

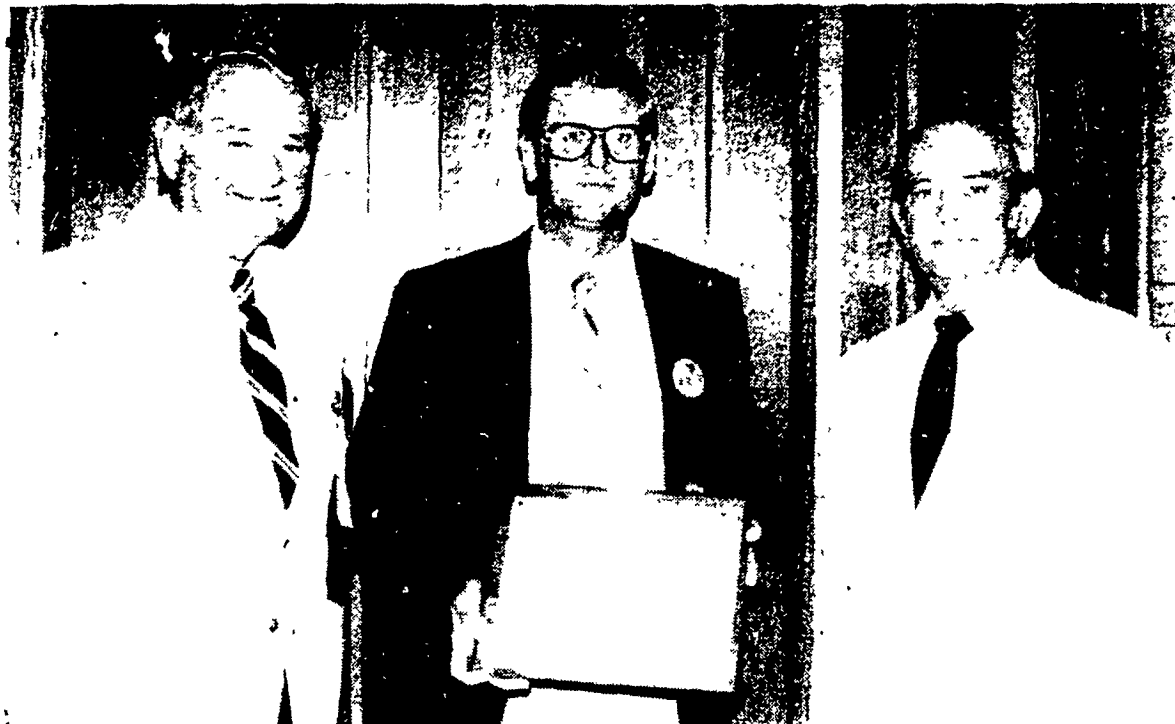
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Participating in plaque presentation at national meeting of American Jersey Cattle Club are, from the left, James Cavanaugh, executive secretary; John M. White, recipient and featured speaker, head of Dairy Science Dept., VPI; and Charles McGinnis, pres.

500 at National Jersey meeting

BY ROBIN PHILLIPS
Staff Correspondent
WOOSTER, OHIO — The annual convention of the Jersey breeders
More ag funds eyed

HARRISBURG — Increased funding for agriculture has been placed in front of the State Legislature, but the extra monies primarily for research are still a long way from reality.

Rep. Samuel W. Morris, of Chester County, chairman of the House Ag and Rural Affairs Committee, this week introduced some three-quarters of a million dollars worth of amendments for agriculture in the Appropriations Bill, which were adopted by the membership. These amendments will need to be considered again, along with all other amendments when the House votes on a final appropriations bill. And then, there will be the further consideration in league with the State Senate.

The amendments introduced by Rep. Morris and passed by the House include:

—\$300,000 to fund a study of the nutrient loading of the Chesapeake Bay.

—\$115,000 for the study of Johne's Disease.

—\$50,000 for the Department of Agriculture for other research.

—\$60,000 for additional personnel at the Diagnostic Lab.

—\$235,000 for additional personnel in Foods and Chemistry Section.

—And, one additional calibration truck for the Bureau of Weights and Measures.

of the American Jersey Cattle Club was held at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Wooster, this week and was hosted by the Ohio Jersey Breeders Association, whose state club is celebrating its 100th year.

Among the 500-plus Jersey breeders attending, the dominant feeling was an overwhelming sense of pride in the Jersey breed organization, its leaders, and in what the Jersey cow has come to mean to dairymen across the nation.

"As stress has started to affect the dairy industry," the AJCC President, Charles McGinnis stated, "the prices of our cattle are affected less than any other breed."

Remarking about the success of the American Jersey Cattle Club in the past ten years, McGinnis stated, "It has been a team effort," as he continued to complement the past leadership, the dedicated staff, and a membership who has accepted advice and yet challenged opinions towards even higher goals. With this type of support, McGinnis continued to explain, the Jersey breed has become progressive, innovative, and competitive. He also stated that, "no other breed organization has such a large percentage of its membership so knowledgeable and involved in milk marketing," and proudly added that more and more leadership positions throughout the states are being filled by Jersey breeders, "far from normal according to our numbers."

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Rare flu hits Lancaster flocks

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
LANCASTER — At least five Lancaster County poultry flocks have been hit in an Avian Influenza outbreak, which has caused bird mortality and prompted the reinstatement of strict security measures to prevent its further spread.

The outbreak of the flu-like virus, which now is quite rare and hasn't been diagnosed in the U.S. in chickens since 1976, has affected five layer and broiler flocks in the Manheim area and possibly a sixth flock of pullets.

Some of the flocks were quite large — 80,000 or 90,000 birds — and

mortality rates, although not necessarily in the larger flocks, was 15 percent or so.

Jay Irwin, director of Lancaster County Extension, has recommended that strict security measures be reinstated, such as were used during the LT outbreak in 1978.

"This is the most serious outbreak we've had in our poultry operations since the LT in 1978," Irwin said.

"We're asking poultry operators to follow the same security measures, along with good cleanliness and control of rodents, stray animals and birds."

Recommended security measures include the padlocking of houses to strictly control access. Clean coveralls, disposable caps and rubber boots that are disin-

fectected should be used. Even outside receptacles, if available, for feed deliverymen to use for leaving invoices are suggested.

While there is no transmission of the flu virus in eggs or meat from the flocks, it can be carried by humans from flock to flock. Stray cats or dogs and wild birds may transmit it.

It is suspected that wild ducks may be the carrier in the Lancaster County outbreak.

While now quite rare in chickens — the last big outbreak in the U.S. may have been in 1925 — it is more commonly found in turkeys.

The first case was discovered about the end of April, but confirmation was not immediate since veterinary personnel are not that familiar with the flu because of its rarity. (Turn to Page A39)

Never too young to promote milk



Eighteen-month-old Lauren Daubert, daughter of Dean and Brenda Daubert, of Pine Grove, won't go anywhere without her favorite bib that helps promote milk. For more on the Pa. Brown Swiss Picnic, turn to Page C2.

Co-op ads, flat tires & milk bath

Here are a few items of special interest — unique and unusual — that have come into the Dairy Product Promotion Swap Shop in recent days.

Only a few will be mentioned to whet your appetite — for milk and its promotion, naturally.

Other Swap Shop comments and ideas can be found on Pages A10 and 12.

First, Lebanon County Young Farmers are taking the lead in attempting a year-round radio promotion of milk by cooperating dairy farmers. Spearheaded by the Northern Lebanon Chapter, the program hopes to sign up 40 dairy farmers on a \$20.00 a month basis.

The money would buy 40 radio spots a week promoting milk on two Lebanon stations — WLBR and WUFM. If more farmers are signed up, the rate would be lower and the spots, which would be changed periodically, would continue year-round.

Both the Northern Lebanon and

This week's

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Cedar Crest YF Chapters are signing up dairy farmer members and more are hoped to be enrolled from other Lebanon County chapters.

The program would feature about three promotional spots a day on each of the AM and FM stations.

And, over in Ephrata, Elvin Hoover has found a great use for milk — it fixes flat tires.

He recommends three parts of milk and one part of vinegar. After mixing, remove valve stem and pour in the mixture.

His bicycle tire used to have a slow leak and would be flat only a half-day after it was inflated. But 10 days ago he discovered the milk-vinegar solution and no more flat tire.

And, as a bonus, it doesn't loosen patches the way commercial stop leaks do.

Speaking of unusual uses, there's the milk bath, too. Now, we've heard of such baths for strictly beauty sake. But, there's a practical milk bath in agriculture, particularly in Lancaster County.

If you smoke and grow tobacco, it's best to wash off with milk before going out into the fields. The milk rinse helps prevent spreading tobacco mosaic disease to your plants.

Other Swap Shop tips — some a bit more practical — can be found on Pages A10 and 12.

Lancaster crowns dairy princess



Boni Gochenaur, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gochenaur, 419 Penn Grant Road, is the new Lancaster County Dairy Princess. Her story is on Page B14 with much more dairy royalty scattered throughout that section.