

Local Rural Youthers Place Third In State Contest

Plan Dairy School For This Area



Adams county agent, Leo N. Seltzert, announced today that the Area Dairy School, "Operating Tomorrow's Dairy Farm Today," will be held Tuesday, March 1 at 10 a.m. CDT in the 4-H fair building, 1 mile east of Marion on State Road No. 18.

He indicated that this meeting is designed to give dairymen a chance to discuss several phases of their business at one meeting. Specialists from Purdue University are going to discuss pasturing compared to dry lot feeding in the summer. They will discuss the "how" of growing high quality forage. Hay conditioning and dry

ing will be appraised. Consideration will be given to housing problems, particularly for herd expansion. Various milking arrangements will be compared, including the new "herringbone" milking parlor. Problems of mastitis, control, antibiotics, and other milk contaminants will be considered.

The Purdue extension specialists who will lead the discussions are: Ed Cannon, dairy; Howell Wheaton, agronomy; Dr. R. K. Jones, veterinarian; and E. E. Carson, ag economics. Seltzert said there will be ample opportunity for questions. He stated that every dairymen who attends this meeting and applies the information presented stands a good chance of being years ahead of his neighbors who don't.

Based On Christianity

Mrs. Gross outlined the blessings of our nation and stated that the principal difference between the U.S. and the other nations of the world is due to the fact that our economic and political thought has been shaped around Christian doctrine. She and IFB President George Doup urged the women to take part in the political party of their choice, starting in the precinct and carrying through to an active interest in national legislation. Vice president Glenn W. Sample spoke briefly on the commendable and adequate administration of agricultural matters within the province of state government.

Miss Beulah Killaspie, dean of the Purdue School of Home Economics, urged mothers of young girls to plan for them a dual preparation for life—that of career woman and of mother. One-third of our work force is women, she stated. "It would seem, that most women are working, have worked, or will work outside their homes during their lifetime."

Dr. Carl Winters, South Chicago, who speaks through the courtesy of General Motors Company, closed the Tuesday evening program with an inspirational message. Hal Austin, public relations director of the Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, reviewed the cooperative principle in an excellent address on the subject. "There are four types of businesses," he said, "and cooperatives are one of the four. Since cooperatives are different, it is not surprising they are misunderstood."

Both the traditional and the cooperative are bulwarks for freedom for the farmer against intervention by government. "Since the farmer has always had to buy at retail and sell at wholesale, he has been at a disadvantage," he explained.

According to Austin, farmer cooperatives get 20 per cent of the farmers' business, and these cooperatives have not grown faster in size than have other types during the past 20 years. In Indiana 150,000 farmers own 85 county cooperative businesses and maintain control of them through their local board members.

The Conference closed with a half hour of music by the Broad Ripple high school choir and a concession to the feminine instinct through a talk on charm by Miss Cathy Bauby, Memphis, Tennessee.

Other Winners

Organizations and individuals re-

ceiving awards of distinction during the Conference included the following: Rural Church Improvement Winners—district 1, First Brethren Church, North Liberty; district 2, Gethsemane Lutheran Church; district 3, Mt. Gilboa EUB Church, Fowler; district 4, Loon Creek Church of the Brethren; district 5, New Winchester Christian Church; district 6, Church of Christ, Wilkinson; district 7, Evangelical and Reformed Church, Poland; district 8, Sardinia Baptist Church; district 9, Trinity Lutheran Church, Darinstadt; and district 10, Jacobs Chapel Methodist Church.

Teen-age Food Poster Contest—First, George Gross, Rockport; second, Ruth Effinger, Evansville; and third, Elaine Guff, Fort Wayne.

County Farm Bureau Women's Recognition Program—Scrapbooks—First, Bartholomew county; Second, Wabash county; and third, Steuben county.

Rural Youth Scrapbooks—First, Shelby county; second, Hancock county; and third, Adams county.

High Scoring Counties—district 1, Marshall; district 2, Whitley; district 3, Tippecanoe; district 4, Wabash; district 5, Montgomery; district 6, Hancock; district 7, Clay; district 8, Bartholomew; district 9, Spencer; and district 10, Jackson.

Best Pet and Hobby Clubs in State—Huntington and Jackson counties.

Girls' Modlin Scholarships—Janis Babcock, Valparaiso; Martha Sue Collins, Orland; Catherine L. DuVall, Monticello; Norma Jean Brady, Muncie; Ruth Ann Feltner, New Ross; Joanna Marsh, Elwood; Barbara A. Novotny, Brazeau; Marjorie E. Willis, Rushville; Sonida Kramer, Haubstadt; and Phyllis J. Sommer, Dillsboro.

Public Speaking Contest—"America, This Land of Mine"—First, Mrs. George Byers, Lafayette; second, Mrs. Rene Vanderwalle, Bremen; and third, Mrs. Peter Schiekle, Lanesville.

County extension trophy—Madison county.

Furniture Polish Can Brighten Up Plants

Protective coatings, similar to furniture polish or wax can brighten up house-hold plants, says C. E. Hoxsie, Purdue University horticulturist.

These coatings, sold under various trade names, form a smooth, glossy finish on flowers and plants. The finish does not attract dust and usually doesn't injure living plants, Hoxsie points out.

Rubs and sprays are the most popular for home use. About one dollar's worth of the material will cover most of the plants in the house.

In addition to keeping plants looking well-cared for, the coatings protect foliage that dries out easily. For instance, appearance of some cut flowers exposed to strong light, can be brightened and their lives prolonged.

Hoxsie says mineral oil, olive oil, cream or butter should not be used to "freshen up" plants. These leave a soft coating which attracts dust and if used in or near relatively high temperatures may even injure plants.

Precaution should be taken in the use of sprays not to allow excess amounts to run off plants into the soil. Root damage could result, the horticulturist says.

The coating should be applied before the plants look bedraggled and a "touch up" job can be done about once a month.

And, Hoxsie cautions, don't expect the coating to improve the looks of the plants if they have not been properly tended.

For extra early pasture growth apply nitrogen to grass pasture in February, suggest Purdue University agronomists. Each fertilized acre will furnish pasture for three dairy cows.

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County Corn Champ



Larry Lee Duff of Berne (above) was recently named a county corn growing champion at a banquet held in Indianapolis. Larry had the high yield of 133.48 bushels per acre for Adams county in the 1959 Junior DeKalb 2 Acre Corn Growing contest.

Of This And That

"My garden is a magic spot; I plant a little, I reap a lot." This is an old saying which is certainly true when you also reap enjoyment and relaxation from your garden.

Today as the snow plows work around the clock to get us shoveling out, is a good time to toast your toots before the fire and plan for spring.

Will you have a garden this year or not? There are many pros and cons to gardening. Some gardens don't pay their way when you consider the work versus the cost of the produce from the store. Others are a big family asset because the whole family enjoys the flavor of tender green onions and tiny lettuce which is of better quality than you can possibly buy. However, if you don't enjoy gardening it may never be worth more to you than a lot of hoeing, weeding, bending, and other hard work.

I enjoy gardening even though mine may never come out on top in dollars and cents. I love to watch the plants poke their heads through the soil and then grow by leaps and bounds. I enjoy the freshness of a garden after a summer shower, and the look of the well-groomed rows growing side by side.

If you are going to have a garden, now is the time to plan it. It is possible to select a new plot or at least reverse your garden plan, so that the same vegetables will not be grown in the same location as last year.

As you sit before the fire today, order your garden supplies. Be sure to order early and to order enough for the entire season. If you feel a bit adventurous be sure to try a new vegetable or at least a new variety this year.

Young Homemakers

Money, money, money, that's our topic for the Young Homemakers classes. We have over 50 girls enrolled for the class which will be held both in Decatur and Berne. The Berne classes will begin Monday, Feb. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the school home economics room. This class will continue to meet every Monday night until March 28.

The Decatur class will meet in the Decatur high school home economics room. The class will begin Thursday, March 3 and will meet there after on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Other dates for the Decatur class is March 15, 22, 29, and April 5.

If you know any more young homemakers under 30 years of age, they may still enroll. Just contact the County Extension Office.

Food Surplus

Only so much food can be consumed by the public and the remainder is surplus. To offset this surplus, the government and other agencies employ scientists to discover non-food uses for surplus foods. For example: the use of animal fats in plastics has developed

County Agent's Corner

By Leo N. Seltzert

National 4-H Week

With National 4-H Club Week, March 5 to 12; the Adams County Extension Agents have presented a program on 4-H in most of the schools. The gist of the program is that 4-H is girls and boys who form a club, elect their own officers, and carry out their responsibilities with adult 4-H leaders. 4-H members select and fulfill project requirements, keep records on project work, attend 4-H meetings, and exhibit their project work. There are a great number of 4-H projects: agriculture, home economics, general, and several new ones. Activities in 4-H work include judging, demonstrations, 4-H camp and tours. The climax of the program is the 4-H Fair. Enrollment is taken by the local 4-H leaders on an enrollment card. The deadline on enrollment is March 15. Local 4-H leaders are: Blue Creek, Mrs. Clair Carver, Mrs. Richard Minnick, Glenn Schaadt, Jim Wilson; Decatur, Mrs. Robert Chronister, Mrs. Robert Sittler, Dr. Harry Hebbel; Berne, Mary Schlaenau; French, Mrs. Chester Baumgartner, Karyl Kipfer; Chester, Ish, and Howard Knebel; Hartford, Mrs. Dale Grandine, Mrs. Theo Yoder, Leroy Stauffer, Roger Steiner; Jefferson, Mrs. Holman Egly, Carl Baker; Kirkland, Mrs. John Leyse, Mrs. Dale Plouche, Mrs. Lester Adler, Robert Kershner, Daniel Lantz; Monroe, Mrs. Stanley Arnold, Mrs. Richard Everett, Mrs. Kermit Yoder, Mrs. Elmer Inniger, Lynn Lehman, Elmer Ehrsam, Elmer Inniger; Preble, Mrs. A. A. Fenner, Mrs. Elbert Fuhrman, Mrs. Dale Brandt, Mrs. Reiney Selking; Root, Mrs. Robert Goldner, Mrs. Leo King, Jr., Mrs. Richard Harkless, Everett Singleton, William Fifer, Leo King, Jr., Jim Woolsey; St. Mary's, Mrs. John King, Mrs. John C. Carroll, Mrs. Russell

Edgett, Charles Morrison, Paul Rich, Richard Molland, Russell Edgett; Union, Mrs. Ben Gerke, Mrs. Richard Marbach, Ed Gerber, Wabash Mrs. Sherman Neuenschwander, Mrs. Darrell Smiley, Mrs. Raymond VanEmon, Mrs. Dan Beeler, Wilbur Kirchhofer, Marvin Hart, Darrell Smiley; Washington, Mrs. Gerald Strickler, Mrs. Orville Royer, Mrs. Van Hoisapple, Mrs. Leonard Schwaller, Paul, and Joe Kohn.

Vitamin A

Vitamin A may be added to the diet of cattle which are being fed roughage produced during a dry growing season. Near the end of the barn feeding period, the Vitamin A content of hay becomes greatly decreased. Healthier, more disease resistant calves will be the reward of supplementation.

Salt Poisoning

Salt poisoning occurs in swine when water is restricted. Normal levels of salt in feed can become toxic if insufficient amounts of water are consumed. Make sure that all fountains are in good working order and that ample fountain space is provided.

Provide Plenty

Provide plenty of loose, trace-mineralized salt and steamed bone meal for your herd. Feed free choice after cattle are accustomed to it. Protect from the weather if fed outside.

Good Surface Drainage

Good surface drainage is necessary on some soils if tile drainage is to work and pay for the cost of tiling. Since this practice involves large acreages of responsive, potentially productive soils, cooperative effort is now underway between the Purdue Drainage Committee, the Soil Conservation Service and the Agricultural Conservation Program to assist landowners with this problem.

Entomology Tip for February

Warm days during February are ideal for spraying ornamental trees and shrubs with dormant oil or lime sulfur to control overwintering populations of scale insects. These same sprays also are effective against mite and aphid eggs. (That is if you can find your trees).

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