

CHOLERA-FREE—Shown holding the Indiana Hog Cholera-Free plaque presented at the Indiana State Fair are Donald W. Brown, president of the State Fair Board, and Dr. E. E. Saulmon, Deputy Administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Others in the picture are, l. to r., Accord Cantwell, Indiana Farm Bureau; Dr. David L. Smith, State Veterinarian; Dr. Norman K. Decker, Assistant State Veterinarian; William Breeden, State Board of Animal Health; Sherman Kessler, chairman of the State Hog Cholera Committee, and Dr. Lowell R. Barnes, Federal Veterinarian for USDA's APHIS. Dr. Roy H. DeMotte, Chairman of the Indiana Board of Animal Health, was not present for the picture.

A plaque recognizing Indiana as free of hog cholera was presented at special ceremonies held last Tuesday in the swine barn at the State Fairgrounds, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reports.

Dr. E. E. Saulmon, Deputy Administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and a native of Posey County, presented the plaque.

"This is indeed a fitting time and place to honor the Indiana swine industry as hog cholera-free," said Dr. Saulmon. "Back in 1964, when the State entered the cooperative eradication program, a total of 88 cases of hog cholera were confirmed—yet the State has not had a confirmed case since May 24, 1971. However, we must not let down our guard against hog cholera. Only yesterday (Monday) a case of hog cholera was confirmed in the neighboring state of Kentucky," he added.

The nationwide hog cholera eradication program began late in 1962, when the deadly swine disease was costing producers \$50 million yearly in vaccination costs and production losses. Hog cholera infected more than 5,000 herds per year before the program began, but in 1971 dropped to a total of 118 cases. Only 71 cases have been reported to date in 1972, compared to 106 for same period last year.

The 71 confirmed cases in 1972 were reported from nine states—Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas. A total of 45 states have qualified as Hog Cholera-Free.

The cooperative state-federal hog cholera eradication program in Indiana is directed by Dr. David Smith, State Veterinarian, and by Dr. Lowell R. Barnes, Federal Veterinarian for APHIS.



Home Economics In Focus
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Sewing Classes

A series of intermediate level sewing classes for homemakers will begin Sept. 12. Since there is a little more room in the classes, you might want to enroll. The afternoon classes will meet at 1 p.m. in the Dubois County Bank community room and the evening classes will meet at 7 p.m. in the Jasper High School home economics room. The classes will meet approximately two hours for