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## Championship Quartet



When the six finalists of the Farm Show Baby Beef show marched into the Large Arena Thursday afternoon, these Red Rose entries comprised two-thirds of the Championship Class. From left, Ken Miller, Manheim RD 2, with his Champion Shorthorn; Billy Hackman, Elizabethtown RD 3, with his Reserve Champion Shorthorn; Don Herr, Manheim, and his Reserve Champion Angus, and John Martin, Marietta RD 1, with his Reserve Champion of the show, also Champion Hereford.

## Garden Spot Holds Title During 1959 Farm Show

Lancaster County farmer-berland County The victory showmen returned home this week with a major share of trophies from the 1959 Penna. Farm Show in Harrisburg. While final totals are still being computed, it became apparent as early as Wednesday evening that this year's production was headed toward new records in attendance, quality and prizes.

Garden Spot showings were climaxed late Thursday when four of the six 4-H baby beeves in the junior Championship class were announced over the large Arena public address system as coming from Red Rose club.

One of the quartet, 1,065 lb. "Buddy", a medium weight Hereford owned by John D. Martin, Marietta RD 1, was awarded honors as Reserve Champion of the junior show.

"Buddy" was edged from the Grand Champion's spot by an Angus shown by Jack Gensler, Carlisle RD2, Cum-

The victory was the county's first Farm Show Grand Championship in 4-H baby beef in 27 years.

Martin's victory returned Lancaster County to the purple after the county's first shut-out in seven years had occurred last year.

Also in the arena for the final judging were:

Donald M. Herr, Refton, showing the Reserve Champion Angus.

Kenneth Miller, Manheim RD 2, showing the Champion Shorthorn.

Billy Hackman, Elizabethtown RD3, showing the Reserve Champion Shorthorn, Red Rose members placed

14 beeves in the top ten spots of 11 junior show classes.

In the County Trio contest, an Angus group from Red Rose beef swept top honors, giving the club a collective total of five of the top seven spots in the junior event

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## Conservation Awards Banquet -- Feb. 27

A total of nine awards will go to outstanding figures in Lancaster County conservation farming circles to be honored Feb. 27, during the 1959 Lancaster Soil Conservation District Banquet.

By A. Brubaker, program chairman for the annual event, reports seven Conservation Achievement Awards to county farmers, presentation of the county plaque to the land judging contest winner and the Outstanding Conservation Farmer plaque, highlight banquet activities.

Theme for the banquet will be "Teamwork." Special events for the event at the Curryville Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m., will be the county's "Queens of the Show" and the principal speaker will be Albert Struble, watershed consultant, Penna Soil commission.

A 20-minute film on the National Plowing Contest last week at Hershey, entitled "Down to Earth," will be shown. Other program features include the state championship FFA conservation speaker, Gerald Greiner, of Manheim, delivering his prize-winning speech, "Liquid of Life", special music by Lincoln high school students, and reports of 1958 activities.

## Cons. District Adds Three Cooperators

The number of Lancaster County Soil Conservation District cooperators increased to 1705 this week with the acceptance of three more farmer-applicants by the directors.

A total of 680 acres were added to the district's land area with the acceptance of William Fredd, Sadsbury Twp., Christiana RD 1—220 acres, Isaac S Shirk, East Earl RD 1—360 acres, and Ernest J. Sauder, W Hempfield Twp., Lancaster RD 1—100 acres.

The Soil Conservation Service December report to SCD directors revealed completion of three new plans with 281 acres, three basic plans with 159 acres, 55 acres of cover crops, 108 acres of stubble mulching; four acres of pasture improvement; 2,500 linear feet of grassed waterways, and removal of obstructions from a half acre

## State Crop Round-Up

The longest continual cold weather for several years has kept farmers from many normal field tasks in Pennsylvania. Snowfall during December ranged from heavy in the northwest to light in this region.

Major problem for area farmers at the moment is the lack of snow cover for small grain crops. The below normal precipitation has resulted in exposed fields and rapidly drying soils. The latter situation has been aided by prevailing high winds.

In contrast, despite extreme cold, the wheat outlook on the plains is the best in years with a heavy snow cover from the Rockies to the Mississippi valley, except for the Southern Plains

## State Young Farmers Honor Elvin Krantz

Elvin B. Krantz, of New Providence, was selected during the Pennsylvania Young Farmer's convention at the Farm Show as one of the state's four outstanding young farmers.

Krantz was selected as the southeastern area winner of the OYF plaque, which was presented by Dean Holter, of Manheim, state president

## SPABC Sire Wins 'Gold Star' Rank

"McDonald Farms' Pro Nugget", a registered Guernsey bull owned by South-eastern Pa Artificial Breeding Cooperative has been named a Gold Star Sire by the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

"Nugget" was recognized by a progeny record which includes 25 daughters with 49 official production records averaging 10,461 lbs. of milk and 508 lbs. of fat. He also has 23 classified daughters with an average numerical rating of 83.5 ranking as Desirable.

## Chick Placement 15% Above '58

Placement of broiler chicks in Penna for the week ending Jan 14 totaled 784, according to the crop reporting service. This was 10 per cent below the previous week, but 15 per cent above same week last year.

Shipments during the week were 258,000, in shipments were 82,000. Indicated number of Penna broilers for market about 10 weeks from now is 751,000, compared with 691,000 last

broiler eggs set totaled 5,000; down five per cent last week. Hatchings from Jan 10 to 31 will be at seven per cent below

last year. In the 22 important broiler producing states, chick placements totaled 30,534,000, down three per cent from the previous week. This was 13 per cent above last year.

Penna was among states showing the greatest decrease in placements.

The 22 state settings were three per cent above the previous week, and seven per cent above the same week last year.

Indicated broilers for market about 10 weeks from now is 286 million, compared with 25 million last year.

## Six Meetings to Feature Plant Parasite Control

Harry S Sloat, associate county agent, has announced a schedule of meetings in Lancaster County with Penna. Extension specialists to discuss and demonstrate methods of identification and control for insect and disease pests for plants.

Sloat points out the rapid increase in air travel to all parts of the world has brought new parasites, which increase crop production problems.

"In many areas of the county, alfalfa has been severely damaged, while other fields have been affected by downy mildew, black stem or other diseases," Sloat reminds.

In cases, Red Clover was only a third of expected crop yield, due to lesser clover leaf weevil. Chick weed has made heavy growth during fall months in many fields.

"New chemicals are coming on the market each month to control these pests. The knowledge of how to spot infestations and apply timely control is of vital importance to county farmers," H Brubaker's, Lutz RD 3

Sloat states.

Three meetings have been scheduled for general farmers and three for specialized groups from Jan. 20 (Tues. to Jan. 23. Meeting with local farmers will be:

Dr. Carlton Taylor, extension plant disease specialist; J. O. Pepper, extension plant insect specialist.

and George Berggren, extension agronomist.

The meeting will be: Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m. general meeting, Singer's display room, table seed treating, Glick Ronks; Jan. 22, 9 a.m., vegetable farm, Smoketown; Jan. 22, 1:30 p.m., Fruit Growers, Farm Bureau; Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m., General meeting, Wenger's, Buck; Jan. 23 9:30 a.m., nurseries and greenkeepers, Farm Bureau, and 1:30 p.m., general meet, L. H Brubaker's, Lutz RD 3

## Farm Management Short Course Scheduled by County Extension

A special short course in Farm and Home Management will be offered Lancaster County farm families this year through programs conducted by Penn State specialists in sessions within the county.

Harry Sloat, associate agent, and Cynthia W Engle, asst Ext Home Economist have announced the first of four meetings will be held in the Assembly room of the North Queen Street Branch, Lancaster County National Bank, Lancaster.

This meeting will start at 9:30 a.m., Jan. 22, with the morning and afternoon sessions. Other days scheduled in the course are Feb 5 and 19, and March 5.

## 4-H Leaders Meet Set for Jan. 26

Cynthia W Engle, assistant extension home economist, has announced a 4-H Club leadership training meeting, for 1:30 p.m. Jan 26 at the Farm Bureau auditorium, Dilleville Rd

The meeting is the first of a series scheduled this winter to replace the spring schedule, which had produced time conflicts at times, Mrs Engle reported

The first meeting discussions will cover keeping records, National Awards program and special 4-H events, she added