

# Poultry vet joins Penn State

UNIVERSITY PARK — By linking veterinarians with corporations that need veterinarian expertise, Pierre Y. Brunet hopes to encourage financial contribution for Penn State.

"The university wants moral and financial support," Brunet says. "By going out there and showing people that veterinarians are there to help, the university is apt to get more money for projects."

Brunet has been named associate professor with Penn State's veterinary science extension section, effective Nov. 1. Before his appointment, he was manager of technical services and

field research at Ceva Laboratories in Salisbury, Md.

Brunet served as poultry technical service veterinarian in Europe, Greece and Portugal from 1974 to 1977, and with Allied Mills in Illinois between 1977 and 1980. He was field veterinarian and poultry epidemiologist for Maine's Department of Agriculture between 1962 and 1974.

In other parts of the country, unlike Pennsylvania, poultry production facilities are integrated. Corporations then tell their producers "what they want," Brunet says.

But in Pennsylvania, for example 80 percent of table egg

producers are independent.

"The best thing we can do is organize," Brunet says, "That's been a Penn State Extension strong point for many years."

Part of his reorganization plan is a "security program" with the state Department of Agriculture's veterinary section. The plan would attempt to prevent another avian influenza outbreak, a disease that forced the extermination of 16 million chickens last year.

"For one thing, I want to tell producers to lock their doors and keep people off their farms," Brunet says. "After the way some farmers were hurt by avian in-

fluenza, they'll be very receptive to this idea."

Brunet believes a communications link between state officials could prohibit a national disease spread.

"We want to prevent disease from entering Pennsylvania, so we must work with other states," he says. "We might schedule regional meetings so we can synchronize our watches against the spreading of disease."

A communication network would especially help Pennsylvania Brunet says, because "bird traffic in the state is tremendous."

"Pennsylvania has the largest population of bird fanciers," he says. "Many out-of-state people who raise poultry as a hobby buy these game birds. Disease could spread all over the country."

By keeping Pennsylvania poultry producers abreast of this kind of veterinary support, Brunet hopes state producers will in turn support the university.

"If someone spots a problem and calls us, and through teamwork we solve his problem, he'll help when the university passes the hat later," he says.



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John B. Kline, left, Myerstown, with Wineinger.



Barry L. Geib, left, Manheim, with Caraway.



Jay D. Garber, left, Elizabethtown, with Caraway.

## Northern Farms discusses merger with Eastern

A merger with Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc., was the main topic for discussion at the 46th Annual Meeting of Northern Farms Cooperative, Inc., held November 1 in Waterbury, Vt. The 228-member dairy cooperative has been affiliated with Eastern since April 1963.

The meeting was attended by approximately 85 delegates and guests, including a delegation from Eastern led by President Earl R. Forwood. Also attending from Eastern were General Manager, Michael Donovan and Cooperative Relations Manager, Anthony Schlesier.

The merger recommendation was delivered to the Board of Directors by Executive Secretary, Maurice Castagner. According to Castagner, after extensive study of the best avenue situation in the region, a merger with Eastern seems to be the best avenue for

Northern Farms. He explained that the cooperative is currently down to three handlers. "Without the strength of Eastern Milk Producers to guarantee markets and milk checks, the future of Northern Farms is very uncertain," Castagner stated.

Following the merger recommendation, a dairy promotion update was delivered by Earl Forwood, a member of the 36-man National Dairy Research and Promotion Board. Michael Donovan then presented an overview of the past association between Eastern Milk Producers and Northern Farms Cooperative, along with proposed changes in the future.

Two distinguished guests spoke during the afternoon session. Dr. Fred Webster, head of the Agricultural and Resource Economics Department at the University of Vermont-Burlington, addressed the topic of milk market

activities. Jerome Kelly, director of Agriculture Development for the state of Vermont, spoke about recent activities in his department.

Immediately following the close of the sessions, Northern Farms held their yearly reorganization meeting. New officers were elected to the positions of President, Vice President and Secretary. Timothy Bryant of Pawlet, Vt., is the newly elected President, with Arthur Palmer of North Thetford, Vt., as his Vice President and Robert Ammel of Windsor, Vt., as Secretary. George Sibley of East Montpelier, Vt., was re-elected as Treasurer of the Cooperative.



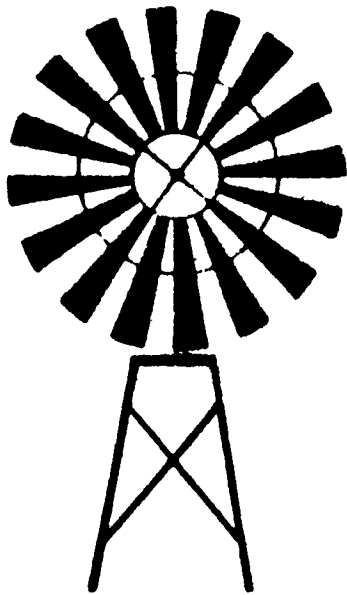
## Bradford veterans

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County Extension agent, presented the evening program using slide pictures to illustrate his trip to Europe in July. He and his wife, Irene, were leaders of a scenic and farm tour of five countries. Forty people participated, 32 of them from Bradford County.

Yoder, particularly pleased to greet the crowd of over 100 of his Holstein club friends, said that he is enjoying his retirement and they plan to travel to Arizona for the winter to visit their daughter.

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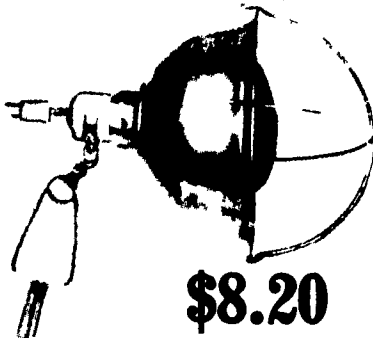


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