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**OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION FARMER, Abram S. Zeiset, East Earl R1, spends some of his time during the winter months indoors taking care of his sows and newborn pigs. Here he checks one of his Spotted Poland China Sows and her Yorkshire crossbred pigs in a farrowing stall. Sows and pigs are kept in the stall until the pigs are six-weeks-old and weaned. Zeiset also feeds steers and is planning to increase his sow herd from the present 12 to 24. He has 12 gilts nearing breeding age.**

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## Conservation Farmer Likes Contour Rows

"I didn't know if I'd like those crooked rows or no," is the way Lancaster County's Outstanding Conservation Farmer of 1961 explained his first feeling toward conservation farming.

Abram S. Zeiset of East Earl R1 contoured his farm in 1956 but only after much observation of some of his neighbors who had put soil saving practices on their farms earlier.

I wasn't sure the strips would be worth the short rows, Zeiset explained but after the strips were on the fields he found he had fewer short rows and longer rows.

Zeiset who began farming on the home farm in 1952 says "Elmer (Elmer Sensenich Soil Conservation District Director) talked me into it but he didn't sell me on it." He said before he put the contours on his land he would get in his car and drive to a neighbor's farm after a rain to see how the rows were holding the water.

"My crops are definitely better," he said. "But some of my neighbors think it is because I feed more cattle and have more manure to put on the ground."

Some of the yield increase is due to better fertilization practices, Zeiset believes, but he says "I couldn't hold the manure and fertilizer on the

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## Brucellosis Retreating Extension Vet Declares

"We have to test 10,000 cows to find one with Brucellosis," dairymen were told Tuesday at the second annual Lancaster County Dairy Day.

Dr. Samuel Guss, Extension veterinarian from the Pennsylvania State University said Brucellosis in the cattle of the Commonwealth has reached the point of near eradication. No Brucellosis could be found in three counties in the state he said.

sixty years ago, but from 1959 to 1960 to 61 almost doubled again.

This is something we must make up our minds about, he said. We have to decide to get busy and get rid of it entirely. The farmer has become complacent and some testing has been hap-hazard in the past. The state has paid \$20 million in indemnities to slaughtered cows, he said.

Dr. Guss gave much of the credit to callhoop vaccination, as well as bloodtesting and slaughtering of reactors.

"Tuberculosis presents another picture," he said. Real progress was made up to six

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## Secretary Henning Sees Program For Progress

You men should be encouraging more of the brighter boys to remain in agricultural positions, Dr. William L. Henning, Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture told Lancaster Rotary Club members and their farmer guests Monday.

He said at present time, most of the good scholarship grants are going to the engineering schools and many of

the brighter rural boys are going into professions off the farm.

Dr. Henning, speaking at the annual farmers day at the

Quarryville Memorial Methodist church. The regular monthly meeting of the district directors normally scheduled for Monday night, will be cancelled.

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club outlined the four-point program he brought with him when he took office in January 1955.

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## Weather Forces Postponement Of S. C. D. Banquet

The annual banquet of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District will be held this Monday night, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Quarryville Memorial Methodist church. The regular monthly meeting of the district directors normally scheduled for Monday night, will be cancelled.

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## Red Rose Baby Beef & Lamb Club Hold Election And Beef Auction

Ground beef brought as high as \$3.00 per pound Wednesday night.

In an auction of frozen ground beef left from the steer purchased for the annual banquet of the county 4-H baby beef club, several of the parents began spirited bidding for the last pound of the 50 or so pound packages with the resultant price.

Walbur Hosler, last year's president of the club was the

auctioneer of the sale that saw all of the beef sold to parents of club members at the close of the annual reorganization meeting. Proceeds from the sale went into the treasury of the club.

Robert Heilbron, president of the Lancaster Livestock Ex-

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## Farm Calendar

March 12 — 6:30 p.m. - Soil Conservation District Annual Banquet in the Quarryville Methodist Church, Second and Hess Streets, Quarryville. Postponed from March 6.

7:30 p.m. - Aryshire-Jersey 4-H Club meets in the Farm Bureau Building Dillerville Road, Lancaster. Election of officers.

March 13 — 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Cattle feeder clinic at the Lancaster Poultry Center.

7:30 p.m. - Garden Spot (Continued on Page 10)



DR. HENNING

## Farm Hiring Days Slated

March 22 is the date of the second Farm Hiring Days sponsored in the county this spring by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Employment Security according to Edward A. Anderson, manager of the Lancaster local office of the employment service.

The first such day was held at the same place the Far (Continued on page 6)

## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average near the normal range of 30 at night to 49 in the afternoon. Only minor day to day variations in temperatures are expected. Precipitation may total 1/2 inch or more, melted, falling as snow or rain Saturday morning and again about Tuesday or Wednesday.