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PART OF THE GROUP OF 125 poultrymen and families from Lancaster County are seen as they listen to William Myer, Berks County farmer, tell about his operation. Myer operates four farms north of Myerstown where he grows 26,000 broilers, 5,500 layers, 4,500 turkeys, 90 holstein cows and 50 heifers. Other stops on the tour included a poultry dressing plant, a pharmaceutical laboratory and a layer operation with 13,000 birds. —L. F. Photo

Poultry Tour 125 Visit Two Counties

William Myer, the brother of Mark Myer, president of Lancaster County's Poultry Association, was one of the stops on the tour. The three two-member teams won the right to compete in the state elimination at the top county in District 10 at Kutztown fairgrounds Tuesday.

Three Teams in District Eliminations

Three 4-H demonstration teams will represent the Lehigh Valley in the competition next month. The three two-member teams won the right to compete in the state elimination at the top county in District 10 at Kutztown fairgrounds Tuesday.

FARM CALENDAR

July 31 - 1:30 p.m. - Tomato growers meeting on varieties at the farm of Amos Miller, Millersville R1.
August 1 - 8:00 p.m. - County Future Farmers of America meets at Watasky Union High School, Lititz.
August 1 - 10:00 a.m. - Judges of Jerseys, Guernseys, Brown Swiss at the Lancaster Artificial Feeders Show at the bull pen on Route 230 By-pass east of Lancaster.
August 2 - 8:30 a.m. - Red Rose Beef and Lamb Club meets at farm of Mervin W. Landis, Bird-in-Hand. (Turn to page 14)

for the Lancaster Countians who filled two busses and several cars on the annual tour.

At the Myer farm north of Myerstown, the group saw 26,000 broilers at four weeks of age. Myer told the group how a windstorm had lifted the entire roof from his newly constructed broiler house in which he had 24,000 week old birds. The broilers were pushed down a hole into the pen on a lower floor. After the wind damage had been repaired, the birds were pitched back up through the hole and completed their growth where it was begun.

"We lost a few, but we got a pretty good price for broilers that time and didn't lose any money, but that was really a dark day," Myer said.

At the Myer farm the group also saw a pole barn and milking parlor system where 90 head of cows are milked. The barn was designed for 100 cows but "We had 90 last year and it looked like there was room for 100."

Wildlife Club To Make Feeders

Members of the Lititz 4-H Wildlife Club have decided to put up squirrel and turkey feeders as part of the winter program of the club.

The wildlife feeders will be constructed near a hunting lodge in Potter county where the club will hold its next meeting.

In further business, the club decided to attend the Woodsmen's Carnival at Cherry Springs National Park.

President Jay Foreman presided at the meeting in the home of J. Q. Buckwalter, Lititz R2. Linda Stauffer is reporter for the club.

14 County Youths To Co-op Meet

A contingent of 14 Future Farmers and 4-H members will leave the county Sunday for three days of conferences on Farmer Cooperatives at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Penna.

Ten of the youths will represent the 10 Future Farming Districts.

Farm Show Milk Classes To Be Discontinued

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Farm Show has dropped its competitive milk competition.

John B. McCool, director of the Farm Show, said today that the milk competition, a fixture at the Farm Show since its start in 1917, has been dropped by the Farm Show Commission at the request of the state's dairy industry.

Beekeepers Elect Lapp President

Mose Lapp, Gap R1, was elected president of the Lancaster County Beekeepers Association at a meeting of the group Thursday night.

Robert Landis, Lampeter, was named vice-president and Walter Becker is the new secretary-treasurer.

W. W. Clarke, extension beekeeping specialist from the Pennsylvania State University said the state honey flow for the year will be below normal and supplies will be short. The county supply is a little above normal.

Clarke suggested the use of a queen excluder to keep the queen out of the honey frames. He also told beekeepers to be sure to remove the old queen when requeening a colony.

About 60 pounds of honey should be left with a colony of bees for their winter supply of food, he said.

Production Over Type Says Maryland Dairyman

Any time we can increase production or longevity by changing the type of our cattle, we should do it, Holstein breeders were told at the annual field day of the county breeders association.

Allie Musser, Holstein breeder from Maryland told the dairymen at Wick-Haven, the farm of A. W. Wickenheiser, Salunga, that breeders should not be bound by conventional ideas on type.

Dr. Joe Braly, DVM, of Steeleville pointed out that only well fed, high producing cows are likely to be subject of milk fever and acetonemia. He said poorly fed animals very seldom are victims of either of these metabolic disorders, but sin-

ce the treatment for both the diseases are simple and fairly fool proof, we "can live with these diseases."

Braly said research has shown no feed additive or drug is effective in preventing milk fever. He said a better feeding program during the dry period is an aid in preventing cows coming down with acetonemia, which is caused by high producing cows milking well at the expense of their bodies.

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Field Day To Feature Conservation Exhibits

Soil conservation practices will be replaced on the farm at Spcedwell Forge during the second annual soil conservation field day next week.

The farm had formerly been under a soil conservation plan but most of the practices, including the contour cropping had been removed from the farm, but the present owner, Gerald Darlington, realizing the need for soil saving practices is having the plan revitalized.

Realizing the potential educational possibilities on the farm, the Lancaster Co. Soil Conservation District secured permission to hold its second annual field day

on the farm, August 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wagon teams will transport visitors to the farm to various sites where educational exhibits and demonstrations will be held.

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4-H Beef Club Plans Tour Route

Eight club members will have an opportunity to play host to the rest of the Red Rose Baby Beef and Lamb club next week when the club holds its annual summer tour.

The group will assemble at 8:30 a.m., August 2 at the farm of Mervin W. Landis, Bird-in-Hand R1. The farm is located one half mile north of Smoketown.

Other stops on the tour will include the homes of Robert Landis, 2306 Horsehoe Road where the group will also see the steer of David Denlinger; Harold and Richard Leaman, 2554 Creekhill Road; David and Anna Pearl Lapp, Bareville R1; Rosemary Nolt, 12 Graybill Road, Bareville, where Mary and Verna Nolt will also show their steers, and Janet Groff where the steers of Ruth Ann and Larry High will also be seen.

Carl, Larry and Leon Weaver at New Holland R1 will show their steers to the group at 2:00 p.m. after which the group will visit the farms of William and Robert Fisher, East Earl R1 and Rhoda, Mae and Wesley Mast, Elverson R2.

Plans call for a picnic at the farm of Mervin W. Landis, Bird-in-Hand. (Turn to page 7)

PSU Holstein Has High Record

Brattleboro, Vt.—Penstate Lucifer Anna Star (VG), a registered Holstein Friesian cow owned by Pennsylvania State University, University Park has completed her second official record of 1,000 lbs of butterfat or more in the official production testing programs of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. She ranks among 988 Registered Holstein cows which have reached or surpassed the 1,000 lb mark on official test.

FIVE - DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures during the five day period are expected to average 2 to 5 degrees above the normal range of 56 at night to 86 in the afternoon. Warm is expected, turning cooler towards the end of the period. Precipitation may total 1 to 1.6 inch falling mainly as showers about Monday or Tuesday.

The Pennsylvania Holstein's official 365-day production totalled 21,617 lbs of milk. (Turn to page 11)