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Artesian Well Gushing 180 Gallons A Minute

One hundred and eighty gallons per minute since last Friday noon and she's still gushing.

This is the way John Thomas, Jr. describes the artesian well on his farm at Millersville, RI.

Thomas, who needed additional water for his dairy operation, contracted with veteran well driller Paul Myers to sink the hole on the Millersville, RI farm just over a spot where a neighbor lady with a key or a string said he would find water at 110 feet.

But said Thomas this week the hole was so dry for 110 feet (122 feet through solid limestone) that water had to be carried and poured down the hole to keep the drill working.

When they hit 125 feet and the hole was still dry, Thomas said, "I was sick."

After seeing the operation continue most of the day Thursday and until about noon on Friday, Thomas went to do some chores in the pasture.

"I saw him (the driller) waving his hat and I knew he had water," Thomas said, but neither he nor Myers knew just how much until later.

Both thought the air being forced down the drill shank to bring out the borings was pushing the water out the top of the well.

Free flowing wells in Lancaster are a rarity but one flowing at the rate of 180 gallons a minute night and day, is just about unheard of.

But it didn't appear that the Thomas well stayed unheard of for very long.

On Saturday the stream of (Continued on page 6)

STILL SPOUTING, AFTER A WEEK, this artesian well on the farm of John Thomas, Jr., Millersville, RI, shows no sign of slowing down. According to members of the Millersville fire company, 180 gallons per minute flow from the well continuously. Thomas, who had the well drilled to supply his dairy operation, stops to take a sip from the 48 degree stream. Despite the fact that the well was drilled through 122 feet of limestone, the water is considerably softer than the water from the 18-foot well at the house. L. F. Photo

Garden Spot Streams Polluted, Survey Shows

Five out of seven streams surveyed in Lancaster County were polluted to some degree, members of the Conestoga Valley Association were told Tuesday night.

Dr. Ruth Patrick, chairman of the Limnology Department of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, speaking to more than 150 members and guests of the Association at a "Clean Streams Forum" in the Armstrong Auditorium, gave the results of a survey she conducted at seven sites in the Conestoga River watershed last September.

Dr. Patrick and her staff working under a commission from the conservation group found five cases of pollution, one healthy condition and one semi healthy condition in the streams of the watershed.

The 1961 survey was a review of a more thorough study made by Dr. Patrick in 1948.

"There is still a challenge" for you (CVA), she said, while one station showed some improvement over the 1948 condition, some were about the same, and some were much worse.

The streams in the extreme (Continued on page 7)

Ladies, Have You Heard? New Feature Starts Today

Ladies, Have You Heard? is the title of a column by Assistant Lancaster County Home Economist Marjorie Jane Thurston appearing in Lancaster Farming for the first time today.

In the column, Miss Thurston will attempt to bring the homemaker some of the newest ideas in keeping the home well cared for and the family happy

and healthy, as well as some of the old standard practices which need reviewing from time to time.

Miss Thurston, who began her duties in the county in June of last year is a native of Westmoreland County and graduated from Greensburg High School and received her Bachelor of Science Degree from the Pennsylvania State University.

Farm Calendar

- May 23—7:30 p.m.—Elm-Perry 4-H Community club meets in the Perry fire hall.
- 8 p.m.—County Future Farmers of America meet at Solanco High School.
- 8 p.m.—County Dairy Herd Improvement Directors meet at the Farm Bureau building, Delaware Pike.
- May 29—5 a.m.—Extension Executive Committee meets in the Farm Bureau building, Delaware Pike.
- May 31—10 a.m.—DHIA Testers meeting at the home of Jacob Foster Lampeter.
- 7:30 p.m.—County 4-H Officers training school at the Landville Elementary School.
- 8 p.m.—Joint meeting of (Continued on Page 10)

Scoreboard Collection Begins Monday

Quarryville Lions and Rotarians in cooperation with dairymen in the Solanco area will begin solicitation Monday to raise funds for an electric scoreboard on the Solanco High School athletic field.

The proposed scoreboard which will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000 installed, will carry the slogan "USE MORE MILK" across the top.

A joint committee of Rotarians and Lions agreed to cooperate with the dairymen in advertising milk when it was learned that a soft drink manufacturer had inquired about placing the scoreboard on the field.

Solicitors have been selected in all eight townships of the Solanco area. Donations for the fund can be given to any of the following solicitors: Providence Twp. Paul Baber or Elvin Krantz, Fulton Twp. Frank Ward, Lewis Bradley and Edison O-borne, Little Britain Twp. Arthur Brown and Howard DeLong, Drummore Twp. Robert Burkes and Leon Kreider, East Drummore Twp. Stanley Stauffer and Paul Wenger, Colerain Twp. Richard Maule and Harvey Ferguson, Bart Twp. Altaus

Broiler Advisory To Meet May 28

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman announced today that the Stabilization Advisory Committee on Broilers will reconvene in Washington, D.C., May 28-29, to review a draft of a program proposal to stabilize the broiler industry.

The program proposal will be studied by the Committee (Continued on Page 9)

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Air temperatures during the next five days are expected to average two to seven degrees above the normal range of 77 in the afternoon and 57 at night. It will be somewhat warmer Saturday and Sunday, a little cooler Monday and warm again Tuesday and Wednesday. Showers and thunderstorms are expected late Sunday and again late Tuesday or Wednesday.