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Pennsylvania Ag Department Checking Dairy

HARRISBURG — Dr. William L. Henning, State Secretary of Agriculture, announced that two Department bacteriologists have been assigned to the Queen Dairy in Lancaster beginning at 5:30 a. m. Wednesday.

He said the men will check complete operation of the plant as it starts to receive milk from 58 of the 68 farms from which deliveries were shut off on Dec. 6 when the first of more than 190 cases of paratyphoid fever were traced to the Queen Dairy.

Milk Under Observation

Bacteriologists Elwood Schaffer and William Semerod are being sent to Lancaster from the Department's division of milk sanitation. They will test samples at every stage of milk plant operation down to the sealing of bottles. Wednesday's milk will be held under strict observation and testing until Friday when first deliveries will be made.

"Every precaution will be taken to see that milk for consumers is the best that scientific methods of proper pasteurization and handling can produce," Dr. Henning declared.

Two Queen Dairy workers who were found to be infected with paratyphoid have been excluded from further participation in operation of the plant.

Dumping Stopped Monday

Prior to the Dec. 6 shutdown 68 farms supplied the Queen Dairy with milk. Laboratory examinations of specimens from each resident revealed presence of the disease in four people on two of the farms and no disease on 58 farms. Tests on the remaining eight farms are incomplete.

Dumping of milk from the 58 farms stopped Monday when a manufacturing supplier agreed to take their production through today or until the plant receives the milk starting Wednesday morning.

Kirkwood Farmwife Wins Silverware Set

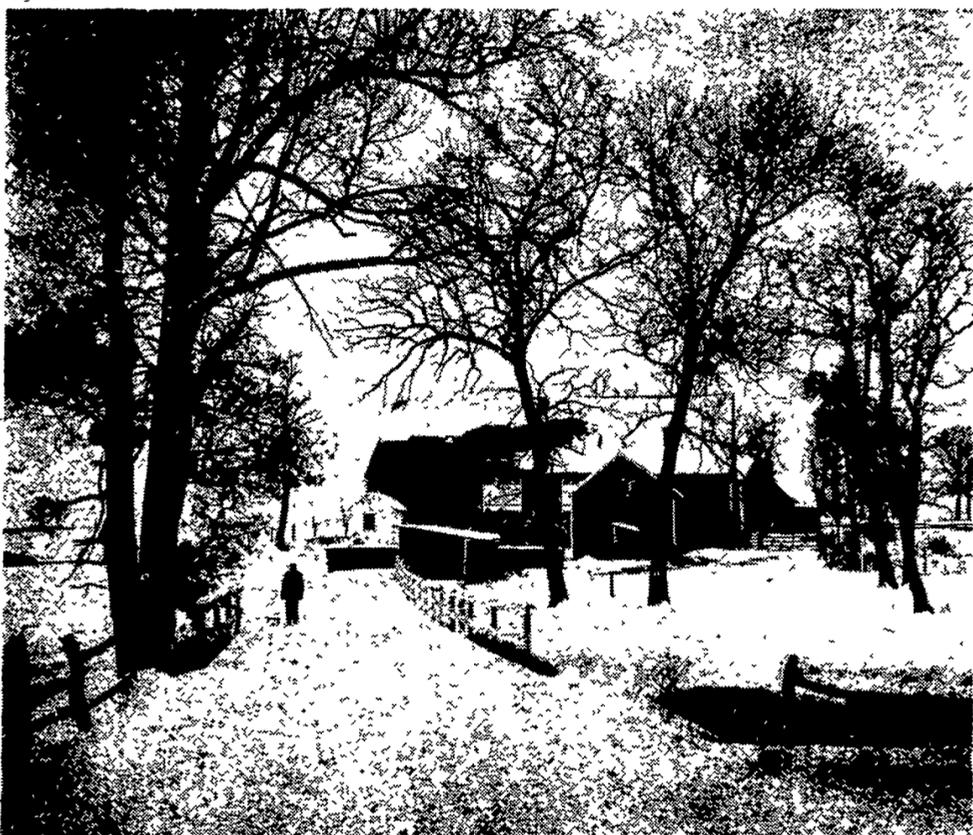
Mrs. Hervey R. Ferguson of Walnut Groves Farms, Kirkwood, has been named a winner in the nationwide General Mills-Larro Feeds contest for naming twin heifer calves.

Announcement of the award, a set of silverware, was made by S. N. Hertzler, field representative of General Mills, and A. L. Herr & Bro., Quarryville, local dealer.

Mr. Hertzler reports Mrs. Ferguson was the sole winner in his Chester - Delaware - Lancaster Counties area.

Secretary of Defense Wilson recently said there would be no significant change either in the spending or the size of the military establishment in the next fiscal year.

Merry Christmas Lancaster Farming



Here's a quiet Lancaster County country scene, a quiet, snow-covered Christmas, photographed on the farm of Irvin Martin, R1, Lititz. Crossing the snow-covered bridge, heading for sledding, is the Martin's son.

Is There A Santa Claus?

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of *The Sun*:

Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in *The Sun*, it's so." Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon
115 W. Ninety-Fifth Street

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no en-

joyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view the picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

— From the New York Sun of September 21, 1897.

Lancaster Egg Breakfast Slated

January—Egg Month—will be launched with a Lancaster County Egg Breakfast at Hotel Brunswick Wednesday morning, Jan. 4 at eight o'clock.

Kicking off Egg Month will be two cooperating agencies, the

Lancaster Poultry Association and the Poultry and Egg National Board. A committee of three is making arrangements: Jim Dorsey of Indian River Hatchery; Mrs. Marie Texter, Sexed Chicks, East Petersburg, and Earl Reeves, Miller & Bushong.

State Tobacco Experiment Farm To Rapho Twp.

Tobacco growers in this section of the State will start to receive benefits of the relocated Southeastern Pennsylvania Field Research Laboratory almost immediately, it was indicated today in an announcement from a volunteer citizens' committee and Pennsylvania State University.

The present farm near Landisville has been sold and a second purchased a mile and a half northwest of there, 88 acres in Rapho Township north of the By-Pass. Purchaser of the 31-acre Landisville site with buildings was F. S. McDonald, 40 Stanley Ave., Landisville for \$33,000. Purchase price of the new site was not disclosed.

Expand Other Research

When in operation, the new laboratory will serve directly 15 southeastern Pennsylvania counties. Dr. M. A. Farrell, director of the Pennsylvania State University college of agriculture experiment station, said the college expects to expand research on small grains, legumes, grasses, tomatoes, hybrid corn, as well as in tobacco.

A local committee, with A. G. Bucher as key man, handled details of the sale-purchase through John F. Weaver, Inc., Lancaster.

Local Committee Acts

Landisville was selected several years ago for the station, but there was no room for expansion. About a year or a year and a half ago, a local committee was named to check on a new location, one offering more acreage, yet near the old site. The University board of trustees ruled that the farm in use must be sold before final acquisition of another was made. The option has been exercised and purchase will be soon completed.

Owners of the Rapho Township property were William K. and Mildred Risser. The voluntary local group acted as an in-

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Lancaster Will Observe Holiday In Market Hours

Holiday schedules will go into effect at most Lancaster Co. Markets Christmas and New Year's.

Lancaster Union Stock Yards will be closed to trading Monday, Dec. 26, and on the New Year's Holiday, Monday, Jan. 2, 1956. Market will operate as usual Tuesday Dec. 27 and Tuesday Jan. 3. Cattle arriving on the holidays will be yarded fed and watered.

The five Lancaster farmers' markets will operate on regular schedule, with the exception of Central Market, which will be open Saturday from 5:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Southern Market will maintain regular hours Friday and Saturday. Arcade and West End will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. No change in hours was announced for Fulton Market.

Banks, post offices, business firms locally as well as major commodity markets throughout the nation will be closed both Mondays.