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NO BREAK in conversation on conservation was permitted during a coffee-break at the Ephrata Conservation meeting. In the left foreground, Amos Funk, president of Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District, shares in refreshments, while answering questions of some of the farmers present for the meet. Eight new cooperators have signed up for conservation practices on their farms as a result of this meeting. —LF PHOTO

Milk Control Comm. Puts 25-Cent Rate Top on Bulk Milk Hauling

The Pennsylvania Milk Control Commission has imposed new regulations to prevent dealers from overcharging dairymen from hauling milk from farm bulk storage tanks.

The commission ruled dealers may not charge more than 25 cents per hundred-weight (46½ qts) for milk hauled by the dealers from farm to the dealers' plants. The commission also froze charges currently in effect and below the 25-cent limit. State dairymen have com-

plained that dealers encouraged them to switch from the old-style milk-can system to the newer bulk tanks, then arbitrarily raised hauling rates without due cause or even explaining their actions.

Dealers who seek to raise their hauling rates to the ceiling in the future, must furnish "evidence that the services rendered, the conditions under which the transportation is affected and the costs incurred by the dealer transporting milk on the particular route warrant additional deductions."

Winter Short Courses Offered By Penn State

Several agricultural short courses which will be of interest to many persons engaged in farming or related work will be offered by the Pennsylvania State University this winter. These courses which will all be given on the Penn State Campus at University Park will be taught by faculty of the College of Agriculture.

The College has announced that enrollments are now being accepted in the following courses.

Dec. 8-10 Farm Income Tax and Social Security
Jan. 5-10 Testing Milk and Cream

Jan. 12-24 Ice Cream Making Course for Plant Men
Jan. 21-23 Rural Electrification
Jan. 26 to Feb. 7 Market Milk
Feb. 2-7 D.H.I.A. Supervisor Training
Feb. 2-27 Dairy Farming
Feb. 16-18 Grassland Farming
March 2-4 Beef Cattle Herdsmen
March 16-20 Lumber Grading
March 23-27 Dairy Herdsmen
April 27 to May 1 Bulk Milk Tank Weighers and Samplers.

For Fruit Growers

Pruning Field Day Near W. Chester on Wed.

A meeting for the discussion and demonstration of pruning methods for apple, peach and cherry trees is scheduled at 1:15 p.m., Wednesday at the Fairhope Orchard, Tanguy, Chester County.

The event is a Chester County Extension Service Field Day, in cooperation with Robert Balderston, owner of the orchard, Chester County Agent Robert A. Powers and Penn State University.

Carl S. Bittner, PSU extension fruit specialist, will conduct the demonstration and answer questions for orchardists in attendance.

Powers reports this orchard has been the site of similar pruning demonstrations over the past three

years and growers will be able to observe results of past pruning practices.

Plans for a late winter meeting with Dr. Bittner on small fruit culture, including strawberries, raspberries and blueberries will be announced at a late date.

The Fairhope Orchard is located four miles southeast of West Chester at the intersection of routes 926 and 352.

Farm Calendar

Dec. 6—County 4-H play, Manheim Twp. elementary school auditorium, 8 p.m.

Dec. 8—7 p.m., Wash. Boro Fire Hall. Tomato Meeting Penn State specialists will appear. Open to all.

Dec. 9—26th Annual meeting of Producers-Co-op Exchange, Coatesville, Guernsey Pavilion, 7.45 p.m.

Dec. 10—4-H Guernsey Club Christmas Party. Time and Place undecided.

Dec. 10 — 6:30 p.m. Lan. Co. Farm Equip. Dealers Assoc. dinner, Hostetters, Mount Joy.

Dec. 11 — 7:30 p.m. Dairy meeting, Q-ville fire hall, Millport Roller Mills, sponsor.

Dec. 11—4-H Holstein Christmas Party, George Rutt home, Stevens Rl.

Dec. 15—4-H Council Christmas Party, Betty Umble home, 2350 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster.

Price Index Climbs

State Crop Round-Up

Harrisburg, Dec. 5—The index of prices received by Pennsylvania farmers in mid-November for all their products climbed three points from a month earlier, the State Department of Agriculture announced today.

Group indexes for both crops and livestock rose three points in the 30-day period, the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service said in its monthly survey.

The dairy products index, which exerts the greatest influence in the all-commodity index, increased three points because of the higher price

The Crop Reporting Service said the index for all farm products stood at 241 on Nov. 15, seven points under the same date last year. An index of 100 is equal to the 1910-14 base price period.

The increase in the crops index was attributed to higher prices received for potatoes and apples as well as slight gains in barley, rye and hay prices.

Crops which suffered price losses were corn, down 26 cents from the previous month, and soybeans 15 cents less. These decreases resulted from new crops of corn and soybeans on the market.

Increase in the livestock index was the result of high-

County Meetings Draw New SCD Cooperators

Lancaster County Soil Conservation District officials are expressing hopes of expanded programs in two county areas during the coming year following a pair of meetings last month.

Martin Muth, Soil Conservation Service work unit conservationist, reports a number of requests for assistance available for those farmers in making studies of conservation needs and prospects from the SCS office.

"From the Ephrata meeting, we have signed up six or eight more cooperators. This was a meeting organized by Elmer Sensenig, SCD board member, and there were about 20 present, including several practicing conservationists."

"The basic purposes behind both meetings were the same."

"The district wishes to encourage more farmers to cooperate in their efforts to control soil and water loss through halting erosion."

The SCS is striving to acquaint the farmers with services provided to aid them in building their farm programs through conservation."

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Extension Tomato Meet Set for Monday Night

Harry Sloat, associate Lancaster county agent, has announced a special Extension Service meeting Monday evening at 7 p.m. in the Washington Boro Fire Hall for discussion of tomato culture.

Sloat urges all county farmers who are interested in high-quality, early maturing tomato varieties, with high yields, crack resistance and a high percentage of No. 1 fruit, to attend this session.

Dr. B. L. Pollack, Penn State vegetable researcher, will discuss results of the replicated-variety test plots grown on the Henry Heisey farm last summer. Also, University research results will be presented.

J. O. Dutt, extension vegetable

gardening specialist, will discuss results of tomato fertilization, culture and growing of tomatoes for early market.

Sloat reminded tomato growers that plans for next year's crop should be in the works now, and attendance at this meeting would aid greatly in making those plans. With increasing growing costs, more competition from other areas and consumer pressure for quality, efficient production of quality fruit will make the most satisfactory return.

Paes New Head For County Ayershire Assn.

Strasburg Fire Hall hosted the Lancaster County Ayreshire Breeders' 1958 banquet and meeting last Friday, as the local purebred group met with around 50 members and guests in attendance.

John Paes, Strasburg RD1, was elected to succeed Roy Boutwell, Elizabethtown, as association president. Boutwell was then voted in as secretary-treasurer of the organization.

Alice Mentzer, New Holland, was elected vice-president, with Leon Kreider, of Quarryville, and Noah Wenger, Manheim RD 3, being voted in as directors.

Eli N. Martin, Stevens, was named Ayreshire delegate for the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association, and David Hamish, of Quarryville, became state director.

Boutwell was named to head a committee to organize the breed association's spring sale in Lancaster County.

A trio of awards for bred champions at 1958 county fairs were presented to: Paes, Lampeter Community fair; James Espenshade, Q-ville, Solanco fair, and Abram Flory, Manheim fair.