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**WLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE COUNTY FRUIT GROWERS** association forward to the coming year after their election at the annual meeting on Wednesday. Right they are Melvin M. Groff, vice president, Lancaster R6; Amos Rutt, manager, Shank's Fruit Farms, president, Millersville; Roy Erb, secretary, 118 Kreider Lancaster. Not present for the picture was Daniel A. Brubaker, Ephrata R1 was elected treasurer of the group. —LF PHOTO

## Changes Noted In Spray Schedules For Orchards

Changes in the spray program for orchards this year are being made to give the growers better finish on the fruit rather than for better insect and disease control, county fruit growers were told by Henry Menusan, Acting head of entomology extension at PSU, at the meeting of the county association on Wednesday.

Menusan pointed out that the spray schedule has been giving good control in the past and will probably continue to do so, but some of the newer sprays and the timing of these sprays will give better quality and more highly colored fruit.

One of the major changes in the spray program for this year is the discontinuation of the dormant spray recommendation. Menusan suggested instead a spray of miscible oil and either parathion or malathion applied at the green tip stage.

Menusan pointed out three essentials to good control of insects on the trees. The right material is very important. He said that sometimes orchardists apply plenty of spray at the right time but they use the wrong material for the insect they want to control. The second essential is timing. Insects, especially mites and aphids, can become a problem in a very short span of time. It is necessary to do the job at just the right time. Control will be only as effective as the job of covering the trees. Many farmers, menusan said, merely delay the action of the insects without controlling them. Sometimes trees

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and state vegetable growers' associations, the vegetable research program at the Penna State University has

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## County Extension Association Hear Murray D. Lincoln

Murray D. Lincoln, president of the National Insurance Association, will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Extension Association to be held Feb. 11 at the Banquet Hall, in Mount Joy.



The business meeting will be presided over by Willis Z. Esbenshade, president, six members of the executive committee will be elected for a three year term. There will be brief reports of the work by the county staff. Reservations and purchases are required by Feb. 8 and are available through any of the extension association members at the county office of the

## WEDNESDAY WEATHER FORECAST

Monday - Wednesday temperatures for the next three days will average 10 degrees below normal. Normal temperatures this week range from a low of 23 at night to a high of 38 in the afternoon. Cold weather over the week end with a risk of snow on Tuesday or Wednesday. Little or no precipitation except for snow through the week.

## Quality is Key To Better Markets For Vegetables

Lancaster County Vegetable growers are going to have to put more emphasis on growing quality vegetables if they hope to keep their markets, J. O. Dutt, Extension vegetable specialist, told growers at a special meeting on Thursday.

Representing the National Junior Vegetable Growers Assn., Dutt presented awards to four Lancaster county 4-H members who may show the way to older growers. Winning first award in the state in the fresh vegetable contest with projects in sweet corn and strawberries was Keith Overgaard, Lancaster R4. Maria Frey, Quarryville R2 was second with sweet corn and tomato projects. J. David Lapp, Bareville R1, finished third with his onions, sweet corn, potatoes & strawberries.

In the canning crops division, Leslie Witmer, Mount Joy, won the second place state award with a record of 16 tons of tomatoes per acre.

Dutt went on to tell the growers that they could do very little outside the marketing organizations to bolster the slumping vegetable prices.

## Rentschler Is CO-OP Council President

Wayne B Rentschler, membership relations director of the Lancaster County Farm Bureau Cooperative was re-elected chairman of the Lancaster County Council of Farmer Cooperatives Monday night.

Also returned to office was C. P. Brantley, Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative, who will serve the 11 member council as secretary. Chester Singley, Lancaster Production Credit was elected treasurer.

The youth program of the council this year will include the sponsorship of one delegate to the American Institute of Cooperation in August at the University of California at Berkeley.

But he pointed out that Lancaster County can hold its market against outside competition by employing good management practices in all phases of production.

According to Amos Funk, president of both the county

## Ranck Holsteins Tops In Red Rose D. H. I. A.

Parke H. Ranck, Ronks R1 dairyman managed his herd of 24 registered Holsteins to the top award in the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association for 1959.

Only one pound of butterfat average separated the Ranck herd from the Purebred Guernsey herd of Raymond and Louise Witmer, of Willow Street R1, the previous year's winner. The Ranck herd led the 288 member herds on test with an average 14,476 pounds of milk and 559 pounds of fat. Witmer's herd made an average of 10,912 pounds of milk and 558 of fat, according to DHIA records.

Ranck placed third in the overall competition in 1958 and was second in the Hol-

stein division. During the year just past he had won several monthly high herd honors.

In winning first and second place, Ranck and Witmer scored the top averages in the Holstein and Guernsey breeds. The mixed herd of Ray P. Bollinger, Stevens R1, was high with his 19 cows averaging 511 pounds of fat. Jersey breed honors were taken by Canes Point Farm, the Prentis estate, Lancaster R6, with 481 pounds of fat.

The Ayrshire crown went to the herd of David Harnish, Quarryville R2 with a fat average of 382 pounds, while the Brown Swiss herd of John M. Beiler, Gap R2, with a 364 pound fat average was

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ACCEPTING THE PLAQUE FOR highest butterfat average in the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association on Wednesday night is Parke H. Ranck, Ronks R1 (center) and his wife. Presentation was made by president J. Rohrer Witmer at the Association banquet at Mount Joy. The Ranck Herd was second in butterfat average last year. —LF PHOTO

## Farm Calendar

- January 25 — 7:30 p.m. Southern 4-H tractor club meets at Wenger Implement at Buck.
- January 25 — Monday thru Friday, Jan. 29 — Annual Extension Conference at Penn State University.
- January 26—7:30 p.m. Northeast 4-H tractor club meets at Ephrata Machine Co. Route 222 north of Lancaster.
- January 27—7:30 p.m., 4-H electric club meets at P.P. and L. building, Lancaster.
- January 28—12:00 noon Annual meeting of the Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative in the Memorial Methodist Church, Quarryville.
- January 28—7:30 p.m. Lancaster Area 4-H tractor club meets at H. S. Newcomer's, North Barbara St., Mount Joy.
- February 1-2-3— Meeting of the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers at the Pennsylvania State University.
- February 1 — 7:30 p.m. Southern 4-H tractor club meets at Herr's Implement Co., West Willow.
- February 2—7:30 p.m. Northeast 4-H tractor club meets at McCormick Farm Store State Street, Ephrata.