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Goddard Will Speak Feb. 23 At Lampeter

Hon. Maurice K. Goddard, State Secretary of Forests and Waters will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District Thursday, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p. m. in the Lampeter-Strasburg High School, Lampeter, Pa.

Water Use, Regulation

He is a member of the Soil Conservation Society of America and former director of the School of Forestry, College of Agriculture at the Pennsylvania State University; also, President of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, Chairman of the Council of Foresters, the American Forestry Assn., and the Forest Products Research Society.

His topic will be "Water Use and Its Regulation".

Amos H. Funk, chairman of the district will introduce the directors and representatives of the various cooperating agencies. Harry R. Metzler, former county commissioner and district board member will present a plaque to the farmer-cooperator named "Outstanding Farm Conservationist of 1955" during the meeting.

Color Film on Program

Wayne B. Rentschler, secretary-treasurer, will deliver the annual report on the progress of the conservation district.

Entertainment will be provided by the Garden Spot Chapter of F. F. A. and a color sound motion picture, "Yours Is The Land" will be shown.

Invocation will be provided by the Rev. John A. Breneman, pastor of the Willow Street Mennonite Church.

Everybody is invited to attend this county-wide meeting since, "Water" is a vital factor to the existence of people, animals, plants and soil, its use and regulation, presents a program to rural, industry, municipal and domestic users.

New Providence Herd Augmented

PETERBOROUGH, N. H. — Willard B. and Arlene H. Delp, New Providence, have just purchased the Guernsey sire, Golden Harvest Colonel, from Clair H. Witmer, Willow Street, according to the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

This richly-bred bull is out of the high-producing cow, McDonald Farms King's Janora, that has once been classified Very Good for type, and has two production records of 12,260 lbs of milk and 629 lbs of fat, made on three times daily milking for 365 days, as a senior two-year-old and met calving requirements, and 14,639 lbs of milk and 744 lbs. of fat, made on three times daily milking for 365 days as a five-year-old. He is sired by Nyala Supreme Commander.

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Lancaster Farming - Diversified



Truly diversified is Lancaster Farming, and the view above is one many share of Lancaster County. Only two of the innumerable agricultural lines are shown here.

Three Shows Set to Move Into County

Lancaster County this summer will be host to several major livestock shows, some moving here from other locations due to the County's increasing recognition as a livestock center. They are

1. The Eastern Polled Hereford Association Show and Sale, March 26, with an association banquet the night before (Sunday, March 25) at Hotel Brunswick;
2. The South Central District 4-H Dairy Judging Practice July 17;
3. The SPABS Dairy Show, Aug. 9;
4. County 4-H Roundup, Aug. 10;
5. Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders Association Show, Aug. 28, and
6. District 4-H Dairy Show, Guernsey Sale Pavilion, Aug. 29-30.

This will be the first time the Southeastern Dairy Show, the Eastern Polled Hereford show and sale, and the State 4-H Dairy Judging Practice events have been scheduled here.

This year the 4-H Roundup has been moved ahead one month.

Two Governors are expected to attend the Polled Hereford banquet, Pennsylvania's George Leader, and Colorado's Dan Thornton. Gov. Thornton is a well-known Hereford breeder.

Barn Raised On Landis Martin Farm

Mennonite farm friends — 150 strong — moved in on the Landis Martin Farm, R1 Litz, Monday to rebuild a barn destroyed by fire Oct. 21.

The barn, originally built by Jacob Brubaker in 1805, burned in 1897 and 1914. An arsonist admitted setting the most recent blaze.

Two Meetings on Trench Silo Use Scheduled Friday

Two field meetings are scheduled today to bring additional information to Lancaster County farmers on the practical use of trench silos.

"The practical use of trench silos is being generally recognized throughout our County as well as the entire country," M. M. Smith, county agricultural agent advises, and "many inquiries are made each year regarding this method of making silages."

At 9:30 this morning, those interested are invited to attend a meeting on the farm of Harry Griffith. Robert C. Groff is the operator of this farm, on R3 Quarryville, about two miles north of town and his lane turns to the north of present #222 detour route.

This afternoon at 1:30, a field meeting will be held on the farm of John M. Groff, R1 Bareville, along Route #23. It's the first farm on the south side of the road east of the new A. O. Smith Engineering Building.

John Walker, extension agricultural engineer from the Pennsylvania State University, will be along to discuss all phases of trench silo location, construction and management. County Agent Smith will discuss making and feeding high quality silage.

Farm Bureau Returns Four Incumbents

In the 21st annual meeting of the Lancaster Farm Bureau Co-operative Wednesday, all four incumbent directors were re-elected. Site of the meeting was the Guernsey Sales Pavilion east of Lancaster.

Returned were: Samuel S. Heisey, R1-Sheridan, northeastern district; Howard D. Wagner, R2 Quarryville, southeastern district; Mark S. Hess, R6 Lancaster, southwestern district, and Abner H. Risser, R1 Bambridge, northwestern district.

Reflecting the general trend in agriculture, the co-operative reported farm supply purchases by members declined \$150,000 last year, the first time in the co-operative's history that an increase was not shown.

Reports were given by Charles C. Burkins, general manager; Charles M. Wolgemuth, assistant general manager, and Harry R. Metzler, treasurer.

A stock dividend of \$25,288.03 was shared by the co-operative's 5,500 members last year.

Afternoon speaker was Kenneth Hood, assistant director of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

WORK HORSES \$345

Work horses sold at \$345 each in the Jonathan Benler public sale Tuesday west of New Holland. Cows sold from \$150 to \$250 per head, shoats went at \$9 each, iron troughs \$3 to \$5, a trotting buggy \$34. Auctioneer was Abe Diffenbach.

COVERED BRIDGE CLOSED

Traffic on the 100-year-old bridge at Slackwater, south of Millersville, has been cut off after a survey by state engineers showed it was unsafe for use in travel.

Soil Bank Bill Both Good, Bad Benson Advises

WASHINGTON — (USDA) — "A mixture of good and bad," were the words used by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson in describing the Feb. 10 action by the Senate Committee on Agriculture. The Committee reported out a bill which would put into effect a Soil Bank such as recommended by President Eisenhower, but by other provisions "would largely nullify the good features of the bill." Chief among these other provisions are a return to rigid supports at 90 per cent of parity, a return to the so-called dual party (old or modernized parity, whichever is higher), a two-price plan for rice, and changes in the dairy support law.

"The Soil Bank would empty our warehouses, but 90 per cent of parity would fill them again," said the Secretary. "These two parts of the Senate bill are inconsistent. The Congress will have to decide which way it wants to go, we cannot go both directions at the same time."

Refers to Jan. 9 Message

The Secretary called attention to President Eisenhower's repeated warnings against the kind of action taken by the Senate Committee.

"In his Special Message of Jan. 9," said the Secretary, "the President thus stated his position: 'As we seek to go forward, we must not go back to old programs which have failed utterly to protect farm families.' In his letter to Senator Aiken of Feb. 8, President Eisenhower wrote: 'I must say that I should be gravely concerned if the Soil Bank should be coupled with the restitution of production incentives certain to nullify the great benefits the bank can bring.'"

The Secretary pointed out the 90 per cent of old parity for wheat, which would be provided by the Senate bill, would be 103 per cent of modernized parity. "The export subsidy on wheat, which has been running about 80 cents a bushel for the 1955 crop, probably would increase to well over a dollar a bushel."

Feed Out of Line

"Dairy, poultry and livestock farmers would again see the prospect of feed supported out of line with the prices of meat, milk and eggs," said the Secretary.

"The bill does not give corn producers the freedom from acreage restrictions and eligibility for price supports that many of them want. From advance reports on what will be in the bill, it appears that the Senate can readily strike the bad features and retain the good," said the Secretary. "The Senate and the Congress can yet pass the kind of bill that will give farmers the help they need. If the Congress acts promptly, it will be possible to get a sound program launched before spring planting."

SENATE SOIL BANK OK

The Senate Agricultural Committee late last week voted approval of the "Soil-Bank" program by an 8-7 vote, restoring mandatory support at 90 per cent of parity to cotton, wheat, corn, rice and peanuts.