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CONTENTED COWS AND HIGH QUALITY HAY are high on the list of factors Henry Kettering lists for successful dairying. These registered Holsteins receive a total of four different kinds of hay in three feedings each day. Good light and ventilation in clean surroundings help to keep disease to a minimum. Milker line can be seen just over the withers of the cows on the right of the picture. Milk is carried into the milk house and into the bulk tank under vacuum. To further save on Labor, the tank is cleaned with an automatic cleaning device and requires no hand scrubbing.

—L. F. PHOTO

Good Cows, Feed, Care Make Farming Profitable For Holstein President

Good cows, good records, and good management, are the combination Henry Kettering makes pay off in the dairying business at the Brethren Home farm, Lititz R3

"My experience is a little different from most dairymen" says the president of the county Holstein Breeders Association, "I was a D H I A tester in New York state for two years and five months, and then worked at a local dairy processing plant for five years, so I have seen this business from many angles I would test my cows and keep records on them if it cost twice as much as it does now"

This kind of devotion to record keeping was one of the major factors in helping to make a herd record of 12,947 pounds of milk with a test of 39 for a total of 509 pounds of fat per cow

in 1958 The average per cow production this year was 12,579 pounds of milk and 502 pounds of fat in milk with a 40 test.

Records on the Kettering farm are not something you hear about and never see. Each cow's individual record is posted directly above her stall in plastic covered folders where they are plainly visible at all times "I sometimes wish they were where I could see them when I am milking," Said Henry, "Instead of overhead where I have to get up to look at them I think we ought to keep those records in front of us all the time"

In addition to production records, Kettering keeps records of type. His herd was classified recently and averaged 80.15 for the 41 cows in the milking string. This included 3 very good and 21 good plus animals.

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Four Outstanding Rural Youths Are Given Honors

Four young leaders in their respective organizations were chosen this week to receive awards as the outstanding Rural Youth of Lancaster County.

Future Homemakers selected Dorris Sollenberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Sollenberger, Holtwood R2, and Future Farmers selected their County Star Farmer, John Wiker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wiker of Strasburg, R1. Representing 4-H are Linda Mumma

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Mumma, Manheim R3, and Glenn Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Porter, Washington Boro R1.

The awards are made yearly from a fund set up by the Lancaster County Rural Youth, a voluntary organization of young folks who were former active members in FFA, FHA, and 4-H. The club, organized in 1937, decided to disband in 1953, and invest all treasury funds and other remaining assets in Lancaster County Farm Bureau shares. All interest from the shares is divided equally among the representatives chosen by the four groups of rural youth in the county.

Miss Sollenberger has been an active member of the Solanco Chapter of FHA for the past three years, during which time she has successfully held offices for two

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Trimble Brothers Sweep 4-H Corn Club Roundup

Paul Trimble, fourteen-year-old 4-H club member from Quarryville R1, climaxed a three year assault on the county corn championship on Tuesday in winning both the exhibit championship and the record book score contest. Paul erased the hopes of his brother Donald for a third consecutive win. Donald took the reserve spot this week.

During 1957 and '58 Paul had taken the reserve championship behind his brother, but in both instances had gone on to place above Donald in competition at the Farm Show

In the tobacco club roundup at the same time, Billy Hackman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hackman, Elizabethtown R3 with a score of 98.2 out of a possible 100 points outscored the other 27 exhibitors to win the project record contest. In a close second place with a score of 97.7 was Betty Hahn, Columbia R1

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Top award for exhibit of one hand of fillers and one hand of wrappers went to Donald Herr, Lancaster R7, followed by the exhibits of James Groff, also of Lancaster R7, Billy Hackman, and Wendell Martin, Drumore

Paul and Donald, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Trimble, have yields to back up their placings. On his one acre plot, Paul had a total yield of 157.7 bushels, while his brother husked 135.4 bushels from his one acre plot.

In addition to the two sweepstakes winners in the corn contest, three other entries from the southern end of the county and two from the northern end were picked by judge George Bergren

Extension Agronomist at the Pennsylvania State University, to exhibited at the Farm Show.

Judges Richard Charles and Ben E. Mann, of Bayuk Cigar Inc., awarded prizes among the contestants in four sections of the county.

Following are the winners in both the corn and tobacco clubs.

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures will average near or slightly above normal for the next five days. Normal temperatures for this time of year range from a low of 25 at night to a high of 40 in the afternoon. Slightly warmer Saturday, and a little colder Monday or Tuesday. Chance of some snow or rain about Sunday.

Precipitation during the past week was .58 inch. Precipitation for the month was 2.55 inches as compared to the normal of 3.12 inches. Only October had above normal precipitation during the year. Total precipitation for the year was 31.28 inches as compared to the normal for this area of 41.17 inches.

The year averaged about two degrees above normal and the summer had more than twice the normal number of days of 90 degrees or more. Only January and November were cooler than normal, and they were only slightly cooler than average.



JOHN WIKER



DORIS SOLLENBERGER



LINDA MUMMA



GLENN PORTER

Farm Calendar

January 4, 7:30 p.m. — 4-H county Council in the Lancaster post office bldg

7:30 p.m. — Board of Directors of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District in the court house

January 5, 7:30 p.m. — Northeast 4-H Tractor club meeting at Farmersville Farm Equipment Company, Farmersville.

January 6, 7:30 p.m. — 4-H Electric Club reorganization meeting in the PP&L building, Lancaster

January 7, 7:30 p.m. — Lancaster Area 4-H tractor club at Landis Brothers Farm Equipment on the Manheim pike.

8:00 p.m. — Senior Extension club tour of Bell Telephone offices, Lancaster.

12:30 p.m. County Tobacco show at the Farm Bureau Auditorium, Diller-ville Road, Lancaster.

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