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INTERRUPTED IN THE MIDDLE OF A DISCUSSION, Milford Heddleson, soil technologist and Wade Groff, dairyman, look up from the soil profiles they are studying. Heddleson, an extension agronomist from the Pennsylvania State University was recently appointed to the post of Land Use and Management Specialist, with the major portion of his work to be in York and Lancaster Counties. Groff operates a Dairy Unit Demonstration Farm in cooperation with the County Extension Service. The discussion took place during a meeting on the farm south of Willow Street on Wednesday night.

Varieties Can Spread Hay Harvest Period

We now have forage varieties that make it possible for the farmer to develop a forage program which will spread the harvest season and still harvest the crop at the peak of quality, farmers were told Wednesday night.

Dr. John Baylor, extension agronomist from the Pennsylvania State University speaking at a demonstration meeting on the farm of H. Wade Groff, Lancaster R6, said farmers should use more than one variety of alfalfa in order to spread the harvest season.

Baylor said DuPuits alfalfas mature about seven days before Vernal alfalfa. Planting these two varieties would make it possible to harvest much more of the crop at the peak of quality which is a very short period in the life of the plant.

NEW VARIETIES

Several new varieties of forages in demonstration plots on the farm drew considerable interest, Baylor said, the new

variety Alfa, which is a Flemish type like DuPuits has some very promising characteristics but it is not wilt resistant and like DuPuits, it is for short rotations — it will not persist more than a few years.

Baylor said DuPuits has more eye appeal than any other strain now available but it has some serious drawbacks, including its short life in the field.

The agronomist called attention to Culver, a variety of alfalfa with natural resistance to spittle bug and leaf hopper but similar to Vernal in production.

Vernal is not Utopia in Lancaster County, Baylor said, but it is the best variety available for Pennsylvania at the present time. Vernal is not as vigorous as some of the other varieties but it is a good all-round variety.

Baylor called Buffalo alfalfa the "old standard" variety but suggested that farmers keep an eye on Cayuga, recently released by Cornell University.

In discussing the new forage grasses, Baylor said Potomac Orchard grass is too vigorous to plant with alfalfa. Stratton Broome is a vigorous grower but it starts growth late enough to allow

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Manheim FFA Elects Officers

Vernon Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Martin, Litz R2, was elected president of the Manheim Chapter Future Farmers of America at a meeting in the Manheim Central High School this week.

Martin, who will serve as president during the 1962-63 school term, succeeds David Graybill.

Other officers elected were: vice president, Gerald Wartz; secretary, Murlin Myer; treasurer, David Shonk; reporter, John Wagner; sentinel, Clarence Hofer; chaplain, Glenn Metzler; and historian, Clair Brukhart.

Assistant officers elected were as follows: vice president.

Farm Calendar

May 14-15—National Farm Editors Association meets in Washington, D. C.

May 14—7:30 p.m.—New Providence 4-H Community Club meets at the elementary school.

9 p.m.—County Ayrshire, Jersey, Brown Swiss 4-H clubs meet at the home of Milton Brubaker, Litz R1.

8 p.m.—Soil Conservation District Directors meet in the Lancaster County Court House.

May 15—7:30 p.m.—Lincoln 4-H community club meets at the Mount Airy fire hall.

May 16—7:30 p.m.—County 4-H Wildlife club meets at the home of Raymond Ston-

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Elizabethtown Future Farmers Reorganize

Gary Kremer, a 17-year-old junior in vocational agriculture, was recently elected president of the Elizabethtown Future Farmers of America.

Kremer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kremer, Elizabethtown R1, will serve the club during the 1962-63 school term.

Other officers elected include Willis M. Hackman, Elizabethtown R1, vice president; Edward Shoop, Haverbrook R1, secretary; Richard

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Turkey Growers Will Discuss Market Orders

Pennsylvania turkey growers will discuss voting procedures in the forthcoming referendum on marketing orders when they meet on May 17.

The meeting, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, will be called to order at 2 p.m. in the Farm Show building, Harrisburg.

Guest speaker will be E. C. Compton, Standardsville, Va., chairman of the National Turkey Growers Association for Marketing Orders (an independent organization) and chairman of the National Turkey Advisory Committee.

Compton is a long-time advocate of marketing orders for turkeys.

Also on the program will be

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Off Flavor Milk Rejections Too Numerous, Smith Believes

Off flavor milk is becoming a serious problem in the county, Max M. Smith, County Agent, said this week.

There has been a considerable amount of milk rejected for off flavors this spring, he said, and it appears that many dairymen need to be a little more careful before and during milking time.

Smith listed four points when he feels will go a long way toward keeping milk from picking up foreign flavors and odors:

1. Discontinue pasturing milk cows on garbage-infested areas.
2. Keep cows off any pasture areas for four to five hours before milking time.
- 3.

4-H Leaders Plan Barbecue

The Lancaster County 4-H Leaders Council have planned a self-help program to boost the county 4-H treasury.

For the second consecutive year, the leaders' club is planning to hold a chuckle barbecue with all the proceeds earmarked for 4-H club work.

According to Mrs. Herbert Royer, publicity chairman for

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Be sure the barn is well ventilated before and during milking and 4. Continue feeding dry matter in the form of hay or silage during the pasture season.

With the heavy flow of milk at this time of year, dairymen should take special care to see that milk does not pick up any flavors that could cause the milk to be rejected, Smith said.

County Man Is Treasurer Of Milk Dealers

Frank Heckel, associated with Penn Dairies in Lancaster, was re-elected Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Association of Milk Dealers at the group's annual convention in Harrisburg last week.

In accepting the position for a second term, Heckel stressed dairymen's economic importance. He said, "Lancaster County dairies paid over eight and a half million dollars in salaries and wages last year. County dairy farmers received over 24 million dollars for milk sold during the same period. Other goods and services purchased by the local

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Judging Expert To Address 4-H Dairy Club

Dr. William Kelso of the Dairy Extension Service of the Pennsylvania State University will be the featured speaker at the regular meeting of the Lancaster County Ayrshire-Jersey-Brown Swiss 4-H club Monday night.

All 4-H club members and any other interested young people in the county are being invited to the meeting at Spruce Villa Farm, Litz R1.

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average two to six degrees above the normal range of 51 at night to 73 in the afternoon. Near or slightly below normal temperatures are expected through Monday followed by a warming trend through Wednesday. Precipitation is expected to total 0.1 to 0.5 inch falling as scattered showers Sunday through Tuesday.