

## SPABC Adds New Phone Line To Quarryville

Dairyman in the southern part of the county who have been using an answering service to report cows to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative will now be able to phone the Lancaster office by dialing a Sterling number.

Roger Gundlach, of the SPABC said this week, "We have been using a similar phone line in the Lebanon area since January 1961." The dairyman in Southern Lancaster County can now dial Sterling 6-7381 and reach the Lancaster office without going through an operator or paying a phone toll. No long distance charges are involved in the hook up called a foreign exchange line.

The foreign exchange line to the Lebanon area has been discontinued with the opening of a Lebanon branch office Gundlach said. The new office located in Clona will be staffed by the four technicians who have been serving the area. The Lebanon phone number has not been changed from the CRestview 3-6763 formerly used by the foreign exchange.

The opening of the Lebanon branch brings to 10 the number of branch offices of the SPABC including the Lancaster office. Dairyman can receive services from 11 offices.

Addition of the direct line to the Quarryville area will make it possible for the southern county dairyman to report cows during the regular reporting hours on Sunday and holidays. Emergency calls can now be accepted any time between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., but the regular reporting hours continue to be 7 to 10 a.m. on week days and 7 to 9 a.m. on Sundays and holidays Gundlach said.

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the alfalfa to compete, and makes a good combination.

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Baylor called "The Utopia of grass seeding" a method of band seeding plus press wheels.

The method places the fertilizer below the seed and the press wheels directly over the seed. This assures quick germination of the seed and a fast growing plant to compete with weeds. Furthermore, the soil between the rows is mellow, and germination of weed seeds is slower.

In tests on the Groff farm, alfalfa was seeded at the rate of 10 pounds per acre last August in spite of the extremely dry conditions last

fall, the stand was thick and vigorous.

"You can't get yield without stand," Baylor said, but the crop must also have quality and persistence, in addition to yield.

Baylor suggested that farmers might be able to get higher tonnage from their forage with the inclusion of some grasses. He showed the group some orchard grass strips which had been tondressed with nitrogen this spring. He said grasses must be fed nitrogen if they are to produce efficiently, but if they are in a mixture with legumes, they should need no additional nitrogen.

Groff, who has farmed the place at Lancaster R6 since 1952, said he is working away from cash crops such as tomatoes and tobacco and toward dairy.

He said economics of the business had pushed him completely out of tomatoes, but he still grows some tobacco.

When his farm became a Unit Demonstration Farm, soil tests showed almost every field needed superphosphate and lime. Some of the fields were down to a pH of 5, he said, but the Potash content of almost every field was high.

Some of the fields were badly eroded and the cropping system was not the best, he said. The farm was completely stripped and more forage crops were planted.

To produce good forage Groff said, the first step is soil management. After that you need the machinery to take care of the crop, but it is important to know when to cut.

Since 1958 the Groff herd has increased in size from 21

to 23, but the butterfat cow has gone up from 3.4 to 4.67 pounds. Part of the increase is attributable to the fact that hay on the farm gone from 54 percent digestible nutrients to 62.5 percent.

Milford Heddleson, Extension Agronomist, recently appointed as soil specialist in the Lancaster and York areas, explained the difference in soil types on the farm and showed what could be expected from each type in dry years.

Heddleson, filling a newly created post in the state extension service, said his job will be to help farmers and other land planners to plan and use soil more effectively.

The meeting was sponsored by the Lancaster County Extension Service. Assistant county agent Arnold Lueck was in charge of discussion.

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