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PART OF THE HIGH GRAIN FEEDING goes into the bunk in the loafing area of the farm of Charles Craig, Nottingham R2. Craig found that his Holsteins were having trouble cleaning up the large amounts of grain during the time they were in the milking parlor. Part of the grain ration is fed at noon time in the hay and silage rack and the rest is fed at milking time. Here Craig looks over his milking string as they clean up the last of the noontime feeding. He feels this is a very satisfactory way of handling the high grain feeding rates. — L. F. Photo

Lead Feeding Promising For County Dairymen

Not long ago a professor in a New England college wrote in a dairy newsletter that dairymen should have their high producing cows on a lead feeding program. He made no further effort to explain the term.

When this reporter began asking Lancaster county dairymen what they thought of the lead feeding program, he was met with about as many blank stares as answers.

But to be absolutely fair, many dairymen knew about the program, but were unfamiliar with the term.

Lead feeding, stated simply, is the practice of feeding the dairy cow ahead of her production, and thereby leading her to higher production if she has the inherited ability to produce more milk.

As one dairy scientist puts it, "During early lactation, grain feeding should lead, rather than follow, milk production."

Other terms used in connection with such a program are Heavy Grain Feeding, Unlimited Grain, Limited Roughage, and Increased Concentrate Rations.

From one Lancaster County dairyman came this statement. "I had always been a roughage feeder, but with the machinery I have now, I

can produce grain as cheap as (I can produce) hay. When I saw the milk my neighbor was getting with his high level grain feeding, I decided to try it"

But the feeling among dairymen who have gone on the lead feeding program seems to be, "It takes very little more total grain you just feed it to different cows." (Turn to page 12)

FFA Honors County Parents

Special awards will be made next month to two Lancaster County parents by the Pennsylvania Association of Future Farmers of America.

The special Honorary Parent Awards will be presented during the 33rd convention of the state FFA to parents who have had three or more Keystone Farmer sons.

Mr and Mrs A. Clyde Kreider, Quarryville R1 and Mr and Mrs. H. LeRoy Welk of Strasburg will be given their awards by Donald C. Fogel, president of the state FFA, at ceremonies on January 10 in the forum of the Education building in Harrisburg.

Mr Kreider's sons and the years they received the Keystone Farmer Degree were Kenneth, 1951; Robert, 1953, and A Clyde, Jr. 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. Welk's sons were Ira D., 1948; Robert L., 1954, and Donald H., 1958. Paul Welk, another son, will receive his Keystone Farmer Degree on the same day his parents are honored.

Poultry Co-op Elects Carlin

Directors of the Producers Cooperative Exchange at Coatesville Thursday named William Carlin, Coatesville R4 to succeed John Melhorn, Mount Joy, as president of the co-op.

Melhorn, who had been president of the cooperative for 12 years, stated before reorganization began he did not wish to be considered for reelection. He will continue as a member of the nine-man board of directors

Mark Hess of Hershey R1 was returned to the vice presidency, and John Herr, Lancaster R7 was retained as secretary (Turn to page 5)

FIVE - DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average near normal with little day to day temperature changes. The normal range for this time of year is 25 at night to 40 in the afternoon. Precipitation may total .2 to .7 inch melted. Probably falling as snow or rain Saturday and again about Tuesday.

Grange And Farmers Association To Outline Policies For Teachers

Policies of the Grange and Farmer's Association will be up for discussion when the Pennsylvania teachers of Vocational Agriculture convene late this month.

At a round table session during the annual winter meeting of the Pennsylvania State Education Association in Harrisburg on December 27 to 29, the agriculture teachers will hear reports directly from the state office of the two farm organizations.

Collins McSparran, master of the state Grange will discuss the policies of that organization while the picture from the Pennsylvania Farmers Association will be presented by Hollis Hatfield, executive secretary.

FARM CALENDAR

Dec. 28 — 10 a.m. - Annual meeting of the Lancaster County Farm Bureau Cooperative Association at Manheim Central High School.

1:30 p. m. - County 4-H corn and tobacco show at the Bayuk Cigar Co. warehouse, 850 N Water St., Lancaster.

Jan. 2—8 p.m. - County Extension Executive Committee meets in the Production Credit building, Roseville Road.

Jan. 3, 4, 5—Northeast Weed Control Conference in the Hotel New Yorker, New York.

Jan 3—7 30 p.m. - County 4-H Guernsey club meets in the Farm Bureau Building Dillerville Pike.

Jan. 4—12 noon - County tobacco show in the Farm Bureau building, Dillerville Road.

4:30 u.m. - County teachers of vocational agriculture meet in the high school at Ephrata.

Willow Street R1, will be a panelist discussing "Profits From Feeding Forages to Dairy Cows".

Galen W. Crouse, Stevens R1, and Mahlon Shenk, of Holtwood R1, Grand champion and Reserve grand champion and Reserve grand champion (Turn to page 9)

FHA Awards Presented By County Girl

Lucille Musser, Mount Joy, state president of the Future Homemakers of America, will present honorary memberships in the Pennsylvania Association of FHA at the annual meeting next month.

The presentations will be made at 10 a.m. on January 10 in the forum of the Education building in Harrisburg to Foster G. Ulrich, superintendent of the Lebanon County Schools; Clyde A. Zehner, supervisor of the division of the school of the and lunch programs of the Department of Public Instruction, and Carson F. Mertz, specialist in farm and (Turn to page 9)

4 From County On Program At Hay Meet

Four Lancaster Countians will be on the program of the 1962 Southeastern Pennsylvania Quality Hay Conference at Hershey.

County Agent M. M. Smith will chair the annual meeting which will be held January 18 in the Little Theatre, Hershey

During the morning session, Raymond F. Witner, of

The Christ Child needed the help of many people in His first few hours of life on earth. The gifts of the wise men helped make his flight from death possible. The preparations for the journey were made by many people. His enemies were distracted from their avowed purpose by many other people. The Babe of Bethlehem never forgot to be grateful for the help of people.

With a special thank you to the many faithful readers who have made our task pleasant and worthwhile during the past year, the staff of LANCASTER FARMING wishes to one and all—



A Merry Christmas