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PART OF THE HERD ON HILBROHI FARM in Drumore township grazes on the inside. This herd has more than doubled production in the past six weeks. This fantastic production increase has been accomplished without the addition of a single cow. In fact, the herd has 13 fewer milking cows now than six weeks ago. Good feed and management programs of the new owners of the farm have accounted for the increase. —L. F. Photo

## Milk Production Doubles In 6 Weeks At Hilbrohi

Is it possible to double the milk production of a herd in six weeks without adding any cows?

If you had asked the new partners of Hilbrohi Farm that question six weeks ago, they would have doubted if any such thing could be possible. But they proved that it can be done.

Not only has production been doubled, but ten cows have been sold and three more have been dried off. No cows have been added to the milking string through purchase or freshening.

This record is the beginning of a dream-come-true for three young men who planned and hoped through their days in the armed forces to become owners and managers of a large dairy farm.

None of the three men had enough capital to go into a large farming operation, but by pooling their assets, the three purchased 415 acres on three combined farms near Fairfield in Drumore township.

Clair Hilsher, Eugene Brown and Jacob High not only combined their interests and money, but their names as well to come up with the picturesque farm name, "Hilbrohi".

The three men met and

talked while fulfilling their military obligations. Each had been farm reared, and each wanted to get back to the farm Hilsher lived near Elizabethtown, Brown near New Holland and High was a native of Lititz. When the acreage in the southern part of the county became available, the partners-to-be took it as an answer to their aspirations.

When the trio moved onto the farm, which they had purchased "lock, stock and barrel", on March 15 they found 79 cows in the milking string.

At the first few pick up runs, the bulk tank truck from Wa Wa Dairy loaded just about 1,600 pounds of milk. This represented two day's production from the herd.

During the next six weeks three cows were dried off and retained in the herd. Ten other cows were sold because their production and condition were so poor.

When the milk truck driver stopped at the farm on April 26, he pumped 3,700 pounds of milk out of the bulk tank.

While 1,850 pounds a day for a herd of 66 cows can not be considered outstanding production, the record is significant in the fact that the

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## Olympic Film To Be Shown Farmers Pushing Spring Work As Fast As Weather Permits

The Olympic Film "Hold High the Torch" will be shown Friday evening at 8 p.m., May 5th, at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, by the American Dairy Association. There will be no admission charge, everyone is welcome. Filmed, both at Squaw Valley during the Winter Olympics and at Rome during the Track and Field events, "Hold High the Torch" brings to its audience the excitement, the suspense, the exhilaration of victory and the heart break of defeat as they watch the world's finest athletes.

Long awaited warm-sunny days have come, peaches are blooming in the county, and Pennsylvania farmers are in frenzied action to catch up on delayed work, the State Crop Reporting Service said Tuesday in its weekly crop and weather summary.

Apple trees are leafing out and the annual Apple Blossom Festival is now scheduled for May 7 in Adams County. Peaches have reached the pink stage in the Berks-Lehigh area and sweet cherry

buds are beginning to swell in Erie County. However, fruit trees in most areas are still dormant and the extent of winter freeze damage is still difficult to evaluate.

Good weather in the eastern two-thirds of the State enabled farmers to have three busy days last week.

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## SCD Organized In 2 Counties

Harrisburg — Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning, chairman of the State Soil Conservation Commission, today announced that he has received resolutions creating Pennsylvania's fifty-third and fifty-fourth Soil Conservation Districts.

Resolutions by the Sullivan County Commissioners and the Bucks County Commissioners have declared those two counties to be Soil Conservation Districts.

Secretary Henning said that formal recognition of the creation of the two new Soil Conservation Districts is expected at the next meeting of the State Soil Conservation Commission.

the effects of selling graded livestock. Detailed records of the sale of graded and ungraded animals are to be made by the Department of Agriculture.

Similar programs are in effect for various species of livestock in North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and in West Virginia.

Official Pennsylvania grades for veal calves are based on U.S. Department of Agriculture grades. They are prime, choice, good, standard, utility and cull.

## State DHIA Sets 2 Records

Dairy herd improvement association work has reached a new all-time high in Pennsylvania, H. C. Gilmore of Pennsylvania State University, announced Wednesday following a meeting of the State Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

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## Annual Barbecue Is Planned

The Conestoga Chapter American Business Club will hold its annual chicken barbecue and festival on Saturday, May 6, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The barbecue, being held at East End ave. and South Ann St., is the club's method of raising money for its Boys Club Scholarship Fund.

General chairman for the affair is Dr. Robert E. Humphreys, 1042 Columbia Ave. Co-chairman is William G. Parmer, 709 Fairway Dr.

## Stock Grading Pilot Program Is Initiated

HARRISBURG—State Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning announced this week that a pilot veal calf grading program by the State Department of Agriculture has been instituted at Mason-Dixon Livestock Market, Stewartstown, York County and at Chambersburg Livestock Auction, in Franklin County.

At these two auctions, State Department of Agriculture livestock marketing specialists grade veal calves at the request of sellers as they are brought into the market. The graded calves are sorted and sold in uniform lots.

This program is voluntary on the part of the seller, but fees will be paid by the marketing agency.

The pilot program is to develop basic information on

## Spring Jamboree Planned By 4-H

Pony rides, games, booths, and a fashion show will be among the features at the annual Spring Jamboree sponsored by the Lancaster County 4-H Council.

Festivities for all 4-H club members are scheduled to get under way at 7:30 p.m. in the Guernsey Sales Pavilion on the Lincoln Highway east of Lancaster.

Members of the light horse and pony clubs will push free pony rides to 4-H club members. The county home economics club will stage a fashion show where there will be booths and refreshments for all Admission and refreshments are provided to all 4-H members in the county.

## FARM CALENDAR

April 29—4 to 8 p.m. - Chicken Pot Pie supper at the Conestoga Elementary School by the choir of the Conestoga Methodist Church. Serving Family Style.

April 29—7:30 - Annual 4-H Spring Jamboree for 4-H club members in the county at the Guernsey sales pavilion, Lincoln Highway east of Lancaster.

May 1—8:00 p.m. - Dairy Herd Improvement Association workshop for assn. members seven in the basement at Elizabethtown Post Company.

May 8—8:00 p.m. Meeting of Red Rose Baby Beef (Turn to page 14)

## Manor F.F.A. Holds Election

James Benedict, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Benedict, was elected president of the Manor chapter Future Farmers of America at the April 21 meeting of the club in the Penn Manor High School.

Benedict, 229 East Main Street, Mountville, who is an 18 year old student of vocational agriculture at the school will serve the club during the 1961-62 school term.

Other officers elected were as follows: vice president, Glenn Hess, Washington Boro R1; secretary, Harold Herr, Millersville R1; sentinel, Nelson Habecker, Lancaster R2; treasurer, Millersville R1; reporter, Glenn Mylin, Millersville R1, and chaplain, Glenn Shulz, of Pequea R1.

## Local Man Is Elected

### Co-op Secretary

Daniel L. Herr, formerly of Quarryville, was elected secretary of the Blair-Huntington County Council of Farmer Cooperatives at a recent meeting in Hollidaysburg.

Herr, manager of the Eastern States Farmers' Exchange station, at Curryville since last December, had been associated with Eastern States in Quarryville. He now lives at Roaring Spring.

He is the son of Mrs. Henrietta C. Herr and the late Daniel H. Herr of Peach Bottom R2. He married to the former Cynthia Quigley of Georgetown.

## Donegal 4-H Home Ec. Club Organizes

The organizational meeting of the Donegal Home-Ec. 4-H Club was held Tuesday evening, at 7:30 at the Donegal Fellowship Hall.

The meeting was opened with the 4-H Club pledge. The following officers were elected. Pres. Ginny Wivell, V. Pres. Sylvia Ober, Sec. Marilyn Wenger, Asst. Sec. Lily Nancy Vogel, Treas. Lily Ann Wivell, Asst. Treas. Janis Bixler, Song Leader Sue Eshleman, Asst. Song Leader Ruth Arndt, Game Leaders Mary Hess and Rebecca Kling, News Reporter Mary Anne Ressler, Asst. News Reporter Florence Bixler.

The local leaders are Miss Elizabeth Nolt, Mrs. Arline Forney, Mrs. Lewis Bixler.

## FIVE - DAY

### WEATHER FORECAST

#### Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures during the next 5 days are expected to average two to six degrees below the normal range of 67 in the afternoon and 45 at night. Cool temperatures are expected during most of the period with some warming possibly about Wednesday. Precipitation may total over 1/2 inch falling the latter part of Sunday and again Wednesday.