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GUERNSEY COWS LIKE THESE mean milk in the pail for Mr. and Mrs. David H. Breckbill of Lancaster R7. The Breckbills count on a small herd of good cows and no labor problems to earn them a comfortable living. The 300 laying hens, purchased as pullets, help supplement the income, but it is to the good Guernsey cows that the family turns for the profit of the farm. Cows in this herd not returning a reasonable income must move out to make room, but a cow with a good record, producing calves with good records can count on a comfortable home for many years. L.F. Photo

Maple Springs Guernseys On A Real Family Farm

At least one Lancaster County Dairyman does not agree with the philosophy that you have to have a big herd to have a good herd.

David Breckbill, owner and farmer of Maple Springs Farm, Lancaster R7, has 18 cows in the milking string, but he can show you some of the best production records in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Breckbill live on the 25 acre farm where Mr. Breckbill has lived since he was born some 70 years ago. Here they have reared four sons and two daughters and start families of their own.

My family has owned the land since it was split off the original Hans Herr farm

of 2,000 acres, Breckbill says. His Grandmother was a Herr and one of the heirs of a portion of the original farm. With only 25 acres of ground, Breckbill buys all his grain feed. He grows only enough corn for silage and green chop in the summer when pastures will not carry his cows. "I have not had to buy any hay for 2 years," he says, but he does purchase some straw. He plants only enough small grain to get his hay crops established.

Many dairymen who feel (Turn to page 6)



MR. AND MRS. DAVID H. BRECKBILL often study the Dairy Herd Improvement records on their cows. Mrs. Breckbill knows the breeding and records of many of the cows without looking in the book. It is this kind of familiarity with the production of the herd that makes high records possible. L. F. Photo

Fulton Grange Caps Controls On Chemicals

Fulton Grange Number 66 is gone on record as opposing all controls on the sprays used to combat insects on crops.

The grange adopted a resolution at its regular meeting Monday night calling for the removal of controls and stating that adverse publicity resulting from such controls be stopped.

The resolution said, "whereas, there has never been a case of illness or discomfort that can be traced to the use of Heptachlor or other chemical used in control of insect damage on crops, and—we believe that all controls on such chemicals were not put there to

Penna. Farmers Behind Schedule State Agency Report Shows

Harrisburg — It was a hard winter for Pennsylvania fruit growers, according to a report issued today by the Crop Reporting Service of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Peach trees have been damaged in many areas and, in a few cases, severely by the extreme cold weather of last winter. Rodent damage to fruit trees has been unusually severe, particularly on young trees. Mice damage has been high and rabbits stripped the bark from tree trunks above wire guards and chewed low limbs during the deep snows.

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Winter grains have suffered very little damage during the winter except for a very small amount of freeze damage to barley in a few areas. Some alfalfa has heaved out of the ground in scattered localities. Practically no growth has begun even in the south and in most areas of Pennsylvania pasture grasses are just starting to turn green.

Some field work has been done by farmers, although work has been behind schedule. A few cobbler potatoes have been planted in Lehigh County, about half the cobs are in the ground in Lancaster County, some oats have been seeded in southern areas, and in Lancaster County about half the tobacco beds are under cloth.

Conservationist Cautions Against Bank Plowing

Corn won't grow on asphalt so why do farmers try to farm it? asks Amos Funk, chairman of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District.

According to Funk, so many Lancaster County farmers plow right to the edge of the highway that the Dis-

trict and the Pennsylvania Department of Highways have united in a campaign to cut down on the practice.

Funk cited the practice as extremely dangerous. "The slow-moving tractor turning around on the highways is a hazard to auto traffic, he said. Many farmers observed in this county are busy raising the plows and getting ready to turn around and

guard the health of the people but rather to gain publicity for political purposes — Fulton Grange demand that all controls be removed."

Copies of the resolution have been forwarded to the plant pest control division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, to newspapers and the Lancaster County Pomona Grange 71.

Heptachlor has come in for a considerable amount of discussion since it was banned for use on forage crops by the Food and Drug Administration last year because of the residues left on the plant. Heptachlor appeared to be one of the most effective insecticides used against legume pests, and there has been agitation from farmers to have the chemical reinstated.

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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.

FARM CALENDAR

- 7:17-8:00 p.m. - Town and Country Club meets at the Farm Bureau Cooperative, Dillerville Road.
- 7:18-9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Silo clinic in Room A of the Lehigh Valley Co-op at Allentown.
- 7:30 p.m. - Drumore Community 4-H club meets in the Chestnut Level church house.
- 7:30 p.m. - Lincoln 4-H community club meets in the Mount Airy fire hall.
- 7:30 p.m. - Association number one of the Red Cross Dairy Herd Improvement Assn. workshop in the Mount Airy fire hall.
- 8:00 p.m. - Manor Young Farmers Assn. meets in the high school. Tobacco culture to be discussed by B. Engle, tobacco researcher from Southeast Pennsylvania Field Laboratory.
- 7:18-7:00 a.m. - Holstein club tour leaves the CTC terminal 825 E. Chestnut Street.
- 8:00 p.m. - York-Lancaster FFA soil judging contest at the Howard Perry farm, Route 111 South of York. (Turn to page 10)

Holstein Club Plans Day Tour

Visits to a paper mill and three outstanding dairy farms are on the schedule of county Holstein breeders as they take their annual spring tour next Wednesday.

First stop on the tour will be the Glatfelter Paper mill in Spring Grove, York County.

From there the Holstein dairymen and their families will go to Monacoy farms where Ray Smith and son

Silage Clinic To Be Held

The Southeast Regional Silo Clinic will be held April 18 in Room A. at the Lehigh Valley Farmers' Cooperative at Allentown.

Three experts will discuss selection, and care and management of silos. Dr. John Bratzler, Department of Animal Science and Nutrition; A. R. Carlson, Extension Agriculture Engineer; Fred A. Hughes, Extension Farm Management expert, and John E. Baylor, Extension Agronomist will be on hand to lead the discussions.

Subjects to be discussed will include types and care of silos, crops suitable for ensiling, preservatives to be used and their value, unloaders and their selection and care, the economics of making and using silages, and recent research on silos and silages.

All Lancaster County farmers are invited to attend.

milk 80 to 90 head of Holsteins in a "herringbone" milking parlor. The Smiths have had a consistent average over 500 pounds of butterfat. The group will also see their All-American heifer.

Leslie King and son at Kingstead farms will show the Garden Spot dairymen their herd of 90 to 100 cows in a stanchion barn. The herd, second highest average herd for type in the United States, has 3 excellent cows. The herd average of 665 lbs. of butterfat is the highest average in the U. S.

At Rolling Knoll farms, Ralph and Grover Walker will exhibit their Dunloggin herd, showing several excellent cows in their herd with a 615 pound herd average.

The tour bus will leave the terminal at 825 East Chestnut Street, Lancaster at 7 a.m. on April 19.

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday
Temperatures during the next five days are likely to be very close to the normal range of 41 at night and 62 in the afternoon. Near normal temperatures are expected over the weekend with warmer Monday and turning colder Tuesday. Wednesday will be cool. Precipitation during the period may total over a half inch falling possibly late Saturday and again towards the end of the period. Temperatures for the past 15 consecutive days have been below normal.