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AYRSHIRES COMING IN FROM THE PASTURE at Spruce Villa farm at Lititz R1, move at a leisurely pace. They show their contentment at being well fed and handled carefully. Milk from these cows will be sold on the premises or on one of the two retail routes operated by the farm in and around Lititz. The Ayrshires make a pleasant pastoral scene as they take their places in the stanchion barn at Spruce Villa. —L.F. Photo

Lititz Dairy To Open Bulk Milk Salesroom

Milk sales in gallon jugs have been legal in Pennsylvania for several years, but establishments to make the sales have been very scarce.

Sales of the white liquid in the Lititz area will get a boost next week with the opening of a new bulk salesroom. the milk sold in bulk must be produced on the farm, expansion of the herd is a possibility. (Turn to page 11)

Mr. Neil Clark, who operates two retail routes in and around Lititz, will begin sales of milk in gallon containers within the next few days.

Milk has been sold at retail from Spruce Villa since 1905 when the father of the present operator, Milton Brubaker went from door-to-door with a horse and wagon and sold milk from cans.

Later with the addition of pasteurizing, homogenizing, and bottling equipment and a larger herd, the business expanded to the two routes of today.

Shooting for an opening date of May 15, Clark is looking for an enlarged consumption of milk. Since all

Ferguson Cows Make Records

H R Ferguson, Kirkwood, Pa., is the owner of six registered Guernseys that have recently completed official DHIR production records. Walnut Grove Dixie F., an eight year old produced 12,710 lbs of milk and 628 lbs. of fat, Walnut Grove Barons Betty, a five year-old, produced 8,590 pounds of milk and 522 pounds of fat, Walnut Grove Melba Patience, a junior four year-old produced 9,580 pounds of milk and 552 pounds of fat. Walnut Grove Butter Lillian, a junior three year-old, produced 9,520 pounds of milk and 494 pounds of fat, Walnut Grove Paragon Josie, a junior three year-old, produced 8,970 lbs. of milk and 524 pounds fat; Walnut Grove Levity Ann, a junior three year-old produced 9,990 pounds of milk and 489 pounds of fat. All were milked two times daily for 305 days.

Fall Spraying For Weevil Got Good Control Locally

Fall spraying of Alfalfa for the control of weevil has done a good job, John O. Pepper, extension entomologist said this week.

After examining several new and established alfalfa fields Thursday the Pennsylvania State University insect expert said the fields treated with Dieltrin last fall according to Pennsylvania Extension Station recommendations showed very slight insect damage this spring.

However, Pepper said, in those fields where weevil damage is evident (lacework of the bud tips) farmers should spray as soon as possible. The weevil have hatched in the county and can

4-H Sewing Club Holds Election

The organizational meeting of the Manheim Township 4-H Merry Stitches was held recently at the home of Susan and Jeanne Hess, 1860 Harrington Drive, Lancaster. Seventeen members were present.

The following officers were elected: president, Patsy Long; vice pres, Susan Hess; secretary, Phyllis Bryson; treasurer, Nancy Rohrer; songleader, Marian Landis; game leaders, Ann Landis & Jeanne Hess, and newsreporter, Averril Royer. Nancy Rohrer was elected as County 4-H Council member.

Local leaders of the club are—Mrs. Herbert Royer, Mrs. John Hess, Mrs. Robert Bryam, Mrs. Robert Eby.

Forage Crops Make Rapid Gain Rains Delay Planting Operations

Alfalfa grew an inch a day on some Lancaster County farms last week. The heavy rainfall combined with the humid days to push the growth of forage crops. Alfalfa has reached the height of 18 inches in some plantings and is beginning to form blossom buds.

Rain and wet ground delayed corn planting in the Garden Spot for another week. Several farmers report they have not begun plowing corn ground, while many others have turned the ground but have not been able to work the soil for planting. One farmer reported, "We will be plowing day and night whenever it opens up. We have about 40 acres to plow, and we haven't started yet."

Most estimates of the percentage of corn in the ground are under 10 percent. Early sweetcorn in a few areas is reported through the ground, but the reports are very scattered.

Growth of winter grains is speeding up with the warmer days. Barley and wheat show good color and no winter damage.

Spring oats appears to be making good growth. Wet ground and cool nights keep the oats pushing. The weed problem in oats will catch some farmers this year. Conditions are ideal for weed growth.

Tobacco beds show slow growth because of lack of any sustained warm period, but the condition of the plants is good with little disease problem developing.

Pastures are in good growth and furnishing a large amount of feed. Full pasture programs on the dairy farms are general in the county.

There have been no reports of tomato planting in the county. Early vegetables, peas, cabbage, and lettuce, are making good growth and

Leaders Elected by 4-H Club At New Holland

Three adult leaders and two junior leaders were elected by the New Holland 4-H Community club at their May 8 meeting. Two members were also elected to represent the club on the 4-H county council.

Adult leaders are John Roy, Gordonville R1; Earl Sher, New Holland, and Dan B Lapp, Bareville.

David Lapp and Roy Lantz were named junior leaders at the meeting in the New Holland Bank Building. Lantz and Elvin Hess are new county council members.

The club will visit Hubert's hatchery at their next meeting.

FARM CALENDAR

May 13—National Ayrshire cattle show at the Farm Show building, Harrisburg. 7:15—8:00 p.m. - Pequea Valley FFA meeting in the High school building. Election of officers for 1961-62. 8:00 p.m. - New Holland 4-H club meets in the New Holland Bank building. 8:00 p.m. - Town and county 4-H business club meets at the Farm Bureau Cooperative on the Dillerville Road. May 15-16—Annual convention (Turn to page 14)

Borer Damage Tops 3 Million

The European corn borer last year destroyed an estimated 102,991,000 bushels—more than 3 million tons—of corn worth \$96,085,000, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

This loss, a composite of State and USDA estimates, nearly equals Wisconsin's (Turn to page 6)

It's Official Chicken Is Fathers' Day Dish

Chicken has again been proclaimed the Father's Day official dish, according to Alvin Austin, director of Father's Day Council, Inc., which

for 26 years has furnished national leadership for celebrating dad's big day in June. This year's Father's Day is Sunday, June 18.

Two years ago Austin asked the Poultry and Egg National Board of Chicago and the Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc., an association of the Delaware-Maryland-Virginia Peninsula, to select an official recipe for Father's Day from among past winners of the National Chicken Cooking Contest which these two organizations sponsor annually in June at the Delmarva Chicken Festival.

The recipe chosen this year is Picnic Chicken Delight, a former national winner in the cooking contest. Easy to prepare, the dish is ideal for family picnics and either outdoor or indoor entertaining.

Grain Program Signup Deadline Is June First

Corn and grain sorghum growers have until June 1, 1961 to sign up under the 1961 feed grain program, Landis G Becker, Chairman of the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and

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Kirkwood 4-H Hears Lueck

William Maule, Quarryville R2, was elected Tuesday evening to represent the Kirkwood community 4-H club on the Lancaster County Council.

The third meeting of the group, held in the Bart-Colerain elementary school, was attended by 30 members and seven adults.

During the program, a demonstration on gardening was given, after which A. G. Lueck, assistant County Agent spoke more thoroughly on the subject.

The next meeting of the club will be held in the Bart-Colerain School at 8:00 p.m. on June 13.

Martin Greenleaf, Jr. is news reporter for the club.

FIVE - DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday
Temperatures during the next five days will average six degrees or more above the normal range of 51 at night and 74 in the afternoon. A warming trend is expected during the week end turning a little cooler about Wednesday. Precipitation during the period may total over a half inch falling mostly as showers Saturday and as local afternoon and evening thundershowers at the beginning of the week.