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Farm Bureau Mill At Manheim Hit By Fire Monday

Fire struck the Farm Bureau Cooperative again this week. This time a feed mill at Manheim was severely damaged Monday night.

The fire was discovered shortly after 5 p. m. Monday. Firemen from Manheim, Lititz and East Petersburg fought the blaze for an hour and a half before bringing it under control.

John McCormick, Harrisburg, head of the feed division of Farm Bureau, said Wednesday that no official estimate of the damage had been made nor did the Cooperative know when the mill would be back in operation.

The Manheim mill is operated by the state organization supplying feed for retail outlets in the southeastern Pennsylvania area.

To supply the feed needed shipments are being made from cooperative mills in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Baltimore, Md.

According to John Wolgemuth of the Lancaster Farm Bureau office, the milling operations at the New Holland branch, recently opened, are to be greatly expanded.

The new mill at New Holland replaces one lost by fire last year. In rebuilding it, the cooperative greatly expanded its services.

McCormick said that there will not be any price difference for the feed shipped into the area from the Baltimore and Cincinnati mills.

But he added, "We sure won't make any money on it."

In addition to the mill, 15 grain-loaded railroad cars were threatened.

Firemen fighting the blaze were commended by Farm Bureau officials for their promptness in bringing the fire under control. The firemen prevented the fire from spreading to several nearby elevators, storage buildings and the office.

There was no explosion, a great danger in this type fire.

Mark K. Hess, R6 Lancaster, secretary-treasurer of the County organization, said that the building still structurally sound, the fire having been confined to the third and fourth floors.

Hess said, however, that the intense heat apparently caused extensive damage to the milling equipment. He said the plant employs about 35 men.

Lancaster city firemen were called to the fire, but they were not needed.

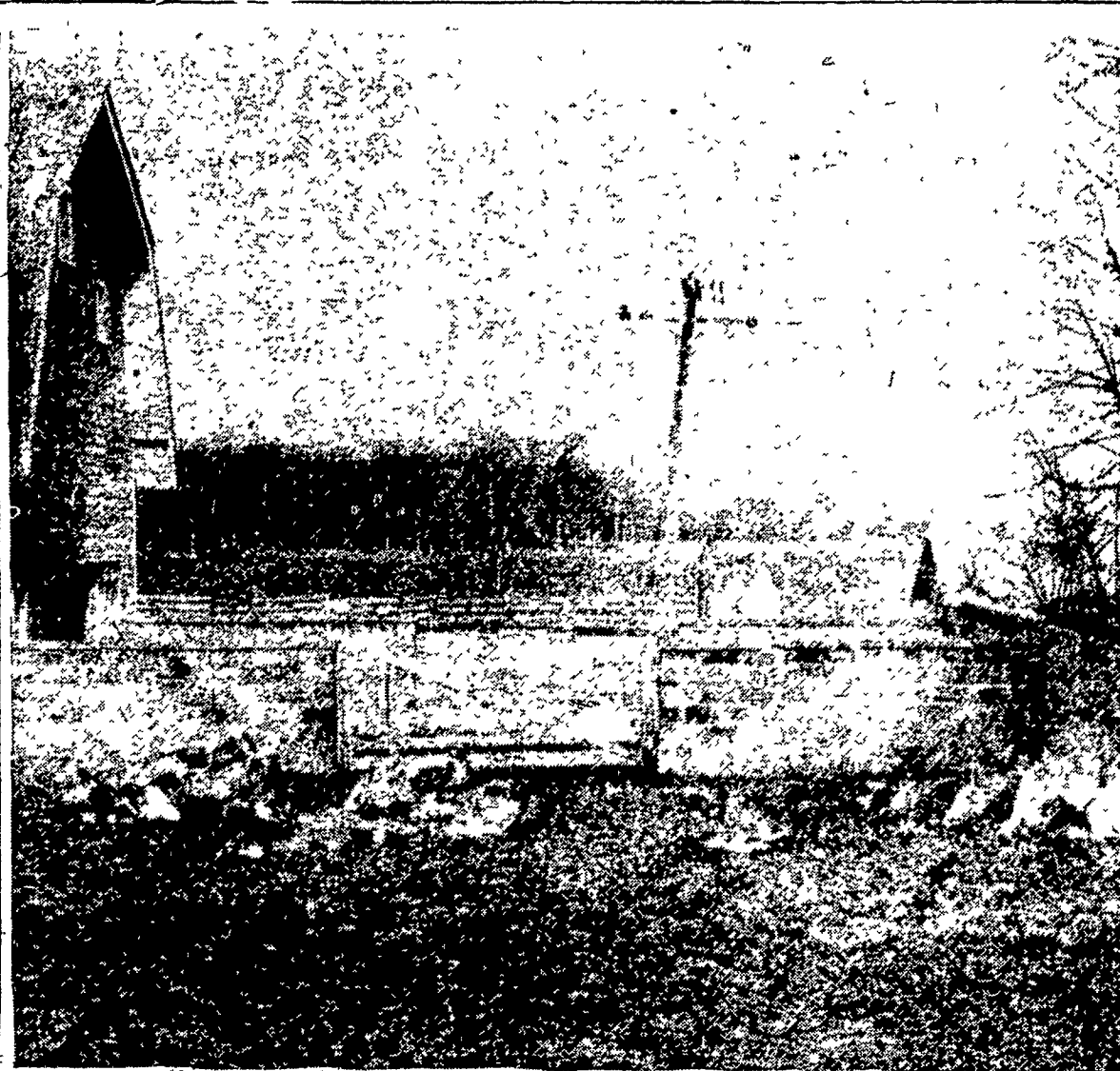
Klahold Reports on NEPPCO Survey At \$25 Poultry Boosters Banquet

"The spirit of the poultry growers and the allied industries in Lancaster County is exemplified by this project of self help," said Harold P. Klahold, president of Northeastern Poultry Producers Council, in a speech prepared for delivery at the \$25 plate boosters banquet held in Mt. Joy Wednesday night.

He extended congratulations to the people attending and to the leaders who have had the foresight to embark upon the project providing facilities for themselves in the attack upon one of the poultry growers' major problems, the internal health of the industry.

Klahold cited figures obtained in a recent survey of poultry producers to find their opinion of proper policy toward governmental programs.

In this survey of opinions,



GUERNSEY BREEDERS on their tour Tuesday saw this scene at the Peter Zeitler farm, Glasgow, Del. Two buses of breeders and their wives attended the tour through Maryland and Delaware. At the Zeitler

farm, George Haenlein explained the feeding program in use that does not require any corn. For silage, a mixture of Amber Cane and soybeans is used. (LF Photo)

County Swine Producers Assn. To Be Launched at April 30 Meeting

The Lancaster County Swine Producers Assn will become a reality Tuesday, April 30, when a county wide meeting of producers will elect a board of directors for the new organization.

Groundwork for the association was laid Monday night when a committee of ten swine producers met with County Agent Max M. Smith at the Farm Bureau Cooperative to discuss formation of the association.

In naming projects for such an organization, a feeder pig sale seemed to hold the center of interest. It was noted that a large market for feeder pigs exists in this area, and it was felt by the committee that if such a sale were held, pigs would

be available.

Another project of interest would be an all breed bred gilt.

Some of the pure bred breeders said that at Farm Show and other breed sales, farmers wanting breeding stock for commercial farms are not particularly interested in the breed they buy. What they want is good meat type gilts.

Other projects mentioned are education by tours and field days, encouragement of farmers to raise swine and encouragement of meat type certification by purebred breeders.

J. Lloyd Rohrer, R7 Lancaster; Kenneth Skiles, R2 Narvon; and Arlie Anderson, Elizabethtown, were named to a nominating committee to select candidates for a board of directors.

The board will be made up of one representative of each major swine breed and a representative of commercial producers. The board will then elect the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Dues for membership were set at \$1 a year with membership open to anyone interested in the swine industry.

At the April 30 meeting, tentatively scheduled to be held at 8 p. m. at the Farm Bureau Cooperative, Dillersville Road, Lancaster, Dwight Younkin of Penn State will be present to discuss some of the problems facing the swine producer.

A color movie on meat will be shown.

Also at the meeting, the constitution of the association, drawn up by Warren Leiminger, R2 Denver; Earl Fisher, R1 East Earl; and Howard Siglin, Millersville, will be present for approval.

J. D. Shreve Is New President Of Stock Yards

The new president of Lancaster Union Stock Yards Co is James D. Shreve, Neffsville. He succeeds the late David E. Longacre, Philadelphia, who died March 19.

Shreve, who is vice president and general manager, will continue to act as general manager for the yards.

F. M. Campbell, Salem, Ohio, was elected to the board of directors and was named vice president. H. V. Sheetz, Plainfield, N. J., was elected treasurer, a post formerly held by Longacre.

Plans Announced for Holstein Tour; Dairy Farms, Paper Mill to Be Visited

Plans for the annual Holstein breeders tour April 29 were announced Monday by Robert Groff, R3 Quarryville, Everett Benjamin, Holtwood, and Elvin Hess, Jr., R2 Strasburg, the tour committee.

The tour will start with a visit at the Hershey Chocolate Co., Hershey. Here some of the uses of milk in the candy making processes will be seen.

Two Holstein farms will be visited next.

The first is operated by G. A. Burdick, R5 York. Burdick bred the famous Holstein sire, Lauxmont Lucifer, when he was manager of Lauxmont Farms. He

Milk Production Shows Decline From Last Year

HARRISBURG — Although some small herds were absorbed by larger dairy farm operations and milk cow numbers increased during the month of March, milk output per cow showed a decline and total production on Pennsylvania farms was below the same month last year, the state Department of Agriculture said Monday following Crop Reporting Service surveys.

"Labor problems, impending high investments for bulk cooling of milk, and stricter inspection requirements have caused some dairymen to sell out," the report of the survey agency declared.

Although milk cow numbers for March at 951,000 head totaled 7,000 more than a year previous, milk production was 567 million pounds, almost 4 per cent below the 587 million pounds for March last year. Average per cow at 596 pounds for the month was 26 pounds unreg March 1956.

Since last October milk production in Pennsylvania has fallen short of production for the corresponding month a year earlier, the Department said.

Chief reason for the decline is the low feeding value of the rain-damaged 1956 hay crop, it was said. The level of production reported by districts reflects the quality of hay fed and ranges from lowest in western counties to near normal in the southeastern counties. Supply of hay is adequate in most areas but much is of low quality.

Dairymen expect milk production will climb as soon as good pastures are available. Predictions are that April output will be lower than for April 1956.

Pennsylvania milk production for January through March this year at 1,545 million pounds is four per cent below the 1,609 million pounds for the same three-month period last year.

As of March 15 Pennsylvania dairy farmers were averaging a return of \$4.90 wholesale per hundred pounds (46½ quarts), down 15 cents from February. The value of milk cows averaged \$205 per head, the same as a month earlier and \$15 higher than a year previous.

now owns and operates his own Holstein dairy farm.

The other is Sinking Springs Farms, R5 York. This famous Holstein farm is well known for its breeding herd.

A stop will be made in Hanover to visit the Utz Potato Chip Co. operations.

The final stop on the tour will be Gladfelter's Paper Mill at Spring Grove.

A complete tour of the paper making process has been planned with the farmers seeing a pulp log finally becoming paper.

The tour will leave from the Conestoga Transportation Co. barn, 825 East Chestnut St., Lancaster at 7:30 a. m.