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AT THE HALTER OF HIS NEW HOLSTEIN HEIFER is Roy Kline, Denver. Behind the heifer, giving Roy some pointers on showing and judging dairy cattle is his teacher of vocational agriculture, Louis Ayres. Roy was awarded the heifer on the agreement that the first heifer calf will be returned to the FFA Chapter to be passed on to another boy. Funds for the project were earned by the Cloister chapter Future Farmers of America in a seed service. L. F. Photo

## Soils Day Speakers Urge More Use Of Soil Tests

Many potato growers are using excessive fertilizer with every little or no increase in yield county farmers were told at the second annual county Soils Day, Thursday in the Guernsey Pavilion east of Lancaster.

Elmer C. Pifer, extension Agronomist from the Pennsylvania State University told the 225 farmers in attendance that fertilizer recommendations should be corrected with soil tests but that the grower should be aware of yields. He said tests have shown that some growers who have their soil in a high state of fertility can add a double application of fertilizer with very little or no yield increase.

## Soil Conservation Plans The War Against Waste

Dust storms sweeping topsoil off the Great Plains in the early 1930s blew night into Washington, D.C. and helped awaken the nation to the need for wise land use.

Congressmen looked at the great swirling dust clouds and saw disastrous consequences for thousands of farmers. Some looked even further and saw economic losses for the entire nation.

Many remembered what Hugh Hammond Bennett had preached for the last decade.

## County Club Members Mark National 4-H Week

This week Lancaster County the state and nation are paying tribute to 4-H Club Week.

From a small beginning in 1914, the 4-H program has grown to well over two million members in the United States. Four-H club work is active in all 50 states and in Puerto Rico. Four-H or a very similar type organization is operating in over 50 other lands around the world.

National 4-H Club Week is being observed to help focus attention on some of the nation's finest young folks who are 4-Hers. Also the observance will help pay tribute to the many individuals and to the groups who help make 4-H work possible.

Leaders Essential  
Lancaster County has over 1500 members in some 69 4-H clubs. These members carry projects ranging from livestock judging to outdoor flowers and cooking. Each of these 69 clubs have one or more leaders that are largely responsible for planning and guiding the activities of the club whether it is teaching subject matter, making meeting arrangements or helping with records these folks (over 200 in Lancaster County) give freely of their time and effort. They are essential to the success of the 4-H pro-

## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday  
Temperatures for the next five days are expected to average two to nine degrees below normal range of 29 at night to 47 in the afternoon. Cold temperatures are expected throughout the period with some moderation Monday, but colder again about Tuesday. Precipitation may total less than 0.2 inch, melted, occurring as snow on Monday.

## Cloister Future Farmer Chapter Organizes Dairy Heifer Ring

Ray Kline, a junior in vocational agriculture at Ephrata High School last week be-

came the proud owner of a registered Holstein calf.

The calf, actually an eight-months-old heifer, is the beginning of a dairy heifer chain sponsored by the chapter.

Ray, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kline, Denver, R2, accepted the heifer under terms of an agreement requiring him to return the first female offspring from the heifer to the chapter. This heifer calf would be awarded to another boy under the same agreement.

Members of the Cloister Chapter Future Farmers of America raised the money for purchase of the calf by conducting a seed service to-

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**TWO SECTIONS**  
Because Lancaster Farming is in two sections this week, the women's features will be found on pages 14 and 15 of the second section.

## County Dairy Ranks Sixth In Nation

PETERBOROUGH, N.H. — The Registered Guernsey dairy herd owned by Raymond F. and Louise A. Witmer, Penn Del Farm, Willow Street, Pennsylvania was sixth in United States in the combined Herd Improvement Registry - Dairy Herd Improvement Registry average during 1961 for Guernsey herds with 30 to 100 records.

American Guernsey Cattle Club figures reveal that Penn Del Farm Guernsey Herd last year averaged 12,116 pounds-milk, 609 pounds fat 305-2X ME for 40 cows.

There were 912 heifers on Herd Improvement Registry and Dairy Herd Improvement Registry last year with a total of 41,920 cows.

**OFFICE MOVED**  
The Editorial offices of LANCASTER FARMING have been moved from Lancaster to Lititz. Lancaster Farming will retain the same phone number and Lancaster mailing address, but can be reached additionally by dialing the office of the Lititz Record Express.

## Farm Calendar

- Mar 5—7:30 p.m. - Lancaster County Fruit Growers Association annual meeting and election of officers in the Farm Bureau building, Dillerville Road, Lancaster
- Mar 6—9:30 a.m. - Dairy Day All day meeting in the Guernsey Pavilion six miles east of Lancaster on Rt. 30
- 10:30 a.m. - All day meeting of Region II of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association, in the Solanco High School Rt. 222 South of Quarryville
- 6:30 p.m. - Annual meeting and banquet of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District, at the Quarryville Memorial Methodist Church
- 6:30 p.m. - Annual meeting and banquet of the Lancaster County 4-H Leaders Club, at Hostetter's Banquet Hall, Mount Joy
- Mar 7—12 noon - Dr. William Henning, Pennsylvania Sec-

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