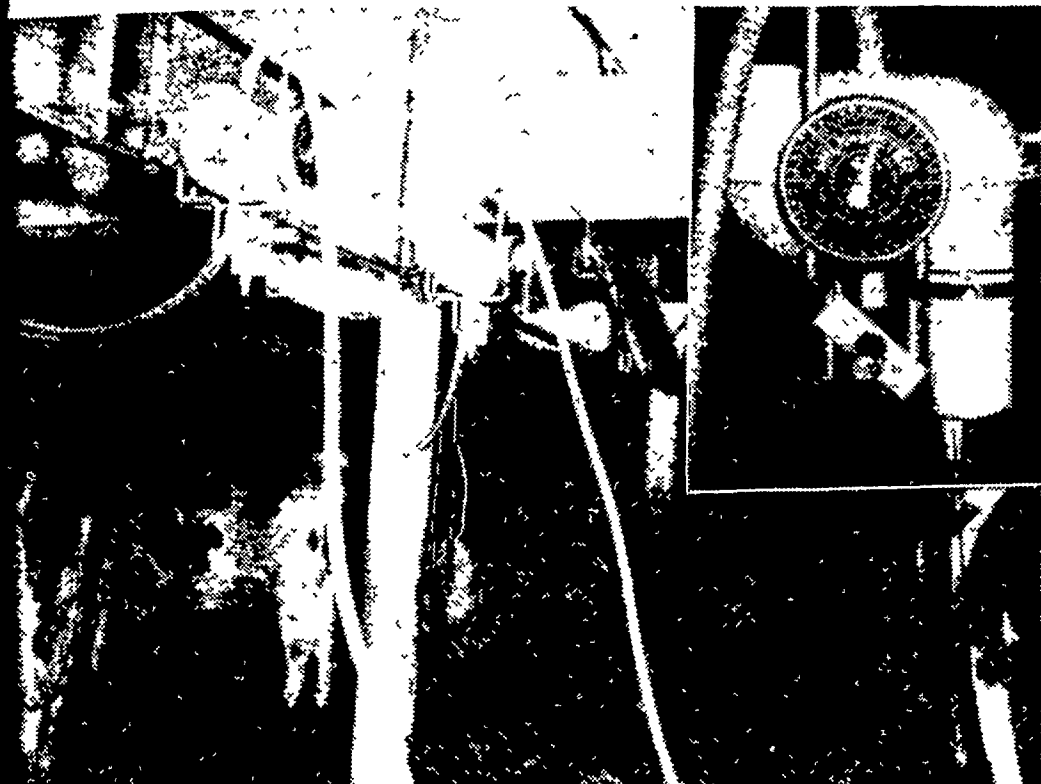


Lancaster Farming



KEEPING MILK WEIGHT RECORDS WITH A PIPELINE SYSTEM of milking is one of the big problems of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association members. Kurtz, Elizabethtown R2, has what he believes to be the answer in his newly milk-O-meter which records in pounds the milk given by individual cows. Referred to be the first and only instrument of its kind in the county, the device dumps a sample of each half pound of milk into a reservoir (see bottom part in inset) for testing. The sample thus collected is representative of the total amount of milk the cow produces. Kurtz, who started farming 10 years ago, has averaged over 500 pounds of fat on his herd of 19 purebred Holsteins for the past four years. He believes in the keeping good, accurate records and feels the Milk-O-meter will help him to do so. His DHIA tester, Clarence Kreider, Manheim R2, is pleased with the weighing and simplicity of the testing day on the Kurtz farm. Kurtz believes that the DHIA meter to have enough calls for the machine to make the purchase of one for the profitable. The meter has been approved for DHIA records by the Pennsylvania State University. —LF PHOTO

Surplus Milk Is Problem Interstate Members Told

"Class one utilization will be less in the coming year than in the past year, and farmers will have to assume some of the blame for the surplus milk situation", dairymen were told by Dr. James Honan, asst. mgr. of the Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative at the annual meeting of district 11 at Quarryville on Thursday. Speaking to the nearly 300 dairymen and their families, Honan cited an example of a cooperative group in Maryland producing slightly over a million pounds of milk on 106 farms. After the farmers installed bulk tanks, 68 of the producers produced over a million pounds of milk. Honan said that temptation is great to enlarge herds to help pay the costs of installing bulk handling equipment but he cautioned, "We must be careful not to produce more milk than the total market can use." Honan said, "We in management can do nothing unless we are directed by the membership of the cooperative." Interstate has gone on record as opposing any relating of Philadelphia milk prices to the prices in the Midwest. The Cooperative recognized four dairy club members for their outstanding work during the past year. Receiving show halters were Donald and Paul Trimble, Quarryville R1; Lucille Kreider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Kreider, or Quarryville R1; and Carol Ann Krantz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Krantz, New Providence R1. Arrangements were in charge of Golden Davis, Oxford, fieldman for Interstate. Chairman was Daniel Trimble, Quarryville R1.

Hiring Announced

Officials of the State Employment Service announced last week they will hold Farm Hiring Days a year.

Kocevar, local farm manager, said the men are designed to meet about immediate farm labor, a process that take individual interviews several days and considerable travel.

Meetings will be held on Mar. 3, and Mar. 17 at the employment office, at Lime St., between 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY WEATHER FORECAST

Day - Wednesday
Temperatures for the next few days will average a little below normal. Normal temperatures for this week range from 24 at night to a high of 39 in the afternoon. Cooler over the weekend, warmer Monday, gain Tuesday or Wednesday. Precipitation for the week average 1/2 inch or more during mostly about 1/2 inch. Precipitation during the past week was .35 inch mostly on the night of 27-28th. Precipitation for the week was 2.23 inches compared to the normal average of 3.16 inches. Heavy fall in January. Friday morning temperatures as compared to normal of 7 to 8 degrees. Temperatures above normal for the week.

Farm Calendar

- 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. North east 4-H tractor club meets at McCormick Farm Store State Street, Ephrata.
- February 1, 7:30 p.m. — Annual meeting of Poultry Association, at the Lancaster Poultry Center, Roseville Road, Lancaster.
- February 5, — Baby Beef banquet at Armstrong Cork Company.
- February 1 — 7.30 p.m. Annual meeting of the Lancaster County Poultry Association at the Poultry Center, Roseville Rd., Lancaster.
- 7.30 p.m. Meeting of the Lancaster County 4-H council in room 202 Post Office Bldg., Lancaster.
- February 3—4.30 p.m. Meeting of the County Teachers of Vocational Agriculture at Solanco H. S.
- February 4 — 7:30 p.m. Lancaster Area 4-H tractor club meets at Kauffman Brothers, Main Street, Mountville.
- February 12 — Second session of the Farm & Home planning meeting, at the North Queen branch of the Lancaster Co. National Bank, Lancaster.
- February 26—Third session of the Farm & Home planning meeting at the North Queen Street branch of the Lancaster County National Bank, Lancaster.
- 7.30 p.m. — Educational meeting and 4-H laying flock management round-up at the Poultry Center, Roseville Road.

Poultrymen Schedule Meetings

Election of new directors and a resume of the past year's activities will be the two major items of business at the annual meeting of the Lancaster County Poultry Association scheduled for Monday night February 1st at the Poultry Center, 340 Roseville Road, Lancaster. Speaker for the event, scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., will be Robert F. Williams, district sales manager for the Lancaster Newspapers. A series of six meetings with county poultrymen to try to develop ways to promote the poultry industry are being planned by the county association. Several of the regional meetings have been scheduled and others are to follow in the New Holland, Denver, Quarryville, Lancaster, Elizabethtown, and Penryn areas. The meeting in the Quarryville area is planned for the night of February 9 in the Vocational Agriculture building at Quarryville. Another will be held on Feb 15 at 7.45 in the Penryn fire hall. The central committee from the poultry association is composed of Levi Brubaker, Mark Myer, Daniel K. Good, and Harry S. Sloat.

USE A BROOM
When heavy snow falls on your ornamental evergreens and other shrubs, use a broom to remove it, suggests A. O. Rasmussen, Penn State extension ornamental horticulturist.

County Boy Reports Agriculture In Peru

The following is a report received from Mrs. Elvin Hess, Strasburg R1. James, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Hess is at present in Peru as one of the two delegates to that country in the International Farm Youth Exchange program. The following report was forwarded from Peru. (Editor's note)

After spending a week for instructions on Peru in Washington, D. C. we left for Peru by plane on October 15. We had a nice trip stopping in Honduras and Ecuador before arriving in Peru. I spent the first week with the SCIPA (the same as our county agent) at Lima. The agent and his assistants were Americans working for the American Foreign Service folks. Lima is quite a city with a population of one million people. On one side of the street corner is a mansion and on the other is a hut. The church I attended was nondenominational for the Americans.



JAMES HESS

I then left for my first visit to an Indian family who lived 14,000 feet high in the Sierra mountains. They planted potatoes which was all done with oxen and wooden plows plus about twelve servants. The chief took me to an old fashioned Indian Roast one day. The roasting was all done in a hole dug in the ground and heated stones. The potatoes were especially good. In this town the only two cars were owned by a very wealthy man and the doctor who lives right outside of town. Traveling down where it was a little warmer, my next stop was Huaraca, a small town but in this country a large one. One day we traveled up into the mountains by horseback to spray their potatoes. They use hand sprayers that strap onto your back. The agent and I only directed the operation. The next town had no electricity although the people were very friendly. They had a big welcome for me with a big arch of flowers and produce. From November 12 to No-

vember 30, I attended a conference for Latin American 4-H clubs which was very interesting. I also spent several days with an American family which was very enjoyable because it was little more like home. On December 14 I went back to the country again to a large dairy farm near Cajamorico. They have 250 milking cows and about 350 heifers. The farm is 1500 acres and is all in grass. The pasture is rotated every couple of days and used all year around. The only barns are square milking sheds. They tie about 100 cows at one time and women do all the milking. I will be spending one month from January 17 to February 17 in the sugar cane and cotton country. These crops can only be grown by irrigation. My stay is only half over I will arrive home sometime in April.