wambaugh took the audience of visitors on a historical tour of the Commonwealth, pointing out that no matter where you're from, you likely have roots in Pennsylvania.

Sunday night's banquet featured the history of the National Educational Institute, which was also held in Pennsylvania back in 1969. Among those persons instrumental in the early development of the National Educational Institute was Forney Longenecker, of Lancaster.

The Ephrata Young Farmers also hosted an "ice cream smorgasbord" for the institute participants on Sunday night.

Also on view at the institute was a trade show of exhibits by various agribusiness firms.

The highlight of Monday and Tuesday's program were bus tours to a number of area farms and

agribusiness companies.

An example of the on-farm visits was that to the Sunny Craft Farm of Earl and Barb Stauffer, R1 Ephrata. Earl is president of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers and served as program coordinator for the institute. Barb was Pennsylvania's contestant in the Spokesperson competition.

At the farm, Earl and Barb introduced the visitors to a registered Holstein operation that stresses embryo transfers and the breeding and merchandising of cattle.

The visitors viewed the bulls housed on the farm enrolled in the National Holstein Association's HSDS Young Sire Program. They also got an opportunity to see the farm's outstanding dam, Hindendale April Mattie (94-3F) and some of her offsprings in the herd that has a BAA of 105.6 and includes five Excellent, 14 Very Good, 12 Good Plus and two Good.

The Stauffer's also have a 28,000 broiler operation.

And as Barb told the visitors:

"It's not that I'm the only one working with the chickens; it's just that Earl stays away from them."

More than one comment was heard from visitors accustomed to more wide open agricultural space about the concentrated farming of the area.

One visitor with a broad-brimmed hat quipped:

"I just don't know how you can stay on about 50 acres for a whole day."

But this was one of the purposes of the on-farm tours — to illustrate the diversification of Pennsylvania agriculture and how it is geared to make the most of the limited land that is available.

Actually, visitors had three different tours in which to participate.

Other stops on the Lancaster tour included the Amish Homestead; the Earl and Evelyn

Landis dairy farm, which also features a vacation-guest program; New Holland Sales Stables; Sperry New Holland; and the Earl and Grace Martin beef operation, which includes more than 500 acres of cropland, only 17 of which are owned.

The Gettysburg tour featured the Mason-Dixon Farm with its methane operation, the National Park and Battlefield and the Eisenhower Historic Site.

In the Berks-Lebanon area, the tour included the dairy farm of Cyrus and Sallie Bomberger, the

Gorgio mushroom operation, the dairy and broiler farm of Lester, Marin and Earl Smith and the dairy farm of Carl and Marilyn Miller and family.

On the final day of the institute a variety of educational workshops were held covering such topics as energy, marketing, financing, commodity futures, waste management, landuse planning, estate planning and chemical fires.

In addition to the educational, business and tour sessions, a varied social program of entertainment, dances, mixers and

banquets were held.

Members of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers who were involved in the planning and execution of the institute include Stanley Wolf, R1 Ortanna, chairman; William Homan, R1 Center Hall, education coordinator; LeRoy Geesaman, R1 Fredericksburg, publicity coordinator; Earl Stauffer, R1 Ephrata, program coordinator; Richard Hoppes, R2 Hamburg, operations coordinator; Vernon Leininger, R2 Denver, finance chairman; and Thomas Zartman, R1 Ephrata, treasurer.



Members of Pennsylvania Young Farmers and coordinators for National Educational Institute held at Hershey this week include, from the left, LeRoy Geesaman, R1 Fredericksburg publicity; Stanley Wolf, R1

Ortanna, chairman; Richard Hoppes, R2 Hamburg, operations; Thomas Zartman, R1 Ephrata, treasurer; and Earl Stauffer R1 Ephrata, program.



Lester Smith explains farm's broiler operation, which has a capacity of 100,000 birds, to group of visiting Young Farmers.



Three members of the Earl Stauffer family climb aboard wagon in implement shed to welcome Young Farm visitors to Sunny Craft

Farm. Family members are Earl, wife Barb and their son Matt.



Group of Young Farmers gather in dairy barn of the Carl Miller farm in Berks County during on-farm visits.



Earl Stauffer, second from left president of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers, explains the operation of Sunny Craft Farm at R1 Ephrata to group of Young Farmers from Cham-

bersburg. Group was part of large number of visitors to farm during Young Farmer Educational Institute.