

— Hatcheryman Jay R. Greider, R1 Mt Joy, was named to head the recently merged Poultry Association at a meeting of the board of directors held Thrusday night at the Poultry Center.

Other officers elected by the directors were: vice president, Noah Kreider, R3 Manheim; secretary, Daniel K. Good, R1 Columbia; and treasurer Eugene S. Cassel, Lania Drive, Landisville.

--- Drought effects show themselves in peculiar ways. This was proved again at a meeting of celery growers held Monday afternoon at the Amos Funk farm, R1 Millersville.

The object in point was black heart in celery. While fairly common in other years, the past season saw the disease in excess of normal occurrence. The reason, said Penn State experts, was an imbalance of nutrients caused by fluctuating water supplies.

— Marlin Cassel, R1 Manheim, and J. David Lapp, R1 Bareville, shared honors at the Red Rose Baby Beef and Lamb Club banquet Friday night.

Cassel was named county champion in the beef division and Lapp had the county and state champion lambs.

Both received trophies and Cassel a gold watch.

— At a meeting for Lancaster County poultrymen, at the Memorial Bldg., Leola, Dr. J. M. Snyder, a poultry specialist for the Beacon Milling Co., Cayuga, N.Y., told American Sheep Industry Convention in San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 16-20. This year's "Connections" theme helped to create a positive environment for attendees to share

DENVER, CO --- Nearly 1,100

sheep producers and industry sup-

porters from across the country

attended the industry's first

farmers that the outlook for egg producers in 1958 was the best it had been since 1953.

information and ideas on ways to

- Osborndale Sir Ty Vic Forbes, owned by Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeding Coop., Lancaster, has been designated a Gold Medal Sire -- the highest recognition a Holstein sire can receive -- by the Holstein-Friesian Assn. of America. improve sheep production, products and profitability. The high attendance and enthusiastic participation during the four-day program of meetings and informational sessions reflects the strong commitments by producers and individuals from related segments of the sheep industry to work more closely together to achieve common goals.

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A primary issue discussed during annual meetings of the National Wool Growers Association, National Lamb Feeders Association and American Sheep Producers Council was consolidation of the three organizations. Each organization voted to further explore the concept.

The objectives of consolidation are to conserve limited resources and improve program effectiveness. The concept was developed by producer leaders at a recent industry long-range planning conference.

Following approval to explore the consolidation concept, organization presidents, Bill Pfluger (NWGA), Edgar Olson (ASPC), and Richard Drake (NLFA) selected an 11-member Industry Consolidation Task Force to develop a consolidation plan. Don Meike from Kaycee, Wyo. was selected as task force chairman. Other members will be announced following notification.

The task force will address the merging issue over the coming year. During this period, preliminary proposals will be presented for review by local, state and national organizations. Recommendations will be presented for consideration at the next industry convention in January 1989.

During business meetings of industry organizations, 1988 officers were elected. ASPC officers include Edgar Olson (Fosston, Minn.), president; Bill Schneemann (Big Lake, Texas), vicepresident; and Roy Meek (Draper, Va.), secretary/treasurer. Olson replaces outgoing president Tim Indart (Clovis, Calif.). Jim Magagna (Rock Springs, Wyo.) was selected as Lamb Advisory Committee chairman, and Mike Casabonne (Hope, N.M.) as Wool Advisory Committee chairman.

NLFA officers are Richard Drake (Windsor, Colo.), president; Wayne Crabill (Belle Fourche, S.D.), vice president; and Spence Rule (Brighton, Colo.), secretary/ treasurer. Howard Wyman (Bristol, Ill.) retired as NLFA president. New directors are Don Godby (Eaton, Colo.), David Quam (San Angelo, Texas), Mark Broderick (Scotts Bluff, Neb.), and Tim Turner (San Angelo, Texas). The NLFA confirmed dates and site of its 1988 Sheep Industry Leadership school July 25-28 in San Angelo, Texas.

Bill Pfluger (San Angelo, Texas) was re-elected for a second term as NWGA president. Also continuing for second terms are John Paugh (Bozeman, Mont.), vice president; Gene Brune (Fountaintown, Ind.), secretary; and Bill Balden (Danville, Ky.), treasurer.

The NWGA Auxiliary also reelected its current slate of officers for second-year terms. They include Fern Krehbiel (Hydro, Okla.), president, Toppy Jackson (Ranger, Texas), first vicepresident; Aggie Helle (Dillon, Mont.), second vice-president; and Jean Woodard (Maize, Kansas), secretary/treasurer Aggie Helle was selected to coordinate the 1989 Make It Yourself With Wool competition. Toppy Jackson will coordinate the 1988 event.



