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**WORKING ON RECORDS IN THEIR** home office are Mr. and Mrs. Jay Risser. Mrs. Risser prepares lactation and monthly herd average records for the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association newsletter which goes out every month. Jay is preparing his daily report which is mailed to the Pennsylvania State University for processing on electronic equipment every day. The newsletter prepared by Mrs. Risser (Lois Ann) is mailed to every member in the association. L. F. Photo.

## I Ride With The DHIA Tester DHIA Records Are A Tool The Dairyman Must Use

By: Jack Owen

**Editor's Note:** This is the second in a series of articles dealing with Lancaster County businesses related to agriculture. The writer will spend a day riding with personnel who serve the farmer but who do not actively engage in the business of farming. The articles are an attempt to bring the farmer a report of the job of service personnel before they reach the farm. Other articles will be printed in the following weeks.

Our "day" began at 5:15 p. m. I met Jay Risser, head tester of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association, at the farm of Jay Landis, Lancaster R6, just about 15 minutes before milking time.

a bale twine to hang his scales, and he was ready for business.

In the early days of milk testing, Jay told me, when the tester stayed over night with the farm family, he was expected to arrive at the farm in the middle of the afternoon to get all the information copied from the farmer's records to the tester's book, but since all records are now processed on electronic computers, there is much less copying to do, and the tester does not have to get to the farm until just before milking time.

While Jay Landis washed the first cow's udder and put the milkers on, Jay Risser got freshening, breeding and dry dates from the barn charts. "This is the first thing I do whenever I go to a farm," Jay said. The records were in good shape on this farm, and it didn't take long.

Jay found two bales of straw for his sample bottle tray and

Landis makes good use of his records to cull his lower producers, and as a guide in feeding his better cows. "It is important to have good records, but they are just a tool. If you have a shovel and it stands against the wall, you won't get any work out of it," Risser said. "Dairy records are just a tool like any other tool." (Continued on page 6)

## Poultry Meet Is Scheduled

A panel discussion of Poultry House Construction and Automatic Equipment will be the feature of an educational meeting scheduled by the Lancaster County Poultry Association on February 28.

The meeting, scheduled for 7:45 in the Poultry Center on Roseville Road, will open with a discussion on marketing of eggs by Earl Hess, Hess Brothers, Ephrata. In his talk on

"Pennsylvania Egg Business in the Balance", Hess will discuss competition from other areas of the country, tomorrow's markets and how Pennsylvania eggs will fit into present and future trends in production and marketing.

The panel of four successful poultrymen from the county will be moderated by Carl Dossin, Extension Poultry Specialist from the Pennsylvania State University.

Discussing such points as lagoons for handling manure, ventilation systems, dropping pits, belt gathering of eggs and types of feeds will be George Weaver, and David Musselman, both of New Holland; Walter Augsburger, Reinholds R1, and Jack Huber, Lititz R3.

Another special meeting, to discuss pullet raising, is planned by the association for March 28 at the Poultry Center.

## Co. Soils Day Is Next Week

Four agronomy experts will be on the program of the annual Lancaster County Soils Day next Wednesday at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Lincoln Highway east of Lancaster.

Time will be allotted from 9:30 to 10 a.m. for inspection of displays and exhibits by commercial firms of the county. Beginning at 10 a.m., Milford Hedderson, extension agronomist from the Pennsylvania State University will use soil profiles to illustrate his talk, "Know Your Soil Type". He will be followed by James Eakin, chairman of agronomy extension at PSU who will discuss the value of soil testing.

John Baylor, extension agronomist will talk of "Better Forage Crops," and George Berggren, extension agronomist, will present the "Latest in Weed Control" during the afternoon. (Continued on page 3)

## Swine Producers Show And Sale Is Next Week

The Lancaster County Swine Producers Assn have planned their 5th Annual show and sale to be held at the Lancaster Stock Yards, Tuesday, March 5, 1963.

Reflecting the market trend for heavier meat-type hogs, the show committee has increased the liveweight of judging classes 10 pounds in the lightweight division. The increase places a 190 lb minimum and a 220 lb maximum in the lightweight judging classes and a 221-250 lb spread in the heavyweight divisions.

There will be classes in the following breeds with crossbred hogs being shown in the class of their sire, Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc-Jersey, Hampshire, Landrace, Poland China, Spotted Hogs, and Yorkshire. Judging features single, trio and truckload classes.

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## Broiler Outlook Shows Increase

Production of more poultry meat is predicted for '63'. Production of both broilers and turkeys is expected to be higher in '63 than in 1962, according to a report this week from the Penn State extension marketing service.

More broilers will be marketed the first quarter in '63 than in the first quarter of 1962. Placements in the latter part of '62 were above 1961. Eggs set the first three weeks of January for hatching of broiler chicks in 22 major states ranged from 2 per cent below to 2 per cent above year ago levels for the corresponding (Continued on Page 12)

## SPABC Reports Highest Volume Service On Record

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative reported a record number of first services during the past year at the annual meeting in Leola Memorial building Thursday night.

The reported 157 first services is an increase of three per cent over 1961 despite the decrease in cow numbers over much of the cooperative's service area.

In a report of management, David Yoder explained that ris-

ing costs forced a \$1.00 increase in service fees on January in order to maintain working capital and take stock from the inactive members and put it in the hands of active members. A total of 911 shares of inactive stock was redeemed last year and 833 new members were added. This drop in membership is about equal to the state and national trends, Yoder said.

Breeding fees during the year totaled \$789,642 with capital assets at \$443,514. Net income was \$25,749 which was distributed at the rate of 16 cents per \$5.00 first service.

Henry E. Kettering, Lititz R3, was elected director of the organization for a three year term.

District delegate posts, all (Continued on Page 5)

## Local Youth Is Honored By Cooperative

A Lancaster County youth this week was among 10 young people honored by the Eastern States Farmers Exchange at the cooperative's 45th annual meeting in West Springfield,



**CLARENCE R. BAUMAN**  
Mass. Clarence R. Bauman, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan W. (Continued on Page 4)

## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average seven or more degrees below the normal range of 27 at night to 44 in the afternoon. Some moderation in temperature is expected during the first half of the period turning colder again near the end of the period. Precipitation is expected to total less than a tenth of an inch (melted) occurring as light snow near the end of the period.

## Farm Calendar

- Feb. 25 — 7:15 p.m. — Egg-O-Rama meeting in Penryn fire hall
- 7:30 p.m. — Northeast 4-H tractor club meets in the shop of Allen Matz, Denver
- 8 p.m. — Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Ass'n directors meeting — Reorganization At Farm Bureau building, Dillerville Pike.
- Feb. 26 — 7:15 p.m. — New Holland Young Farmers meeting. Arlie Anderson, Masonic Home Farms, will discuss swine management. In New Holland High School
- 7:30 p.m. — Central 4-H tractor club meets in the shop of L. H. Brubaker, Strasburg
- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Joint poultry meeting for York, Adams and Lancaster Counties at York Caterpillar Co., Lincoln Highway east of York.
- Feb. 26 — 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. — 4-H leaders clothing construction course, Lancaster Production Credit Assoc., Roseville Road.
- Feb. 27 — 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. — County Soils and Crops day in the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Lincoln Highway east of Lancaster. (Continued on page 4)