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HARRY TROOP, LANCASTER COUNTY'S OUTSTANDING Conservation Farmer looks over some of the contour strips on his farm. He pointed out the orchard in the background where rainwater gathered before the strips were applied. When potatoes were planted up and down the hill in the background, they washed out on the road during heavy rain storms. With Harry is his son, David, five years old.

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County 4-H Leaders Council Honors 7 Local Businesses

Seven awards for outstanding contributions to 4-H work in the county were made to business concerns by the 4-H council at the annual Leaders Council banquet at Hostetter's banquet hall in Mount Joy Monday night.

Elvin Hess, Bareville, president of the agricultural section of county 4-H council presented certificates to the Lancaster County Bankers Association represented by Stanley Musselman; Lancaster Farming, represented by Jack Owen, Editor, The Intelligencer Journal, Harry Stacks, Editor; Lancaster New Era, Ted Godshall, assistant city editor; Lancaster Sunday News, Ron Steinmetz, Editor; Watt and Shand, Don Ulrich, buyer; Lancaster Livestock Exchange, Robert Heilbrunn, president; Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeding Cooperative, Roger Emig, chairman; and WGAL-TV, Mrs. Virginia Brown, home economist.

Musselman, on behalf of the bankers association presented scholarship awards to five 4-H members. Elvin Hess, Bareville, presented Bridgewater in Virginia, Lucille Kreider Quarryville R1, is a student at Lock

Haven Teachers College, and Gerald Hess, Washington Boro is attending Messiah College. Charles Warfel, Conestoga R1, will enroll next fall at Elizabethtown College, while his twin sister, Judy, will use her grant toward tuition at the University of Maryland.

On behalf of the County 4-H Leaders Council, Mylin Good

First Calf Heifer Produces Over 850 Pounds in 305 Days

Blossomelle Zsa Zsa, a first calf Holstein heifer in the herd of Herbert and Rhelda Royer, 2025 Oregon Pike, made 851 pounds of butterfat in 21,123 pounds of milk with a 4.0 per cent test, to complete the highest 305 day lactation record in

Mary Jane Herr Is President Of Beef Club

Miss Mary Jane Herr, Refton, was elected president of the Red Rose Baby Beef and Lamb club Wednesday night at M. J. Brecht School.

Miss Herr, the second girl ever to be elected president of the club, succeeds Elvin Hess, Bareville R1. The other woman president of the club was Miss Herbert Royer, the former Rhelda Eshleman.

Other officers elected by the 115 member club were: Wesley Mast, Elverson R2, vice president; Judy Longenecker, Holtwood R1, secretary; Eugene Hosler, Manheim R3, treasurer; Janet Frey, Marietta R1, and Kenneth Hess, Strasburg R1, game leaders, Larry Brubaker, Mount Joy R1, and Pat

Cattle Feeders Schedule Meet

County cattle feeders will take a look at the coming economics of cattle feeding at a meeting scheduled by the county extension service next week.

Louis Moore, extension agriculture economist from Penn State is scheduled to open the session at 10 a.m. in the basement of the Poultry Center, Roseville Road on

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January in the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association of Zsa Zsa freshened at two years, six months, and is still producing nearly 40 pounds a day at the end of 365 days.

The second high lactation record was 322 pounds of butterfat in 16,871 pounds of milk with a 4.9 per cent test produced by Echo, a registered Holstein in the herd of J. Mowery Frey and Son, Lancaster R7. Echo began her lactation at nine years, 11 months.

The 23 registered Holsteins in the herd of John E. Esh, Gordonville R1, had the high monthly butterfat average. The herd produced an average of 72 pounds of butterfat in 1,901 pounds of milk with a 3.8 per cent test.

Following with an average of 68 pounds of butterfat per cow was the 36 head Holstein herd of Clayton Kreider and Curt Akers, Quarryville R1. The herd averaged 1,693 lbs of milk with a 4.0 test.

Five other cows finished lactations with over 750 pounds of butterfat. Paul S. Wyble had a registered Holstein with 17,411 pounds of milk and 772 pounds of butterfat. Raymond and Louise Witmer had a registered Guernsey with 15,065

Quarryville Farmer Named Outstanding Cooperator

Hairy L. Troop, a 30 year old dairyman from Quarryville R3, was named Outstanding Conservation Farmer for 1962 Wednesday night at the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District banquet.

Troop, who operates four farms, helped complete the conservation plan on the home place in 1952. After a two year stretch in the U.S. Marine Corps, he took over operation of the home farm in 1954. Since then he has added 122 acres of rented land to the 45 acres at home.

As soon as was practicable, he put conservation practices on all his rented land. "I believe in soil conservation, and think there should be more of it," he said.

Troop believes in conservation so strongly that he not only uses it on his own farm, he takes every opportunity to sell the idea to his neighbors. Last year he won the district's award for outstanding associate director when he convinced 15 of his neighbors to sign up for free conservation plans on their

farms. Troop milks 20 Holstein cows and farms about two acres of tobacco in addition to the corn, small grain and hay for livestock feed.

In looking back over his experience with soil conservation practices, Troop recalls the time on the home place when potato rows ran up and down the hill. "I can remember picking up potatoes in the road after a heavy rain, and the meadow used to lay full of water in wet periods," he said.

In addition to putting contour strips into his rotation of corn, small grain, hay, hay, corn, he leaves some of the odd shaped strips and steep slopes in alfalfa for several years. He has planted trees on some of the steeper places, established grassed waterways, and bulldozed out fence rows and gullies in the middle of the fields.

"I'm not finished yet," he says, "Conservation is a continuous job, but I don't see how I could farm without it." Henry Hackman, vice chairman of the district directors made the

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Quotas Not A Dead Issue Dairyman Are Told Here

Dairyman are going to continue hearing discussions about quotas and regulated production for several years, according to Dr. William Pierce, agriculture economist at the Pennsylvania State University.

Speaking on "Dairy Adjustments for 1963", at the annual Lancaster County Dairy Day Tuesday, Dr. Pierce said quotas is not a dead issue and will not be as long as the causes for discussion exist.

He gave two alternatives to quotas as a means of disposing of surplus milk that has built up in the Northeast. We could establish a regional milk market to share the burden of surpluses among all farmers or we could drop the class I price so that more inefficient farmers would be driven out of the business.

"I am not too far from being an advocate of this last method myself," he said, "Not because I want to see anyone get hurt, but because I believe it may be the best solution to the problem."

He said everything points to a continuing cost-price squeeze — squeezing out the less efficient producers and managers. There will be a continued increase in size of individual businesses and a continued specialization in the business and in geographic area in the next few years, and "these changes are likely to come more rapidly than they have in the past," he said. Pierce gave three reasons

for the buildup of surplus milk. Milk production has out-run consumption in the Northeast. An imbalance of use and production of milk products has developed throughout the U.S. This has come about not so much by overproduction as by the loss of the fat market and the changing from a cream market to a whole milk market by midwestern farmers. This has caused an accumulation of milk solids-not-fat that once were fed to hogs. The rapid development of methods, equipment and technology has forced the dairyman to get bigger in order to spread the cost of new equipment over larger units of production. Unfortunately there is no good alternative to dairying, he said.

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average 2 to 8 degrees below the normal range of 30 at night to 50 in the afternoon. The weather is expected to turn colder Saturday with some moderation expected about Monday and turning colder again towards the end of the period. Precipitation is expected to total 1/2 inch or more (melted) occurring during the first half of the period.

Farm Calendar

Mar. 11 — 11:30 a.m. — Reorganization meeting of the Lancaster County Extension Service executive committee at the Meadow Hills Dining Room, New Danville Pike.
7:30 p.m. — Soil Conservation District Director meet in the Lancaster Court house.
Mar. 12 — 7:15 p.m. — New Farmers meet at Sch...

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