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THREE VETERINARIANS PREPARE their supplies for the day before starting on their calls. Dr. Robert McMullen, left, and his two assistants, James Cox, center, and Larry Schmuck, gather medicine and equipment which will be needed during the day. The three veterinarians work out of the same office to cover the area around Quarryville and south to the Maryland state line.

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I Ride With The Veterinarian

Modern Animal Medicine Uses Scientific Methods

By: Jack Owen

Editor's Note: This is the fourth 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.

They rolled the old dairy cow right over on her back and massaged her abdomen. She had a slight fever and poor appetite. He heard abomasum noises where rumea noises should have been; there was a slight lump on the cow's side, and since she showed traces of acetone in a urinalysis, the diagnosis was "displaced abomasum".

This was something new to me I had never seen a cow "rolled" for the treatment of a displaced abomasum (fourth stomach), but Dr. Robert McMullen, Quarryville, said it is not a new practice.

Earlier in the day, as I rode with Dr. McMullen, another farmer had discussed the procedure with us, and I almost hoped we would have the opportunity of seeing it in practice — not that I wished any trouble on a farmer, but I hoped one of our calls would include a cow with a twisted digestive tract.

The condition appears to be getting more common, Dr. McMullen said. As the internal organs return to place after the cow drops a calf, the abomasum sometimes slips out of its normal position beneath the rumen (the big first stomach) and twists the digestive tract causing a constriction and consequent slow down of bowel movements. The cow goes off feed and shows traces of a mild case of acetone in her urine.

At the farm of Albert Stoner, Quarryville R1, Dr. McMullen listened with his stethoscope in hollow below the

Stoner put the cow in a box stall and Dr. McMullen placed a long rope over her neck. The ends were drawn down between the fore legs, crossed over her back and out between her hind legs alongside the udder. A tug on the rope put the cow on her side. While one man held her head down so that she could not get up, Stoner and the doctor rolled her onto her back and massaged her belly.

The cow got to her feet, and appeared no worse for her strange treatment. The lump on her side was gone and she went back to her stall to chew her cud.

The treatment usually works, Dr. McMullen said, but once in a while, in stubborn cases, surgery is performed and the abomasum is sutured into its proper position.

The operation was routine for Dr. McMullen who has (Continued on Page 6)

Corn Borer Control Spray Does Not Pay For Itself

Chemical control of corn borer does not pay for itself, county corn growers were told Tuesday night.

John O. Pepper, extension entomologist from the Pennsylvania State University, speaking at a meeting of about 85 farmers in the Landisville fire hall said, "We have not been able to make corn borer control pay."

He said DDT can be used to control Japanese Beetles, but if it is used, the fodder can not be used for forage. If the fodder is to be used for livestock feed, Sevin is recommended. He reminded farmers that neither Dieldrin or Heptachlor is to be

used for spring application on forage crops.

In answer to a question, Pepper said there is no evidence (Continued on page 8)

Poultry Meet Will Feature Pullet Growing

All aspects of pullet rearing will be discussed at a meeting scheduled to be held in the Lancaster Poultry Center, Roseville Road, next Thursday, March 28 at 7:45 p.m.

The special education meeting sponsored by the Lancaster Poultry Association will feature Dr. Floyd Hicks, the new poultry extension specialist from the Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Hicks has been active in poultry work in Michigan for several years and will discuss pullet raising in that state. He will also moderate a panel of local poultrymen and industry men concerned with pullet production.

Also on the program will be Dr. Donald Singletary, Director of the diagnostic section of Whitmoyer Laboratories, Myerstown. He will discuss sanitation and general management as they relate to disease control.

All county poultrymen are invited.

Wheat Program To Be Subject Of Meeting

Farmers will be better informed about how to vote in the proposed wheat program referendum scheduled for May if they attend the meeting on March 26 at 1 p.m. in the Production Credit building on Roseville Road, according to Edison Osborne, Peach Bottom, a member of the state Wheat Committee.

Arnold Pinay of the state Agriculture Conservation and Stabilization committee will be on hand to explain details of the 1964 wheat program. An attempt will be made to secure (Continued on Page 10)

Farmers Asked To Show Hay

Farmers from the county are invited to exhibit samples of bair cured hay in the Northeastern Hay Drying Association winter hay show and meeting at Allentown next week.

The meeting will be held in the Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers auditorium on March 29 with the hay judging to begin at 1 p.m. on March 28.

The program on Friday will begin at 10 a.m. with a hay judging contest to be followed by a tour of the Lehigh Valley plant. After a business meeting at 1 p.m. Harvey Drebelbis of Hominy Hill Farms will talk on "A Decade". Presentation of awards will be made by John (Continued on Page 2)

Farm Bureau Co-op Plans To Buy Unsold Tobacco Crops In Co.

The Lancaster County Farm Bureau Cooperative this week revealed a plan to purchase the unsold portion of the 1962 county tobacco crop.

The Farm Bureau consented to the program with the provision that the County Tobacco Growers Cooperative withdraw its proposed marketing plan.

John Wolgemuth, assistant manager of the Lancaster County Farm Bureau Cooperative said late this week that details of the plan have not yet been worked out, but all buying will be on a contractual basis with a binding agreement on the producer.

At a meeting Wednesday night, the tobacco cooperative agreed to abandon its plan for a marketing program.

According to Wolgemuth, the Farm Bureau will purchase the crop, but growers will be required to reduce their 1963 acreage under tentative plans yet to be approved.

Mark Hess of the state Farm Bureau said this week he hopes buying of the filler leaf can begin this month. The tobacco would probably be purchased

on grade, and the tentative program would call for acreage controls, a marketing agreement and a selling fee.

The Farm Bureau had a marketing program under consideration for some time, but waited until the tobacco cooperative decided if it could work out a plan of its own. Farm Bureau spokesmen told the (Continued on Page 4)

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average near normal to four degrees below the normal range of 34 at night to 54 in the afternoon. Near seasonable temperatures are expected Saturday with warmer weather following Sunday through Tuesday and turning cooler again Wednesday. Precipitation during the period is expected to total 0.1 inch or less occurring near the end of the period.

Farm Calendar

- Mar. 23 — 10 a.m. — Pennsylvania Landrace Swine show at Martin's Sales Stables, Blue Ball. Sale of entries at 1 p.m.
- Mar. 25 — 9 a.m. — North Carolina farmers to begin tour of the county at the farm of Noah Kreider, Manheim R3
- 7:30 p.m. — Reorganization meeting of Elm-Pennryn 4-H club in the Penryn fire hall.
- 7:30 p.m. — County FFA meeting in Ephrata High School.
- Mar. 26 — 1 p.m. — Meeting on 1964 Wheat Program at the Production Credit building, Roseville Road.

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