

## Deadline Nears On Feed Grain 4-H Dairy Clubs Give Activities To Youngsters

"Don't think it over too long," is the word passed along to feed grain producers by Fred Seldomridge, Chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee. He reminds growers who are interested in taking part in the 1963 feed grain program that filling an "intention-to-participate" form at their Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Office is a necessary first step, and the signup period extends only through March 22. This gives farmers only a few weeks longer in which to make up their minds about 1963 production plans.

Minimum diversion under the 1963 program is 20 percent of the individual farm's total feed grain base. For diverting more than the minimum acreage from feed grain production into a conserving use, the diversion payment will be figured at a higher rate.

Besides the diversion payments available through participation in the feed grain program, participating farmers also qualify for a special price-support payment on the normal production of the acreage planted to feed grains in 1963, and they are also eligible to put their crop under the regular price-support loans or purchase agreements. If the

By: Mrs. Melvin Stoltzfus  
The do it yourself craze became popular to the general public a few years ago, but the 4-H learn-by-doing program has been steadily gaining success since its origin about 1915.

Many of Lancaster County's successful Dairy Farmers' testimonials "pat" 4-H Club work on the back for a large per cent of their success. They give credit to Extension Personnel, Community citizens who volunteer or are drafted as Leaders, as well as parents.

4-H Dairy Club activities appeal to the youth. The Lancaster County Dairy 4-H Clubs are a close knit organization composed of three distinct 4-H Clubs. The Holstein Club, The Guernsey Club, and the three smaller breeds unite to form the Ayrshire, Jersey, Brown Swiss Club. Every year the Dairy Clubs exhibit their projects at the round-up on S.P.A. B.C. grounds. They jointly sponsor the refreshment stand for the S.P.A.B.C. Show. The profits are divided among the three breed clubs, which is turned in used as prize money for the next round up.

On a county wide basis, the 4-H Dairy Clubs have several activities. A picnic with ball game and fun in August and a Banquet in October, when the awards and rewards are presented to the deserving Dairy Club members. Several farm related businesses volunteer to provide trophies to the outstanding 4-H'ers — trophies for the best showman and best fitter in each breed as well as a trophy for the best showman and fitter of all breeds. There are trophies for the owners of the champion and Jr. champion animal, also for the over all high scorers of the entire project in each breed.

Each breed club has its own regular meeting, officers and leaders Mr. Vic Plastow advises each club

An enjoyable sidelight of the 4-H Dairy Clubs is the annual judging practices conducted by Vic Plastow. Vic has trained

the judging teams and demonstration teams who have won County, District, State, and National recognition over the past years. The incentive for the judging and demonstration teams is a 3 day trip to Penn State University for the best judges and the best demonstration group. At Penn State they compete with the other teams representing the 67 counties in the state. The winning teams in the state travel for National honors. The judging team goes to Waterloo, Iowa and the demonstration team goes to Chicago, Ill.

The 1961 judging team had the honor of representing Lanc. Co. and the state of Penna. at Waterloo, Iowa. It was composed of Donald and Paul Trimble, Paul Welk and Robert Wagner. The 1962 judging team composed of Elvin Shelly, Lucille Kreider, Roy Breneman and Elaine Stoltzfus placed second in the state competition.

In 1961 it was the writers privilege to accompany the state delegation to the National Dairy Conference in conjunction with the International Livestock Show in Chicago, Ill. Two of the seven Penna. State delegates were from Lancaster County. They were Elaine Stoltzfus and Dorothy Garber, the Lancaster County, District and Penna. State Dairy demonstration team winners for that year.

4-H Dairy Club members are always on the search for more

## Local Farmers Attend AFBF In Washington

BY: MRS. HERMAN SHIRK  
Approximately 200 people attended the Congressional Meeting of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association in Washington on Feb. 25th and 26th.

James Lynn, Legislative Director, and Herbert Harris, Assistant Legislative Director of the American Farm Bureau Federation, spoke on National Agricultural Programs and the Common Market. Carl Empe of Chester Co. and chairman of the State Legislative Comm. spoke to the Congressmen and the delegates on the "Farmer as a Businessman".

Representing the Lancaster County Farmers' Ass'n. were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Greider of Mt. Joy, Wilham Dean of Strasburg, Aaron Stauffer of Ephrata, Arthur Brown of Little Britain, and Herman Shirk of Quarryville.

members, and more interested personnel to serve as leaders.

The Dairy man's hope of tomorrow lies in the 4-H trained Dairy Club member today. Interested youth may contact the Extension Office for information about their favorite breed 4-H Club program.

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