

Vo-ag Educator Retires

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Givler helped to guide many youths toward successful careers in agriculture.

His own career began in 1952, when he developed a vo-ag program and an FFA chapter at Red Lion High School. In 1955, he took his expertise to Pequea Valley High School, where he set up a similar program.

The state hired him in 1967 to work with vo-ag programs in Lancaster and York Counties. In 1970, he began working with vocational programs in nine southeastern counties and with all vocational programs in Lancaster and Chester Counties.

Givler's duties include working to obtain federal funds for vocational programs and making sure schools abide by state regulations.

But as of Dec. 24, Givler, 58, will retire from his post, giving him more time to spend with his wife, Barbara, and to devote to travel and church activities.

When he started working for the state in 1967, Givler recalls, 36 vo-ag advisors were working in Pennsylvania. When he leaves later this month, four will remain. "I doubt that we'll ever get back to where we were," Givler says of the decrease.

As state staff positions have been vacated, they generally have not been filled in an effort to reduce

the number of state employees, Givler said. Clair Greene will assume Givler's responsibilities in Lancaster County.

Another change since the 50s, Givler said, is the entrance of women into the vo-ag and FFA programs. Since then, a number of Lancaster County women have gone on to become state officers and several have received their American Farmer degrees.

Discussing the strengths of the FFA and vo-ag programs, Givler says: "I think their strength is that they teach them a life skill. I personally think ag is something that everyone should have an understanding of."

"All FFA contests are making them use things they learn in the classroom." The opportunity to test themselves against their peers allows vo-ag students to gain self-confidence, he said.

Along with self-confidence, Givler said, comes a willingness to work. Vo-ag students come out of high school with a positive attitude toward work and a desire to help other people. They realize nobody owes them anything and that they must work for what they want, he said.

Givler credits students, parents and teachers for making the vo-ag and FFA programs a success. "The teachers that I've had to work with have been good and that's where the success comes

ITHACA, NY — Seven scientists from Cornell University and the University of Massachusetts will visit major dairy regions in New York State and Massachusetts in

January to help dairy farmers sharpen their production techniques and management skills.

They will travel to Watertown,

Batavia, Lake George and Oneonta in New York State, and to Chicopee, Mass., to conduct a series of two-day dairy management schools beginning Jan. 6.

The 1987 Winter Dairy Management Schools will focus on animal nutrition, reproduction, genetics, housing, milking and farm management and cost control. An open forum to discuss issues facing the dairy industry will round out the program in each location.

The schools, which are open to all dairy farmers in the Northeast, are scheduled as follows: Jan. 6 to 7, Watertown; Jan. 8 to 9, Batavia; Jan. 20 to 21, Chicopee, Mass.; Jan. 22 to 23, Lake George; Jan. 27 to 28, Oneonta.

Speakers at these meetings will be Larry E. Chase, Robert W. Everett, William G. Merrill, E. John Pollak, Terry R. Smith and Charles J. Sniffen, all from Cornell's Department of Animal Science, the sponsor of the events.

For information about registration, contact Robert Everett, Department of Animal Science, Cornell University, N.Y. 14853. His telephone number is (607) 255-2848.



Henry Givler and his wife, Barbara, prepare to celebrate Christmas in their home in Ronks. Givler will retire from his position as regional agriculture education advisor Dec. 24.

from," he said. "I was just fortunate to be able to work with them."

Even in retirement, Givler will continue to be active in the FFA as a current trustee of the Pennsylvania FFA Foundation. In 1983, he was honored with the honorary

American Farmer degree.

Givler and his wife, Barbara, reside at 93 Eastbrook Road in Ronks and are the parents of five children.

Lancaster County DHIA

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Weaver, 90,000; Harold Witmer, 97,000; and Nathan Stoltzfus, 97,000.

The top protein production herds are: Lapp Valley Farm, 725; John Howard, 724; John Brubaker, 720; Paul Martin, 719; Robert Gochenauer, 702; Aaron Zeisit, 693; Allen Lee Stoltzfus, 687; Dale Hershey, 681; Robert and Linda Sensenig, 679; and Weaver Homestead, 675.

Herds averaging over 750 pounds include: Weaver Homestead Farm, 847; Paul Martin, 822; John Howard, 815; John Peters, 814; Lapp Valley Farm, 812; John and Barbara Brubaker, 798; Robert and Linda Sensenig, 789; Allen Lee Stoltzfus, 781; Curtis Akers, 774; R. Edwin Harnish, 769; John Zimmerman, 766; Henry Stoltzfus, 759; Vernon Umble and Son, 755; Christian and Marvin Zook, 753; Robert Kauffman Jr., 752; Dale

and Steve Hershey, 750; and John Beiler, 750.

Recipients of the supervisor performance award include: Tom Garrett, Jim Lehman, Harold Lindcamp, Wilbur Houser, Harold Probst, Jay Risser, Maurice Welk and Floyd Zook.

Other supervisors recognized are: Moses Martin, Jonathan Owens, George Book, Mary Seward, Owen Etter, Patti Johnson, Jay Mylin and Nelson Kreider.

Newly elected directors of the Lancaster DHIA association are: Nelson Wenger, Norman Hershey, Melvin Beiler, J. Kenneth Hershey and Marvin Witmer.

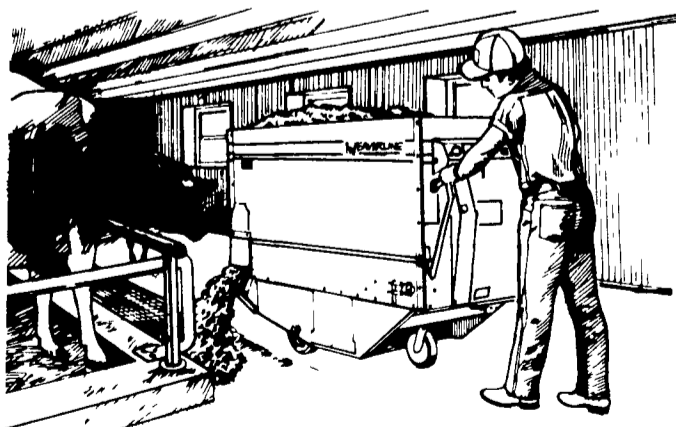
The 1985-1986 testing year marked the 47th year for Lancaster County DHIA. During this year the record 37,675 cows on test established a county average of 17,049 pounds of milk and 617 pounds of fat.

Earl & Merrill...

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- Earl "Good morning, Merrill. I just stopped by to get some advice. By the end of the year the hired man is leaving, and the boys and I are going to be milking cows by ourselves."
- Merrill "Well, good enough. I'll help any way I can."
- Earl "We want to get a power silage cart. Should I get a gas engine or battery powered cart?"
- Merrill "Well, let me tell you of our experience. We bought our first Weaverline battery powered cart back in 1973. We used that cart for 10 years. We replaced the batteries one time, and when I traded the cart on a new one, the 2nd set was still going strong."
- Earl "How long do you have your present Weaverline Cart?"
- Merrill "We bought the Weaverline 430 Hydrostatic Cart in the fall of '83 and, I tell you, that is one machine I wouldn't want to do without."
- Earl "How often do you have to charge the batteries?"
- Merrill "The cart has a voltmeter that tells you when to charge. We feed 12 cartloads a day and charge the batteries about twice a week."
- Earl "It seems to me battery power is the way to go in a silage cart."
- Merrill "That would be my advice!"

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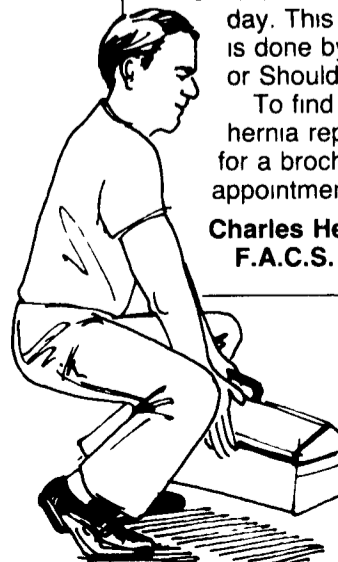
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