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## Fund Raising Campaign For Ag Center Planned

Directors of the proposed Lancaster County Agricultural Center announced, today, that a major capital funds campaign will be conducted by the year-old organization, late this year and early in 1962. Funds for erecting this area's first, multi-purpose agricultural building will be sought in a personalized canvass between November and February, according to Willis Z. Esbenshade, Lancaster, President of the Board.

While the financial goal for the construction of plans has not been set, officially, by an architectural firm, Directors have estimated that the over-all construction program will require a minimum of \$300,000. The exact goal will be determined following submission of plans now working on preliminary construction specifications, B. Snively Garber, Willow Street, Chairman of the Planning Commission. (Turn to page 10)

## National Ayrshire Association To Tour Lancaster County Farms

The National Ayrshire Association will tour the Garden Spot County next week, through some of Lancaster County's farmland. Roy Boutwell, dairy herdsman for the Masonic Home Farms, Elizabethtown, said Thursday. About 75 to 100 Ayrshire breeders, in Harrisburg for the national association's annual convention and show, will stop at the Masonic Home Farms at 11:30. After a tour of the farm, the visitors will be given lunch by the Home.

FEEDER STEERS HELP THEMSELVES to the silage in the bunker silo on the farm of Raymond Bucher, Lititz R1. The mechanism mounted on the wall of the bunker dispenses a measured amount of gram onto the silage at intervals through the day. The sound of the machine is all the call necessary to bring the cattle to the feeding gate. Feeder pigs following the cattle clean up the feed missed by the cattle. —L.F. Photo

## Soil Conservation Districts Schedule Soil Stewardship Week

Soil Stewardship Week will be observed locally starting with special church services Sunday, May 7th, and ending May 14. Leading observance will be members of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District. Soil Stewardship Week, while relatively new in this area, has a long history.

For generations, men have offered thanks to their Creator for the priceless gifts of soil, water and sunshine that make living things possible. However, a part of the story of the development of Soil Stewardship Week centers on the year 470 in the area around Vienne, France. Crops had failed and hunger was widespread. The people, depending on the fruits of their soil each year, had little reserves and little money. The Bishop of Vienne called for prayer and penance on the three days preceding Ascension Day. Other communities soon took up the observance and

from France the custom of Rogation Days — days of giving thanks to God for His bounty and asking for His continued blessings — has spread throughout the world. In America, too, Rogation Days are on the calendar of many churches. Fifteen years ago a renewed and more widespread in-

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## Area Churches Plan Special Rural Services

Several churches in the county have scheduled special Rural Life Sunday services for May 7. Members of 4-H clubs and Future Farmers of America Chapters have been invited to participate in the services at many area churches.

Special services will be held at 9:00 a.m. in The United Church of Christ, Lincoln, and The Clearfield Methodist Church. At 10:00 a.m. the Marticville Methodist Church will hold special services to which FFA members have been invited. The New Providence Church of God has scheduled the special service for 7:30 p.m.

Rural Life Sunday has been set aside as the first day of Soil Stewardship Week by the national Association of Soil Conservation Districts, and is observed by many denominations throughout the nation.

## DHIA Assn 7 Holds Workshop

Dairymen from the surrounding area met Monday evening, in the Conference Room of the Elizabethtown Trust Company for a Record Workshop.

The Workshop, sponsored by the Pennsylvania State (Continued on Page 13)

## New Holland FFA Takes Honors In Meat Contest

Future Farmers from the Grasslands Chapter at New Holland swept four of the five top places in the Lancaster County FFA meat judging contest Wednesday at the dressing plant of Kunzler and Company, Inc., Lancaster.

In the top spot with a score of 258.7 points out of a possible 385 was Kenneth Souders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Souders, East Earl R1. Kenneth, a junior in vocational agriculture at Garden Spot High School will represent the county in the state FFA meat judging contest. (Continued on Page 13)

## FHA Convention Names Officers

Lucille Musser, a student of vocational homemaking at Donegal Joint High School, was elected president of the county chapter of Future Homemakers of America on Tuesday.

Other officers elected at the fourth annual county (Turn to page 14)

## Vocational Ag Program Grows At New Holland

Adult education in vocational agriculture will begin at New Holland this summer, a spokesman for the Garden Spot High school said this week.

Within the next few weeks a second teacher of vocational agriculture will be hired by the school. The new teacher will begin his duties on July 1, it was learned.

Robert Herr, the present (Turn to page 13)

## 4-H Poultry Club Has Special Offer

The Lancaster County Poultry Association, in cooperation with local hatcheries, will again this year offer a program to members of the county 4-H poultry club.

Members of the club will have the opportunity to buy 100 pullet chicks from the cooperating hatchery at half the listed price.

Boys or girls interested in enrolling in the club are asked to contact the hatchery of their choice, or contact the Poultry Center for help in ordering chicks. Chicks should be placed in the brooder house during the first week of June.

## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday  
Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average 2 to 6 degrees above the normal range of 49 at night and 71 in the afternoon. Mild weather is expected throughout the period cool daytime temperatures Sunday. Precipitation may total around 1/4 inch occurring as rain Sunday.

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Soil Stewardship Week

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## FARM CALENDAR

6—Town and Country Club tours the Lancaster backyards 4 to 7 - Conecoga Business Club Chicken Barbecue at East End Avenue and Ann Streets, Lancaster.  
6-4 to 8 p.m. - Chicken Barbecue by the West Willow Fire Co. at the West Willow fire hall.  
9-8:00 p.m. - Manor Young Farmers meet at the farm of Sterling Elmer, New Danville Pike, south of Lancaster. Grass tags methods.  
8-8 p.m. County 4-H Council meets at the home of Joyce Denlinger, 602 Springfield Drive, Lancaster.  
7-7 p.m. - County Ayrshire Club meets at the home of David Harnish, Harryville R2.  
9 to 11—Meeting of the Competer Young Farmers (Turn to page 14)