

# Lancaster Farming



BIRTH WEIGHT OF THE LITTER is one of the records kept by John Henkel, left, and Joseph Little at their farm at Strasburg R1. The sign in the background tells how the management of Willow Glen feels about sanitation. Disinfectant for the shoes is placed in the doorway where it is easy to see. These two young men believe in the value of good records and strict sanitation practices as the surest way to swine profits.

## Records Are A 'Must' At Willow Glen Farm

Willow Glen Farms, one of the newest and most modern swine farms in Lancaster County, is the fruition of the dream of two young men who are not afraid to work hard and take some risks to make a dream come true.

Joseph Little and John Henkel migrated to Lancaster County from jobs as herdsmen on the sprawling Umbrian Farms at Lafayette, New Jersey last January

and have already gone a long way toward their goal of a 60 sow herd of purebred Yorkshires producing breeding and feeder stock with performance registry records to back them up.

Henkel, who holds a Master of Science degree in Animal Husbandry from Rutgers University has had a wealth of experience in both purebred Yorkshire and commercial swine raising.

"My family has been in the swine business for 200 years," he says, "But they were in the commercial feeder pig business"

## Benson To Speak At Elizabethtown

Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson, will be the main speaker during commencement exercises at Elizabethtown College on Monday, May 30 at 10 a.m.

After graduation from Rutgers, Henkel became herdsman of the purebred Yorkshire herd on the Umbrian Farms where he had had an opportunity to develop his skill as a swine judge and showman.

Breeding stock from the farm in New Jersey have won ribbons in some of the largest livestock shows in the nation. Twenty nine bred gilts from the herd were purchased as the foundation stock for Willow Glen Farm at Strasburg R1.

Joseph Little, the other half of the team graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with a degree in Animal Husbandry and later became the herdsman of the purebred Holstein dairy herd at Umbrian Farms.

Little will readily admit that he does not have the background in swine care that his partner has, but he has learned the value of complete accurate records, one of the strong points of the program at Willow Glen.

Both the young men take their turn at keeping the records up to date, and this is no small job in itself.

In addition to the normal breeding records kept by most swine herdsman, records are made of the weight of each litter at birth, at three weeks and at seven weeks. Rate of gain, number of pigs farrowed and saved from each litter, feed conversion, and carcass grade of the pigs when slaughtered are all entered into the record of the sow.

Boars and gilts sold for breeding stock will have to meet certain minimum qualifications in each of those records, otherwise they will

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## WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday  
Temperatures will average normal to four degrees above normal for the next five days. Normal temperatures for this time of year range from a low of 57 at night to a high of 79 in the afternoon. There will be little day to day change in temperature and scattered showers are likely throughout the period. A total of 3.26 inches of rain fell at Lancaster Friday bringing the total for the month to 6.72 inches. This has been the wettest May since 1948, the all-time high when 9.42 inches fell during the month.



EZRA TAFT BENSON

During the graduation ceremonies, scheduled to be held outdoors in the campus dell if weather permits, Secretary Benson will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the college.

Two other honorary degrees will be conferred at the 58th annual spring commencement when 110 undergraduates will be presented their sheepskins.

Mrs Shirley Watkins Steinman, well known local author and lecturer, will receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters while John L. Pivney, president of the Harrisburg Committee for Higher Education, will be the recipient of an honorary degree of Doctor of Commercial Science.

## Cocalico FFA Presents Award To Robt. Hoover

Robert Hoover, Denver R2 an eleventh grade student at Cocalico Union High School was honored twice at the meeting of the Cocalico Future Farmers of America on Wednesday.

Hoover was selected to receive the national FFA foundation award for outstanding work in Farm Mechanics in the chapter before being elected to serve as president of the group for the 1960-61 school term.

In working toward the award, Hoover constructed a hog self-feeder and reconditioned three major pieces of farm machinery in the school shop.

John Zimmerman, Reinholds R1, accepted an award for his work in dairy farming while Donald Netzley, Stevens R1, the presi-

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ACCEPTING AWARDS FOR outstanding work in the Future Farmer program in the Cocalico Chapter are left to right John Zimmerman, Reinholds R1 for Dairy Farming; Robert Hoover, Denver R2, Farm Mechanics; Donald Netzley, Stevens R1, Chapter Star Farmer and the DeKalb award for general Agricultural excellence; Jerry Snader, Ephrata R1, Star Greenhand. Presenting the awards is Russell Drumm, teacher of vocational agriculture at Cocalico Union High School.

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## April Milk Records In Zimmerman Herd Tops DHIA

The 23 registered Holsteins in the herd of Paul Zimmerman, Ephrata R1, had the highest butterfat average in the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association during the month of April.

## Farm Calendar

May 28—4 00 to 7.00 p.m. - Chicken Bar-B-Que at the Lancaster Poultry Center. Chicken to take out only.  
May 30—10 a.m. - Secretary of Agriculture, Benson to speak at E-town College Commencement  
May 31—8 p.m. - meeting of the Extension Association Executive Committee meets at the Farm Bureau Auditorium, Dillerville Road, Lancaster.  
June 1—4 30 p.m. - Meeting of county teachers of Vocational Agriculture at the New Holland High School.  
June 8 p.m. - Meeting of the Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb club at the Rohrerstown School.  
June 12—8 p.m. - 4-H officers leadership training conference at the John Neff School, Neffsville.  
June 14—all day - Rose show in the lobby of the Farm Show building, Harrisburg.  
June 16—6—8 p.m. - First meeting of the new 4-H county council at the Lancaster Poultry Center, Roseville and 230 by-pass.  
June 14 through 16 — Annual FFA week at Penn State University.  
June 16 and 17—The Pennsylvania Poultry Federation Annual Summer meeting at the Pennsylvania State University.

an average of 1705 pounds of 28 per cent milk and 65 pounds of fat beat out the runner up by two pounds of fat.

The herd of J. Mowery Frey, Lancaster R7 had an average of 63 pounds of fat on 1531 pounds of 4.1 per cent milk from the 34 registered Holsteins.

A registered Holstein cow owned by John H. Hershey, Lititz R3 completed the highest 305 day lactation. Pat produced 19,161 pounds of milk with a 3.7 per cent test for 704 pounds of butterfat.

Second high lactation was completed by a registered Holstein owned by Job Stoltzfus, Elverson R2. Superb produced 698 pounds of butterfat in 16,355 pounds of milk with a 4.3 per cent test.

Ten other cows in the association completed lactations with more than 600 pounds of fat for the 305 days on test.

Three other herds finished the month with 60 or more pounds of fat average. They were Elvin M Rohrer, Jr.,—61 pounds of butterfat in 1552 pounds of milk with 3.9 per cent test from twenty registered and grade Holsteins; C. J. Kurtz - 25 reg. Holsteins made 60 pounds of butterfat on 1559 pounds of milk with 3.9 per cent test; Raymond F. and Louise A. Witmer with 47 registered Guernseys made 60 pounds of butterfat in 1184 pounds of milk with a 5.1 per cent test.

Twenty four other herds in the association made averages of 50 pounds or more butterfat for the month.