

# Lancaster Farming

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## Dairy Day Program Is Announced

Discussion on subjects from modern hay making methods to the problem of residues in milk, demonstrations of water softeners, dairy equipment and of milking station milk transportation systems and exhibition of dairy equipment will be the program during the day scheduled to be held on March 3, in the Guernsey Pavilion, Lincoln High School, Lancaster.

County Agent Max Smith is chairman for the event has announced the following program: Modern Hay making methods and emergency repairs for the dairy barn by Paul McCurdy, extension engineer from Pennsylvania State University, will be followed by a discussion on the basis of selection of bulk tank investments by Golden Davis, fieldman Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative.

Joseph Taylor, Extension specialist from PSU, will discuss the reasons for problems in butterfat tests and the problem of antibiotics and pesticides in milk. This will be discussed by Robert Distinct of the Food and Drug Administration, Chief, Philadelphia Administration.

During the afternoon Heenan, Extension entomologist from PSU will recommend the spraying programs for forage crops. The problem of ketosis and its treatment will be discussed by Dr. Samuel B. Veterinary Science extension specialist from PSU. A panel of local dairymen moderated by Taylor, will deal with proper herd management practices. Each will be available on the grounds at a nominal fee.

## Farm Equipment Dealers Elect, Report

The population explosion has created tremendous requirements for agricultural machinery in the next few years and this in turn will create many sales opportunities for top notch salesmen. Equipment dealers were met at their meeting last

Charles Passmore, field representative of the State Association of Farm Equipment Dealers brought the group up to date on recent developments concerning transportation of farm equipment on the highways.

During the business session officers elected for two-year terms were Paul Mount, Conestoga Farm Service, Quarryville (continued on Page 13)



**NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF the Elizabethtown Valley chapter of Future Farmers of America as they were inducted by members of the Manheim Chapter on Monday night. Seated left to right are secretary, Carl Hoover, Elizabethtown R1; president, Dennis Garber, 737 Groff Ave., Elizabethtown; vice president, Foster Noll, Jr., Bainbridge R1. Standing left to right are Wilbur Hosler, Manheim R3, president of the Manheim chapter; David Keener, chaplain, Elizabethtown R1; Marlin Henninger, teacher of vocational agriculture at Elizabethtown Area High School; Paul Wolgemuth, sentinal, Elizabethtown R3; and Carl Myer, Lititz R2, secretary of the Manheim Chapter. The officers from Manheim initiated 22 new greenhands into the FFA during the same meeting. This is the second year vocational agriculture has been taught in the school at Elizabethtown.**

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## Farmers Assn. Meets With Legislators

Funds allocated to the Department of Agriculture by the State have not been earmarked for any specific purpose. The division of those funds is up to the secretary, Senator Edward Kessler told the sixteen members of the Lancaster County Farmers Association attending the luncheon for the local legislators at the Hotel Douglas on Thursday.

Hollis Hatfield, state representative of the Farmers Association outlined the policy of the organization for the benefit of the senator and representatives in attendance. The Farmers Association is organized for the purpose of presenting resolutions derived at local meetings to legislators on the state and national levels.

Speaking on behalf of the state group, Hatfield said that the Farmers Association is in favor of the one cent per gallon gasoline tax under consideration at the present time.

The association, which has approximately 500 members in the county, is affiliated with the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Arrangements for the meeting were made by J. Roy Greider, Mt. Joy R1

## FIVE - DAY WEATHER FORECAST

**Saturday - Wednesday**  
Temperatures will average about four degrees below normal for the next 5 days. Normal temperatures for this time of year range from a low of 28 at night to a high of 45 in the afternoon. Cold over the weekend with warmer on Monday. Colder again about Tuesday or Wednesday. Some rain or snow likely again about Monday. Precipitation for the week was slightly over a half inch of mixed snow and rain.

## Farm Calendar

February 29—8:00 p.m. Livestock marketing school at Artificial Breeders Building, Landisville.

7:30 p.m.—County FFA meeting at Garden Spot High School, New Holland.

March 1—8:30 a.m. — Market hog show and sale sponsored by the Lancaster County Swine Producers Assn. at the Lancaster Union Stock Yards. Sale begins at 2:30 p.m.

10:00 a.m. — Dairy Herd Improvement Assn. workshop on how to use records to best advantage. (Turn to page 16)

## Udder Problems Subject Of Letter To Dairymen

**Editor's Note:** Lancaster County Agent, M. M. Smith has requested that the following letter to dairymen of the county be published.

We are interested in helping you prevent udder problems in your herd through proper **HERD MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN ATTEMPTED CURE.**

We are listing the following most common causes of udder infection:

**MILKING MACHINE:** Is the vacuum operated at manufacturer's directions? Is the machine left on the udder too long? Machine stripping will also prevent undue udder irritation.

**STALL SIZE:** If the stall is too small, udders and teats will be tramped; udders may be injured over the edge of the gutter.

**BEDDING:** Should be under the udder at all times; bruising and chilling could cause udder problems.

**VENTILATION:** Drafts have caused many cases of the infection; automatically controlled electric fan exhaust systems work well.

**HEREDITY:** No evidence that Mastitis is inherited; however, udder faults such as weak attachments and pendulous shape, appear to be influenced by heredity. Select breeding animals carefully.

**FEEDING:** Influence of feeding on udder problems is easily over-emphasized. Lowered resistance may be caused by overfeeding or under feeding of both protein and grain. Forage Testing and a suggested grain ration will reveal this trouble. Ab-

rupt changes in feeding to be avoided.

**DRY COW and FRESH COW CARE:** Special care at these times is vital; the dry cow should gain weight without getting too fat; keep protein levels high; treat only cows that have had udder inflammation. Keep udder congestion to a minimum in the fresh cow; provide proper stall, well bedded, prevent chilling and udder injury.

**LOOSE HOUSING:** Is not necessarily the cure for udder trouble; udder injury, dampness, drafts, and chilling may still cause the trouble. Extra bedding and careful management is still important.

We ask that you study the above points and observe how they are being handled in your herd. Additional information and bulletins are available.

You are urged to comply with requests regarding the use of antibiotics. **THIS PROGRAM WARRANTS YOUR COOPERATION!**

M. M. Smith,  
County Agricultural Agent

## Local Men Go To Co-op Convention

Each year, every distribution station of Eastern States Farmers' Exchange elects one member to attend the cooperatives' annual meeting in Springfield, Mass., and to become one of its own advisory committeemen for three years.

At a mail ballot this winter, members of the station at Bird-in-Hand elected Amos G. Ranck, Strasburg, for this honor. They named John E. Kreider, Lancaster, and Harry M. Landis, Lancaster, as first and second alternates, one of which will attend the 1960 annual meeting if the elected member is unable to. The meeting this year will be March 4-5 at Springfield, Mass.

The cooperative pays the expenses of the elected member or, if he is unable to attend, for one alternate. This election and expense payment is to make sure that every station is represented at the annual meeting of this nine-state farmer-owned cooperative, explains Enos R. Buckwalter, Lancaster, local Eastern States representative. Of course, any member may attend and participate in the annual meeting, he states.

The Eastern States annual meeting is one of the largest agricultural conventions in the East. More than 1000 farmer-members from New England, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland will attend. Eastern States was incorporated in Massachusetts and must by law hold its annual meetings there.

Dean Hoffer, of Manheim will be a special guest at (Turn to page 9)



**LITTLE FARMERETTE VICKIE ANDERSON** is a pert reminder that National Egg Month will be observed nationally throughout the month of March. The big promotion is sponsored by the Poultry and Egg National Board. The coast-to-coast publicity campaign will utilize newspapers, magazines, radio and television, tie-ins, proclamations by governors and other government officials, and point-of-sale materials. Also cooperating in the promotion are the U. S. Department of Agriculture, state extension personnel, and many other agricultural food and business groups.