

## Two Chester County 4-H Clubs Meet

Members of the Southeastern Chester County Agricultural 4H Club were the guests of the Oxford Agricultural 4H Club on May 3 at the Oxford Grange Hall in Barnsley.

Visitors were Kenny Thomas, president of the club; Eddie Bassett, Mary Ann Thomas, Lester Lamborn, Sandra Pascal, Eddie Pascal, and Charles Wollaston, leader. Other visitors were Mrs. Pascal, Joseph Thomas, Midge Blevins, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Sebastian, and John Coger, an exchange student from England.

Dennis Abe, Chester county extension leader, introduced Horce Mann, 4H Dairy Club specialist from the Pennsylvania State University. He showed slides and discussed several methods of de-horning calves and trimming their feet, extensive sanitation in barn and pasture, the importance of measuring calves every month, and what a deficiency of vitamins A & D will do to calves.

The meeting closed with refreshments of punch, cake, and potato chips. Those on this meeting's refreshment committee are: John Kipp, Allen Shoemaker, Billy Kipp, and Ernest Englund.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 5, at 8 p. m. at the Oxford Grange Hall.

## Lucifer Star Carries Role Of His Sire

The inheritance of the nationally known Holstein bull Lauxmont Admiral "Lucifer" is now being perpetuated through his newly proven son, Penstate "Lucifer Star". He is the first proven son of "Old Lucifer" to be introduced into service by the Southeastern Penna. Artificial Breeding Cooperative, Lancaster.

The son, Lucier Star, now nearly six years old, was bred by the Pennsylvania State University who presently own the bull. However, through a working agreement between the S.P.A.B.C. and Penn State, the Cooperative has full rights to use him in their Holstein program.

### Wide Reputation

"Old Lucifer" died early this year at the ripe old age of 17½ years after having completed 11 years of service at S.P.A.B.C. During that time he gained national prominence in Holstein circles through the merits of his many daughters. Today, he rates first in the nation on number of daughters on D.H.I.A. test, first on number of daughters officially classified for type and second on number of daughters registered.

Lucifer Star, the son, has 16 daughters that average 12,485 lbs of milk, 39% test and 486 lbs of fat as compared to 12,540 lbs of milk, 37% test and 466 lbs of fat for their dams. This is an increase of 20 lbs of fat. He is the eleventh proven son of "Old Lucifer" of which 9 have increased production. Lucifer Star also has 29 classified daughters that average a score of 80.0 as compared to the breed average of 79.3 for animals of equal age.

### Penstate Pathfinder Star

The dam of Lucifer Star is Penstate Pathfinder Star, one of the great brood cows in the Penn State herd. She is the first Holstein cow to make two 1,000 lb records after being 11 years old. She has two "Excellent" daughters of which one, Penstate Pathfinder Inka Star, is the first Holstein cow to make 5 consecutive records over 1,000 lbs. She has six consecutive sons of which "Lucifer Star" is the third to be proven and all have increased production.

There are six daughters of "Lucifer Star" presently in production in the Penn State herd



During the cleanup of ruins of the New Holland branch of the Lancaster County Farm Bureau, some one suggested, "Let's have a sale." Bidding was active for rolls of woven wire and other items that had a

salvage value. In the background is the gutted remainder of a huge trailer truck destroyed in the fire. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

that are averaging 1.9 lbs of fat per day. They are each in their first lactation as two years olds and milked two times daily.

## Spring Crops To Cover Five Million Acres

Spring crops will be planted by Pennsylvania farmers this year on nearly five million acres, a moderate increase of 17,000 over last year, but 155,000 acres above average.

A Federal-State survey of farmers' intentions to plant the seven major crops given a total of 4,943,000 acres. It compares with 4,926,000 acres planted in the spring of 1955 and with the 10-years 1945-54 average of 4,788,000 acres.

Plantings for all field crops except corn and potatoes will be larger this spring than a year ago, the survey showed. Wheat was seeded last fall for harvest this summer on 656,000 acres, 2 per cent below a year earlier. Rye planting totaled 55,000 acres, an increase of 11,000 acres.

### Depend on Weather

Fulfillment of the March 1 spring crop intentions of Pennsylvania farmers may depend to a large extent on weather and soil conditions at planting also will include farmers' reactions to their corn acreage allotments in the 29 designated commercial corn growing counties of the State.

Early indications are for a reduction of two per cent in corn acreage this spring to a total of acres is an increase of 2 per cent and oats will be planted on 838,000 acres, also an advance of 2 per cent. The barley acreage includes that which was seeded last fall and will be record high for the State, if intentions are carried out.

### Total 2,344,000

Hay, which accounts for almost one-half of the combined total acreage, is expected to be increased by one per cent to a total of 2,344,000 acres.

Potato growers reported intentions to plant only 53,000 acres this year, the smallest acreage ever known in the State and 11 per cent below last year's 60,000 acres. The 1956 tobacco acreage is indicated at 29,000 acres, about the same as in 1955.

Percentage-wise, soybeans stand out this year as the leader in acreage expansion. Growers plan to plant 55,000 acres which could be the largest since 1947.

Nationally, spring planting intentions come to about 352 million acres for the 59 principal crops on which reports were obtained. This is 3.4 million acres less than last year.

### Quite Likely

Many a girl's negative personality has been developed in a dark room.—Coast Guard Magazine.

## Let's Hold an Auction!

### Fair Dates Over State Are Listed

Dates on which county, district and regional fairs will be held this year have been listed in part by the Pennsylvania State Department of Agriculture.

Among those listed for this area, or of general interest are:

Aug. 15-17, Butler Farm Show; Aug. 20-25, Kutztown Fair; Sept. 11-15, York Inter-State Fair; Sept. 19-21, Southern Lancaster County Community Fair, Quarryville; Sept. 26-29, Ephrata Farmers' Day; Sept. 26-28, West Lampeter Community Fair; Oct. 2-5, South Lebanon Community Fair, Iona; Oct. 3-6, New Holland Farmers Fair; Oct. 4-6, Unionville Community Fair; Oct. 4-6, Manheim Community Fair; Oct. 10-13, Mt. Joy Community Exhibit; Oct. 18-20, Dillsburg Community Fair.

The Pennsylvania Farm Show will be Jan. 14-18, 1957, and the 7th annual Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festival at Kutztown July 4-8th.

### OLDEST TWINS?

PARIS, Texas — Mrs. Ellen Whitten and Mrs. Elmer Buchanan, 89-year-old twin sisters, believe they are the oldest set of twins still living in the United States. The sisters, born on December 3, 1866, live with their "baby" sister, Sule, 83.

### Poultry Center Funds at \$12,208

In the week to May 4, twenty participants have been added to the fund raising campaign giving the proposed Lancaster Poultry Center an additional \$739, Lewis L. Mortensen, secretary, reports.

This brings the figures to that date up to 292 participants contributing or pledging a total of \$12,208.86. Goal by June 15 is \$30,000.

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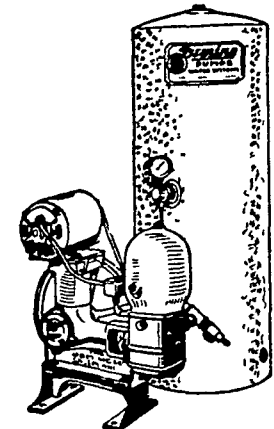
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