

# Lancaster Farming

NO. 22 Lancaster, Pa., Saturday, April 23, 1960 \$2 Per Year



**OUTH HAD THE FLOOR** DURING THE review session at the career day sponsored by the Lancaster County Council of Farmer Cooperatives on Monday. Approximately 100 school seniors from around the county visited the facilities of six farmer cooperatives in the county. Reporting to the entire group on what they saw at the businesses visited are, left to right, John Hess, Washington Boro. Penn Manor FFA reporting on the States; A. Clyde Kreider, Quarryville R1, Solanco FFA for Farm Bureau; Darvin Cramer, Strasburg R1, Lampeter-Strasburg H. S., Farm Bureau; Julia Long, (standing), reporting for Production Credit; Pat Trimble, Holtwood R1, Penn Manor H. S., reporting for Producers Cooperative Exchange; Mary Heisey, Sheridan R1, Lincoln 4-H, reporting on the States; Ruth Ann Myer, Lampeter, Lampeter-Strasburg H. S., Southeastern Artificial Breeders Cooperative; Donald Trimble, Quarryville R1, Solanco FFA. C. John Zimmerman, Reinholds, Lincoln 4-H, Producers Cooperatives; and Darvin Ephrata R1, Lincoln 4-H, Production Credit.

## Speedwell Forge Combines History-Modern Farming

As you drive up the gentle grade and top the crest of the rise, Speedwell Forge looms ahead of you. There sits the old manor house in all its 200 year old splendor, but with the modern appointments added by the present owner to make for gracious living.

One of the first thoughts upon entering the grounds from the front of the house is that this is a gentleman's estate where no real farming could be done.

And in truth it is a gentleman's estate by virtue of the farmstead itself and the fact that the farmer is the Justice of the Peace - the Country Squire.

But Speedwell Forge, in Northern Lancaster County, is a practical farming operation too.

William H. Darlington, son of the owner, Gerald S. Darlington, has managed the farm since it was purchased in 1942. For the first few years of operation most of the energy of both the Darlingtons was spent in restoring some of the productivity to badly neglected and eroded farm land.

With the help of the Soil Conservation Service in 1943 a complete soil conservation plan was mapped out for the farm. To rebuild the fertility, a cropping system (Turn to page 7)

## Top Price For Milk Asks Attorney General

PHILADELPHIA — Atty. General Anne X. Alpern Wednesday said that a limit be set on the price that milk dealers may charge for milk. She said, too, that consumers ought to be able to buy milk cheaper than a gallon.

"it's availability to all consumers at the lowest price possible."

The Pennsylvania Commission sets only minimum prices. No dealer may undersell that, but since there is no maximum any dealer is free to charge more.

"The price of milk in the state has gone upward steadily and we feel that the consumer must get a better break," Miss Alpern asserted.

She said that in the Philadelphia area about a quarter (Turn to page 5)

Alpern spoke here in an unprecedented appearance before the Pennsylvania Milk Control Commission.

Before, in the commission's 30 years, the State Department has been represented, if at all, by an attorney Never by the attorney in person.

Alpern said she did not want her appearance to be taken for criticism of the commission. Rather, she said she was prompted by her deep interest in the distribution of milk and

## Farm Calendar

- 23 — 7:30 p.m. — Seneca Extension Square Dan Festival at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Lincoln Highway, east of Lancaster.
- 26 — Poultry Products Center day sponsored by Poultry and Egg National Board at the Henry Hotel in New York City.
- 27 — Meeting of the Southeastern Dairy Herd Improvement Assn. Super conference at East.
- 28 — 4-H demonstration school at the PP&L building on the square in Lancaster.
- 27 — 7:00 a.m. Spring of the Lancaster County Holstein Breeders leave the Conestoga transportation terminal in Lancaster.
- 28 — 7:30 p.m. meeting of the county 4-H stem club in the Production Credit building, Quarryville Road.
- 29 — York - Lancaster area FFA Soil Judging contest at the farm of Amos Funk, Millersburg R1.
- 30 — 7:30 p.m. County Council Spring Jam in the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Lincoln Highway, east of Lancaster.

## Best Eggs Plan Gains Strength

A movement to provide buyers with a uniform pack of eggs received approval from Lancaster county egg producers at a meeting at the Poultry Center Wednesday.

The program, known officially as Pennsylvania Best Eggs, Incorporated, is aimed at providing large buyers such as chain stores with eggs of uniform quality.

Many of the larger buyers are going to southern markets for eggs because they can buy large quantities at a standard grade, according to information received from Jay Greider of Mount Joy, secretary of the organization. It is the belief of the group of poultry feed dealers, hatcherymen, processors, egg dealers, and producers that many of the buyers would buy eggs locally if they could be assured of the quality of the pack.

The program would call for a three cent per crate donation by the processor and a five cent per case contribution by the dealer. The proceeds would be used for the hiring of fieldmen to check quality controls and prevent the use of the organization's blue seal on any carton of eggs not meeting the minimum standards.

Interested poultrymen or dealers in poultry products are invited to write Pennsylvania Best Eggs, Inc., of Ephrata, Pa. for more information.



FOR TWO HUNDRED YEARS THIS HOUSE has stood on the rolling hillside at Littitz R2. Built in 1760 as an ironmasters Manor house, the dwelling is surrounded by spacious lawns and well kept trees and shrubbery. At one side of the house is a boxwood maze planted sometime during the 19th century. The picturesque view from the front of the house belies the modern farming program carried on at the farm. The masonry in the house is in remarkably good condition as is the interior trim, most of it the original hand worked trim of 1760. —L. F. PHOTO

## Spring Work Swings Into High Gear

After a late start spring arrived suddenly and definitely. Farmers over most of the State were able to get into fields, and put everything into getting back on schedule after nearly a month and a half of snow and mud held up activity.

Manure piles that had accumulated during February and March were mostly cleared up during the last two weeks as fields dried out enough to support the tractors and spreaders.

Soil moisture was generally adequate in all areas in spite of the below normal precipitation recently. Some low spots in all areas had surplus moisture as the water table is high.

In addition to plowing for oats and corn where possible, farmers were busy preparing seedbeds and sowing oats. Some oats were plant-

## Poultry Condemnation Talks By Inspectors Planned

The How and Why of Condemned Poultry will be the topic for discussion at an educational meeting of county poultrymen Friday, April 29 in the Lancaster Poultry Center.

The meeting, scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. will feature illustrated talks by Dr.

J.R. Harney, Area Supervisor of the United States Department of Agriculture Inspection section, and Dr. Address, also of the Poultry Inspection section.

All processors and growers of the area are invited to come and bring questions concerning the effects of condemned poultry on the individual operations.

## FIVE - DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days will average about 10 degrees above normal. Normal temperatures for this time of year range from a low of 44 at night to a high of 65 in the afternoon. The weather will be quite warm over the week end with cooler temperatures about Tuesday or Wednesday. Showers about Monday or Tuesday should average around 1/2 inch. Only .21 inch of rain fell during the past week. The total for April up to the 23rd was 2.58 inches.

ed in all areas of the state and planting is finished on most county farms.

Early potatoes and peas have been planted in most sections of the county.

A very few tobacco beds were planted prior to last week so sterilizing beds and seeding were the first order of business for most tobacco growers.

Wheat condition is reported to be somewhat better than last year at this time and is generally very good. Barley condition appears even better than wheat and is in marked contrast with last spring when much had frozen out. Pastures also are in good condition but are late in starting growth and as yet are providing very little feed.