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SIGNING THE CONTRACT FOR preliminary drawings for the proposed Lancaster County Agricultural Center are Mrs. E. Robert Nolt, left, secretary of the board of directors, and Willis Z. Esbenschade, standing, president of the board of directors. Representing the firm of Haak and Kaufman, Myerstown architects, is S. Dale Kaufman. Signing took place Thursday in the Hempfield High School, Landisville. Mr. Kaufman said preliminary plans should be ready in four to six weeks. L. F. Photo

Henning Says Apple Voter List Available

The state Department of Agriculture announced Tuesday the question of who would be eligible to vote in an apple marketing order

referendum should not be much of a problem. Secretary William L. Henning said he has received numerous inquiries on the feasibility of listing apple growers eligible to vote as required by the marketing order enabling act soon due for a final vote in the House of representatives.

The Secretary said the department has data available

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Two Sections

This week, because **LANCASTER FARMING** is in two sections, the women's features will be found on pages 16 and 17 of the second section.

from a 1957 survey of the fruit industry, data from the 1959 agricultural census, and an agreement with the Pennsylvania State University for assisting in collecting the needed information.

Know The Cost Of Gain Livestock Feeders Told

"If you can't tell how much it costs you to put on a pound of gain, you should try to find out on your next pen of cattle." Steer feeders were told this week.

Tom King, Extension Livestock Specialist from Pennsylvania State University, King said if you can feed a steer to low choice for 19 cents per pound of gain, it might cost up to 22 cents to take that same steer up to the penny what it costs him to put a pound of gain on his cattle.

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McCurdy Says Volume Key To Heat Hay Drying

Wagon Drying of hay with heat is not for everybody, give for the farmer who farmers were told at a series of quality haymaking meetings Thursday.

Joseph McCurdy, extension agriculture engineer, said equipment needed for heat drying of hay is too expensive for the farmer who makes 150 tons or less hay.

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Murry Herd Has Top Average In Red Rose D.H.I.A. Testing

A registered Ayrshire cow owned by Masonic Home Farms, Elizabethtown, completed the highest lactation in the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association in February, the official newsletter of the assn reported this week. Ernestin produced 16,066 pounds of milk with a 5.1 test for 871 pounds of butterfat in 305 days.

Masonic Home Farms also had the second high lactation with another Ayrshire making 17,119 pounds of milk with a 4.6 test and 788 lbs. of butterfat.

The 22 registered and grade Holsteins in the herd of Clarence Murry at Drumore R1, had the highest average for the month. Murry's herd averaged 1,403 pounds of milk and 55 pounds of butterfat and a 3.9 per cent test.

In the runner-up spot in monthly averages was the herd of Mervin Nissley, of Bainbridge R1, with 19 registered and grade Holsteins averaging 1,434 pounds of milk with a 3.7 test and 54 (Turn to page 8)

Stoner Wins Electric Club Roundup

One Lancaster County mother should have less trouble keeping track of her teen-age son, at least, while he does the chores in the chicken house.

Mark Stoner, 1051 Eden Road, has constructed a radio and intercom system for use between the house and poultry house on the home farm. The project was part of his work as a fourth year member of the county 4-H electric club and was good enough to take top place in the judging at the club roundup Wednesday night.

The 15 year old electrician is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Raymond Stoner and has been in 4-H work for six years.

Gerald Reeser, son of Mr. (Turn to page 8)

FIVE - DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures near normal to six degrees below the normals of 36 at night and 57 in afternoon are expected during the next five days. Warmer temperatures are expected today, cooler Sunday and Monday, and warmer again on Tuesday and Wednesday. Precipitation may total 1/2 to 3/4 inch or more occurring as rain Saturday and again about Tuesday or Wednesday. Rainfall up to Friday morning totaled 4-15 inches during the month. The normal for March is 3.45 inches.

FARM CALENDAR

April 3 — 7:30 p.m. - York-Lancaster area Future Farmers public speaking and parliamentary procedure contest at Spring Grove, York County.

7:00 p.m. - 4-H county council will tour local television station.

April 4—7:30 p.m. - 4-H Town and Country club tour of the Kunzler and Company meat packing plant.

8:00 p.m. Penn Manor Young Farmers meet with Dwight Younkin, Extension Livestock specialist. Swine production & management, at High School. Public invited.

April 5—4:30 p.m. - Lancaster County Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association meets at Penn Manor High School.

April 6—7:30 p.m. - New Providence 4-H community club reorganizational meeting at the New Providence Elementary school.



WINNER OF THE ELECTRIC CLUB roundup. Mark Stoner, center, shows his winning project to judge Joseph McCurdy, left and to runner-up in the contest, Gerald Reeser. Reeser took top award in the demonstration contest with Stoner filling the number two spot. The youths will enter the district demonstration competition at Reading in July. —L. F. Photo.