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OFFICERS OF THE COUNTY CHAPTER, FUTURE FARMERS of America are, seated to right, Wilbur Hosler, delegate to state convention; Glenn Henry, second vice president; Clarence Bauman, president; William Maule, first vice president. Standing left to right are Sterling Elmer, sentinel; James Boose, secretary; Roy Weaver, treasurer; Robert Hoover, corresponding secretary; David Lichty, reporter; and Kenneth Myer, chairman.—L. F. Photo

Lampeter-Strasburg Boy Is County FFA President

Clarence Bauman, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan W. Bauman, Lancaster R7, was elected president Monday night of the Lancaster County association of Future Farmers of America.

A senior in vocational agriculture at Lampeter-Strasburg, the future farmer was vice president of the local chapter in 1959, president of the local group during 1960, and has been chosen to receive the Keystone Farmer degree in January 1961. He has built his farming program around the three Holstein dairy animals he owns, one of which he won in the county breed association's contests during the Lampeter fair. In addition he owns two beef calves, and had projects of corn and tobacco.

Bauman is active in school programs holding the post of treasurer in the senior chorus, singing in the male chorus, and serving as student council representative for his class.

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D.H.I.A. Banquet Date, Place Set

Directors of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association at their regular meeting Monday set the date and place of the annual meeting and banquet.

John Shely, Manheim R1, was appointed chairman of the program committee. Serving with him will be Lewis Bixler, Marietta R1, and Robert Kauffman, Manheim R1.

J. Rohrer Witmer, chairman of the board of directors, announced the banquet will be held January 19, '61 at 7 p.m. at the Plain and Fancy Restaurant, Intercourse.

The directors also approved the purchase of two pipeline milk meters for the use of the association. The three-man committee appointed to purchase the meters is Victor Plastow, Associate County Agriculture Agent; Everett Kreider, Quarryville R1, secretary of the board of directors, and Henry Kettering, of Lititz R3, president of the county Holstein Breeders association.

The committee has the responsibility of placing the equipment in use among the testers in the county.

John Kitch Heads C.V.A.

John H. Kitch, Reinholds R1, was recently elected president of the Conestoga Valley Association.

Kitch, service forester of this district of Pennsylvania, succeeds Amos H. Funk, of Millersville R1, who has been president of the association since it was chartered five years ago.

Reelected to office for another term were Henry Hackman, Manheim R2, first vice president.

FIVE - DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures during the next five days will average near normal to three degrees above the normal range of 30 at night to 46 in the afternoon. A warming trend is expected over the weekend and mild the rest of the period. Precipitations may total only a few hundredths of an inch occurring as a few scattered showers late in the period.

Corn Borers Increase County's Bumper Crop

Lancaster County was among the 20 counties in the state to show an increase in European corn borer damage this year over last, according to field survey results of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Plant Industry.

A check of borer population in 41 corn growing counties shows a slight increase in the percentage of stalks infested and in the number of borers per ear. In 1959 about 31 per cent of the stalks inspected were found infested; this infestation amounted to 48 per cent. Forty-one counties were surveyed this year as compared with 36 in 1959.

There was an average of 1.73 borers per stalk in 1959 and this increased to 1.73 per stalk in 1960.

The heaviest infestation was

Poultrymen in Meeting

The annual meeting of the Lancaster County Poultry Association has been scheduled for January 23 at the County Center, the board of directors announced at their meeting Thursday night.

Speaker at the meeting will be Professor R. W. Schaefer of Elizabethtown College. The program is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Other action Thursday, the board revised its Saturday-Barbecue hours from 2 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the Poultry Center.

FARM CALENDAR

7-4:30 p.m. - Meeting of the county teachers of vocational agriculture in the agriculture room of Manheim Central H. S.

8-9.00 a.m. - Pruning demonstration in the orchard of Mrs. Harrison S. Holt, Columbia R1. One mile west of Silver Springs on the Marietta road.

10 p.m. - Pruning demonstration on the farm of Edgar M. Martin, New Holland R2, about 1 mile west of Manheim.

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Baby Beef Club Calves Drawn

Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef Club members trucked home 99 steer calves last Saturday to begin their projects for 1961.

A total of 57 members drew lots for angus calves while 40 selected herefords and two chose shorthorns, in the drawing at the New Holland Sales Stables.

The calves had been selected by the club committee of the club during the past 3 months. The angus averaged 419 pounds per head, the herefords 387 pounds and the shorthorns 405 pounds.

Most of the calves will be started gradually and will not be on full feed for several weeks.

Famous Mississippi Cornfield Makes 295 Bushels in 1960

Booneville, Miss.—the famed "Ratliff Acre" here in Prentiss County, has produced what is regarded as the world's record corn yield for 1960. An even 295 bushels were harvested from the same measured acre on which world record holder,

Lamar Ratliff, produced 304.38 bushels in 1955. This year's crop was grown by Paul and Lindon Ratliff—father and brother of Lamar.

They irrigated their field ten times during a 135-day drought which severely affected the area.

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PAUL RATLIFF SHUCKS BACK the ears on part of his 295-bushel-per-acre corn crop. Corn was planted thicker than average . . . 25,000 stalks to the acre in rows 30 inches apart. Most stalks had two ears; some three.

Donald Hershey is Honored By Young Farmers

The title of "Outstanding Young Farmer" was conferred on Daniel K. Hershey, of Manheim R3, along with four other YFA members as the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association met this week.

The 31 year - old county agent was honored.

Farmers Request Weed Control Information

Requests for control measures for several kinds of weeds have been coming in to the County extension service office, Harry Sloat, Associate County Agent said this week.

The following recommendations are being made with the cooperation of George Berggren, extension agronomist in charge of chemical weed control at the Pennsylvania State University.

Upland Cress: (yellow flower in spring, belongs to mustard family) young seeding of clover - 1 pint of M.C.P. in 6 - 10 gallons of water at once. Old alfalfa stands are rather sensitive to this material, apply later, after a freeze that puts a crust on ground.

Chickweed: Young seeding

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