



THIS IS HENRY R. WILSON and three of his helpers. They are, right to left, Dana, 10, Beverly, 8, and Corkey, 6. Wilson operates a 390-acre dairy farm south of Little Britain where he has designed a loose housing set-up to save all the labor possible. (LF Photo)

## Henry Wilson Designed His Farm To Eliminate Labor and Chore Time

(Continued from page twelve) the bulk bin and down through the length of the milking parlor. The parlor is fitted with individual feeders at each milking stanchion. Here the feed is gravity fed and measured to each cow.

Silage from the bunker is also handled by a conveyor system although this one is on wheels. Tests have shown that dairy cows do not fare as well when self fed from bunkers as steers, so this means that the silage has to be brought to the animals in quantities that they will clean up. In an upright silo, this is fairly easy. But with a bunker, it can be a back-breaking chore.

However, the purchase of a self-unloading wagon has taken most of the choring out of silage feeding and has reduced feeding time to about 15 minutes for the 65 head of cows. The wagon is loaded with a tractor scoop and then driven by feed bunkers. The same bunkers, located out of the weather in the hay storage shed, are then used to feed hay.

The wagon does not sit idle in the summer either. Most of the first cutting of alfalfa goes to the dairy cows as green chop, a practice that gives the cows most of the nutritive value of the crop without danger of bloating or damage to the field.

Alfalfa is the major crop on the farm. It is used for both hay and silage. Some of the alfalfa is pastured later in the season as the need arises. There are about 15 acres of permanent pasture.

How does Wilson feel about loose stabling after having handled cows by both methods?

"I wouldn't go back to the other way," he said.

And why the switch over?

"I saw ways of saving labor."

The Wilson herd is mixed Holstein and Guernsey. He uses artificial breeding on the older cows, although he keeps a bull for younger stock.

Two full-time men help operate the farm.

## Farm Women 6 Hear Lecture On Trip Abroad

Farm Women's Society #6, met recently in the home of Mrs. Milton Eberly, R3 Elizabethtown, Pa. Mrs. Eby Espenshade gave an illustrated talk on her trip to Europe. She accompanied her son Tommy on this trip given to them by the Harrisburg Patriot News, as a reward for Merits. Tommy received a News boy. He was chosen as the most outstanding talented boy, out of a large group.

Mrs. Eberly also showed several slides he took when he toured Germany as a Rotarian.

President Mrs. C. R. Frey announced that Home Makers Day will be held April 23, in the First Presbyterian church, 136 East Orange St., Lancaster, Pa.

Members voted a \$5.00 contribution toward the "Scholarship Fund" for Home Economic Training and \$10.00 to the "Migrant Spiritual Growth" fund.

Guests were our County Vice President and County Secretary, Mrs. Abram Weidman and Mrs. Harold Zook.

Plans were made for our group to visit Society 12 on Saturday April 19. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Paul Hess and Mrs. Musser Heisey.

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