

# Lancaster Farming

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OWN HERE, with Lancaster County Farm Bureau Co-op assn. President Willis Neff, second from left, after their reelection to the board during this week's 24th Meeting of the group are: Samuel E. Heisey, Sheridan RD 1, left; David Neff, Boro RD 1, right, and Abner H. Risser, Bainbridge RD 1. Melvin Stoltzfus, Ronks newly elected director for the southeastern district is not shown.

## New Phila. Market Opens June 1

HARRISBURG—A tentative opening date of June 1 has been set for the new Philadelphia Food Distribution Center, according to Vernon D. Northrop, executive vice president of the Center.

The new Center will replace the former Dock Street market area in Philadelphia which is to be demolished and redeveloped as a housing and residential area.

Roland G. Harris, marketing specialist for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Markets, says that the 380-acre area near Pattison Avenue and Galloway Street in south Philadelphia, will include many of the latest features in modern food handling and will offer ample dock space for truck unloading, parking facilities, and office space for the various functions associated with the wholesale food and produce trade.

The State Bureau of Markets is assisting food wholesalers in moving from the Dock Street area and in modernizing their food handling techniques.

First to be opened in the new Center will be produce

and seafood markets. When complete, the Center will embody, at the wholesale level, the "one stop shopping" principle now common in modern merchandising. Negotiations are underway with meat packers and meat wholesalers; butcher, egg and cheese wholesalers; dressed poultry wholesalers; grocery wholesalers; and cold storage warehouses considering moving into the new center.

Harris points out that the Center would make the Nation's third largest city a great food distribution point. Located near the end of the Walt Whitman Bridge, the new markets can be reached easily from all directions. Rail transportation is nearby.

## 100-plus at FB's 24th Meeting

The election of four directors to the Lancaster County Bureau Co-operative board, presentations of awards to outstanding county farmers, presentation of the 1958 annual report and by-law changes highlighted the 24th stockholders' meeting of the 4,895 member co-op at the Jersey Pavilion.

Selected members of the group were Abner H. Risser, Boro RD 1, incumbent president; Samuel E. Heisey, Sheridan RD 1 and David Neff, Washington Boro

Melvin Stoltzfus, Ronks was elected to the southeastern district directorship, filling a three-year term, the same as incumbent directors.

Lloyd Rohrer, Lancaster was awarded a \$50 prize for his 1958 production of 180.9 bu. of corn in the State Crop Improvement Association Club Yield Contest.

Rohrer's crop placed first in the state, was highest in Area 1 and the county, and in the state for a Farm Bureau and fertilizer and fertilizer and the contest only 54 days behind the state winner.

Planted Pa 820 hybrid, 10,360 plants per acre in 10 rows, using a barrower crop, one ton of fertilizer per acre and 800 lbs. of manure per acre, applied with the planter



J Lloyd Rohrer  
\$10 Award

Receiving a \$10 cash award for having placed fifth in Area 1, comprised of 17 southeastern counties, with a 159.9 bu per acre yield, was Ezra W Burkholder, Lancaster RD 6.

Burkholder planted Pa. 807 hybrid, with 17,320 plants per acre. He plowed under sod and applied manure and drilled in 350 lbs per acre.

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ROBERT G. HOSTETTER, Elizabethtown RD 3, is shown removing the milker from a cow in his three-stall milking parlor. The county farmer has had his parlor in operation since 1954 and says, "... I wouldn't try to run a dairy without one." Notice the six-foot wide aisle and convenient system for swinging the milker in and out of the stall. There is room to add an additional stall in the 35x12 parlor, if needed.

—LF PHOTO

## He's Sold on 'Parlor' After 4th Year

For at least one Lancaster County farmer with four years' experience in a milking parlor—loose housing dairy operation, the system of herd management rates 100 per cent and then some, as a method of handling his farm's major enterprise

Robert G. Hostetter, Elizabethtown R D 3, could be described as a young farmer with dreams of a future model operation, who isn't letting those dreams prevent him from applying good management wherever possible at present

Hostetter plans a future dairy program of around 18 registered Holsteins on his 47 acre farm, east of Elizabethtown. In fact, his entire setup revolves around the Grade-A-dairy, with every straw and kernel produced on the farm going into his cows

Following a thorough "cleaning-out" of the herd, after unfavorable blood tests Bob and Mrs. Hostetter are rebuilding toward that goal, despite the blow dealt them. Their milking herd dropped from 12 to five cows, definitely below the carrying capacity of the farm and the barn facilities.

Hostetter installed his three-stall parlor and adjoining milk-room in 1954. He simply remodeled and enclosed a portion of the old-style barn's forepeak, using existing doors to move the cows from loafing shed to parlor and back, and extending a portion of the concrete-block addition to provide a milk-room.

All construction was completed with his own and "swap-out" labor. He remodeled the old stable and

stanchion areas of the barn to provide the loose-housing loafing-shed and actually excavated the barn floor to permit cleaning with a tractor

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## D Banquet: Friday

Expectations are strong for the most successful Lancaster County Soil Conservation District Banquet ever, being Friday, according to Amos H. Funk, district chairman

District directors really expect this to be one of our finest functions, with a good program, including awarding of Conservation Awards to outstanding farmers, Outstanding Conservation Farmer Plaque presentation of the 1959 Lancaster County "Queen of the Row."

The program also will include a 20-minute film on the 1958 Plowing Contest held August at Hershey, Greiner, state champion conservation speaker, special music by Solanco high school students and 1958 activity reports.

The banquet will begin at 6.30 p.m. Friday in the Quarryville Methodist church.

"It is only proper that we should return to Quarryville community for the 1959 banquet, since the Southern Lancaster County Area is where organized soil conservation work started in the county," Funk stated. "We wish to recognize farmers in that region as leaders in conservation."

## FIVE - DAY

### WEATHER

### FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

U S Weather Bureau,  
Lancaster Office

Temperatures will average 2 - 5 degrees below the normal range of 27-43. Warmer Sat. and Sun., little change Mon. & Tues. Warmer Wed. Chance of some precip. Mon. & Tues.