

## Manheim Future Farmers Report On Trek West

Editor's note: On June 27 ten members of the Manheim Chapter of the Future Farmers of America began a tour scheduled to last six weeks and take the group to the west coast of the United States as well as Canada and Mexico. The following are excerpts from letters received from Ira Fahnestock, Manheim R4, reporter for the group.

June 27 — We first went to Gettysburg to visit President Eisenhower's farm. After viewing the farm, we headed for the Skyline Drive and Natural Bridge. We finally found a place to camp out in a farmer's meadow near Buchanan, Virginia. This is the best spot we could find that night and possibly the best spot we had all week. We drove approximately 317 miles through nice clear weather.

June 28, Tuesday — By the time we got out of the mountains, it was raining. After driving several miles for a place to sleep inside, we decided to set up our tent on an airfield south of the smokies. We traveled approximately 345 miles through mostly mountainous country.

Friday, July 1—We stayed at New Orleans until 12 noon. We washed our clothes here while our chaperone, Mr Brossman, went down town to get Bob Lowe's camera fixed. The camera had broken Monday morning while taking a picture of a pretty woman. While all this was going on the two chefs got the favorite meal ready. Thus far the favorite is Ham, green beans and potatoes. After eating, we left for Hobbs, New Mexico. We drove straight through Friday night to make up for time lost during the morning.

Saturday, July 2 — We drove through Texas and visited Fort Hood.

Sunday, July 3—We toured Carlsbad Caverns and headed for El Paso, Texas. We camped about eight miles outside El Paso after taking a short tour through Mexico. During the first week we travelled approximately 2100 miles through the Eastern and Southern Coast.

On Monday, July 4th we left El Paso and headed for Albuquerque, New Mexico where we met some very nice people (by the name of) Carlos Sanchez. These people let us use their home as though we were part of the family. We were very glad for this because we could finally take a bath. I don't know if it was possible to get off all the dirt, but we got some of it off.

Tuesday, July 5 we saw Indian Pueblo and cliff dwellings. On Tuesday night after paying a \$26.50 fine in Colorado we slept on the Kimball T. M. Cormack Horse Ranch where we were provided with a shed to sleep in because it was raining. We decided this ranch is a must for anyone traveling through Colorado.

Wednesday, July 6 — We set up the tent on the Cormack ranch because we were planning to stay here three days. While traveling toward Pikes Peak we came to a Smorgasbord where we could get as much as we could eat for \$.85, so we ate \$2.00 worth of food. After traveling Pikes Peak we saw the Petrified Forest and Cripple Creek we returned to the ranch for the night.

On Thursday, July 7, we ate breakfast at the Smorgasbord again. We saw Royal Gorge, Buckskin Joe, and the colorful Seven Falls at night.

On Friday, July 8th, the Cormacks invited us for breakfast. Here we met another nice family by the name of Wright from Illinois. Mr. Cormack was busy making pancakes for 22 people, but he made them as fast as

we ate them

Saturday, July 9—We left the Cormack ranch and ate breakfast at the smorgasbord again. We toured the Airforce Academy, and the Denver stock yards.

Sunday morning we arrived at Salt Lake. The weather is either rainy or hot. Everyone is getting along fine and enjoying the trip. We travelled about 1,800 miles this week.



## Colerain Grange (From page 1)

locate the cistern on the grounds of the township supervisors headquarters at Kirkwood.

A festival and other fund raising campaigns have been planned for the near future and some contributions are already coming in to the treasurer and members of the finance committees.

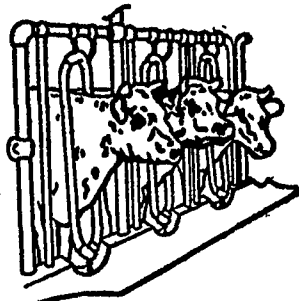
General chairman of the project, appointed by Henry Wenger, Master of the Colerain Grange, is Harold Herr. Other committees are as follows: Construction, William Crawford, John Herr and Harold Herr Finance Committee - Emory Wagner, Glenn Myer, Paul Farron and Conrad Swinehart.

Publicity - Miss Pauline Mitchell, The Rev. Lester Bachman and Harold Swisher. Scrap Book (for Community Betterment Contest), Richard Green, Mrs Theodore Pyle, Mrs. Lewis Shoemaker, Jr., and Mrs Emory Wagner. Photographer is Melvin Barr.

### QUALITY COUNTS

Quality can replace quantity in dairying, according to Herbert C. Gilmore, Penn State extension dairy specialist. Production per cow is a much better measure of production efficiency, he says, and often the number of cows can be reduced, and with better feed and care the remaining cows will return more profit.

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