

Penn State's Mortensen wins scholarship to Nigeria

UNIVERSITY PARK — James H. Mortensen of Penn State has been awarded a Fulbright grant to assist in developing an agricultural and extension education program at the new Federal University of Technology in Yola, Nigeria (West Africa).

Mortensen is one of 800 Americans being sent abroad for the 1982-83 academic year under the Fulbright exchange program. Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by former Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program is designed "to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries."

At Penn State, Mortensen is in charge of the instructional program for future teachers of vocational agriculture. Teaching in the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education, he developed the first course in agricultural education to be taught on Penn State's Commonwealth Campuses. His research has supported his instructional efforts. He conducted or supervised research that identified the



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agricultural competencies needed by high school teachers of agriculture.

Fulbright scholarships are awarded to graduate students in American colleges, high school teachers, and college professors to study, teach, lecture, and conduct research abroad. The scholarships

bring foreign nationals to the United States for similar activities here.

Mortensen earned degrees at North Dakota State University, Colorado State University, and Penn State. He served as national secretary of the American Association of Teacher Educators in Agriculture from 1978 to 1980. He was regional editor of the periodical, "Agricultural Education," for four years. Mortensen leaves for Nigeria in early November and will return in July.

In 35 years, over 45,000 Fulbright scholars from the U.S. have gone to some 100 nations. Over 85,000 foreigners have studied and taught in this country.

Scholarships are awarded through open competition with final selections made by the presidentially-appointed Board of Foreign Scholarships in the Fulbright program. Financing and administration come largely from the U.S. International Communication Agency, Department of State. Twenty-four foreign governments also share in funding the exchanges.

Farm-City Week features 'Partners in Progress'

LANCASTER — Pennsylvania's 26th observance of Farm-City Week - scheduled for November 19-25 - will emphasize the concern for improving our quality of life and recognize the responsibilities which are shared by both farm and urban residents, according to Roy Christman, Farm-City week chairman.

The 1982 celebration will focus on the fact that understanding the problems of rural and urban communities is everyone's concern.

Farm-City Week observances were organized on a national scale 28 years ago "to bring about a better understanding between rural and urban segments of society, thus making for a stronger America."

The need for this understanding, Christman emphasizes, is greater today than at any time in the past.

Pennsylvania is linking its observance this year to the theme, "Partners in Progress, You Can't Have One Without the Other." County committees are organized throughout the state to plan programs in cities, towns and rural areas.

"Few persons realize the truly close partnership that exists between our rural and urban communities," Christman says, "or how greatly our economy depends on the mutual cooperation of rural and urban Pennsylvania."

Nearly 23 percent of the U.S. labor force is employed in farming and agricultural related businesses. Farm production will use about 3.3 million workers in 1982 — around 3 percent of the national labor force and 14 percent of all workers required by the food and fiber system.

It took about 103 million barrels of oil to produce and ship our farm exports in 1980. But export earnings were enough to pay for 986 million barrels, more than half our oil imports.

About one-third of all cultivated U.S. cropland is used to produce raw commodities for export. Agricultural exports brought in \$44 billion in 1981. Imports of agricultural products, such as coffee, meat, sugar and fruits and

vegetables amounted to \$17 billion. The difference between exports and imports was \$27 billion, which helped offset our nonagricultural trade deficit of \$60 billion.

Berks Co. Observance

Plans for the Berks County observance of Farm-City Week are virtually complete, according to Christman.

In Berks County, Farm-City Week will begin with a kick-off in Penn's Square, at noon, Nov. 16. Subsequent activities will include one-on-one tours of businessmen to farms Nov. 17, and free farm tours Nov. 20-21.

This will be the twenty-eighth annual observance of Farm-City week, and ninth annual farm tours in Berks.

Last year's observance, according to final reports received at national headquarters, involved the active participation of more than 18,000 communities in the U.S. and Canada.

Lebanon Co. Observance

Dennis Grumbine, chairman of the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce's Farm City Week, announced final plans for this year's recognition in Lebanon County, scheduled one week earlier, Nov. 12 to 18.

"Our whole effort," states Grumbine, "is to bring together the farming and business communities and to indicate to the general public that agriculture contributes quite extensively to the economy of Lebanon County."

The Lebanon Co. Farm City

Week program was judged the best in Pennsylvania for 1981.

Monday, Nov. 15 will see two activities. The first, is a breakfast with the news media to detail the economic impact agriculture has on Lebanon County and the country. This will be at 9 a.m. at the Country House Restaurant.

The second, will be a senior citizens tour of several farms. The senior citizens from Grace Brethren Church will visit the David Brandt Dairy Farm, the Lloyd Sensenig Hog and Beef Farm and the Walter Heistand Beef Farm.

Tuesday, the farmers learn how to run a business by touring Lebanon Valley National Bank and the Lebanon Packaging Corporation.

Wednesday will see the business community realizing the complexities of running a farm by touring the Claude Olstein Poultry Farm, the Dale Hostetter Dairy Farm and the Jay Blatt Hog Farm.

Thursday, Nov. 18 will conclude the 1982 Farm City Week. The annual banquet will be held at 7 p.m. at the Prescott Firehall. At this time the job exchange participants will describe their experiences. This year's participants include Kenneth Longenecker, of H & H Tack Shop; Randy Tice, of Lebanon Plumbing Supply; Joseph McDonald, of Moores Building Supply and farmers are Dean Patches; Donald Hoffer; and Victor Zeigler. Tickets for this banquet can be obtained by calling the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce Offices.

Limousin registrations on increase

DENVER, Colo. - Limousin entries for the 1982 American Royal open cattle show have topped all previous years. The North American Limousin Foundation reports a total of 152 entries in this year's Kansas City show, compared to 127 last year.

Charley McPeak, Stillwater, Okla., will judge the regional open

show Nov. 15. The Limousin junior heifer show will be held Nov. 14.

Directly on the heels of the American Royal is the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Ky.

The Kentucky National Limousin Show and Sale will be held Nov. 18, and the regional open show is scheduled for Nov. 19.

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