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FEEDLOT DELIBERATION BRINGS SERIOUS EXPRESSIONS to the faces of commission man and farmer, but the joking lies just below the surface and breaks out every so often. Bob Heilbron, left, tells Paul Herr, Quarryville R2, he has a buyer interested in the steers. The steers are for sale, Herr says, bring him around to see them. L. F. Photo.

I Ride With The Commission Man

Commission Man Brings Buyer, Seller Together

By: Jack Owen

Editor's Note: This is the sixth in a series of articles dealing with Lancaster County businesses related to agriculture. The writer will spend a day riding with persons who serve the farmer but 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.

"We don't wake up on Monday morning and suddenly find 200 cattle in our pens. We have to go out and bring them in," Bob Heilbron said as we drove south from Lancaster on our way to farm where we would see 190 head of top quality, black, stocker steers.

Heilbron had a sale for a string of high quality stockers

to go on grass and he had to find a farmer with steers for sale.

This is the job of the livestock commission man. He has only one job — bringing a potential buyer and seller together. But the job is not quite so simple as it sounds.

The commission man has to know cattle and he has to know (Continued on Page 5)

Zoning Is For Farmers, County Planner Explains

Holding off on rural zoning will probably cost the farmer more money in the long run, township supervisors were told Monday night.

Bickley Foster, head of the Lancaster County Planning Commission told 50 supervisors at a meeting sponsored by the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District that farmers must begin to realize that rural zoning applies to them.

He said urban people are moving into rural areas at a rapid rate and these residents want urban services. "If we try to hold off these services, the total cost can be as much as 50 per cent higher in the end," he said.

All too often the decisions in the townships are rural decisions and made with very little consideration for the people

moving out of the urban areas. In some areas, he said, if cooperation is not developed, the urbanites are just waiting until they can outvote the rural people.

Our problem in the county, he explained, is a sudden mixture of rural and urban — population, and this mixing is often on a "leapfrogging" of houses into rural areas leaving farmland between housing developments.

Rural areas are becoming used up through housing developments, industrial parks, and interstate highway systems. He pointed out that American motorists needed more than 600,000 acres just to park cars last year. Industries moving out from cities normally buy four times as much land in the country as they had in the cities, and highway rights of way are being widened every year. Traffic is growing at the rate of three per cent a year, which is faster than the population growth, he said.

In colonial days there was approximately 600 acres per person in the United States. Today there are 13 1/2 acres per person, and it is estimated that there will be only 8 acres per person in 25 years.

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Budget Is Bare Subsistence, Secretary Bull Tells Feed Millers

Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Leland H. Bull, Wednesday night termed the 1963-64 budget for his department a "bare subsistence" allowance.

Speaking at a regional banquet of the Pennsylvania Millers

and Feed Dealers in the Host Motel, Lititz Pike, Lancaster, Bull said, "Perhaps we shouldn't have trimmed the budget so extensively, so when the cuts come we won't be hit so hard."

Bull reported that the budget committee expects to trim about \$240,000 from department spending before June 30. This will be in addition to the \$100,000 sliced from the present appropriation of \$3.9 million. This is 20 per cent below the budget proposed by former secretary of Agriculture, William L. Henning before leaving office in January.

The proposed cutbacks will mean the elimination of all proposed new programs including proposed programs to inspect all meat slaughtering and (Continued on Page 10)

Plow Contest Committees Appointed

HARRISBURG - Charles W. Passmore, Lancaster, chairman of the 1963 Pennsylvania State Plowing Contest, today announced committees for the event, site and date for which are yet to be selected.

Passmore said the contest executive committee, which he heads, will meet later this month to decide on a time and location.

The committees - Rules and registration; Jack R. Grey, deputy State Secretary of Agriculture; Charles F. Lebo and D. Richard Wenner, all Harrisburg, Henry E. Warner, Chambersburg, and N. Henry Wooding, Jr., University Park, chairman

Finance and awards: Wooding (Continued on Page 8)

Farm Calendar

Apr. 22-23 — National Farm Editors Association annual convention in Washington, D.C.

Apr. 23 — 7 a.m. — Annual Holstein Breeders tour will leave the Conestoga Transportation terminal, 825 East Chestnut Street, Lancaster. 7:15 p.m. — New Holland Young Farmers farm mechanics class in the New Holland High School. 7:30 p.m. — Manor community 4-H club meets in the Letort Elementary School.

Apr. 25-26 — Dairy feeding conference for county agents in the Cocoa Inn, Hershey

9 a.m. — Region II FFA public speaking and parliamentary procedure contest at Millersville State College.

6:30 p.m. — Donegal FFA parent and son banquet at the Donegal High School.

7:30 p.m. — New Providence 4-H community club meets in the New Providence Elementary School.

8 p.m. — Reorganization of the Lancaster County Swine Producers board of directors in the Exchange Room of the Lancaster-Union Stockyards.

Cows On Spring Pastures Need Different Feed Program

By Victor Plastow, Associate County Agent

It is often difficult to decide how much grain mixture to feed cows on good pasture, or whether to feed no grain at all. The answer depends on the amount and quality of the forage the pasture furnishes and on the actual production of the cows.

Good pasture alone will provide cows with sufficient nutrients for body maintenance and the production of about 10 to 20 pounds of milk, depending on its richness. If the pasture

is excellent, it will provide for still more milk.

Cows of high productive capacity that are fed no grain mixture on pasture may continue to yield more milk than these amounts, but they must draw on their bodies for the additional nutrients needed. Consequently, they will lose weight and run down in condition.

The D.H.I.A. Forage Testing plan provides a convenient guide for the feeding of grain to cows on various grades of pasture. Separate recommendations (Continued on Page 9)

Holstein Tour Is Next Week

The annual one day tour sponsored by the Lancaster County Holstein-Friesian Association has been set for next week.

A bus will leave the Conestoga Transportation Co. barns in Lancaster at 7 a.m. on April 23. Three dairy farms, one creamery and a carpet factory will be visited.

At the farm of Jack and Don Fairchild, the county visitors will see the herd that won the premier breeders and premier exhibitors award at the 1962 state show. The 12 daughters of their bull, Mayers Majesty Duke Fobes, will be on exhibit. The Berwick Creamery farm will exhibit the highest testing heifer in the state for its size, about 60 head. Also on exhibit will be a two year old purchased at last year's National Convention sale and is now making a state record.

More than 100 young cows with over 600 pounds of butter at last year will be seen at Pe-

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average two to seven degrees above normal range of 44 at night to 64 in the afternoon. Seasonable temperatures are expected over the week end with a warming trend on Monday and cooler again Wednesday. Precipitation may total 0.2 to 0.6 inch occurring as scattered showers or thundershowers early Saturday and again about Tuesday.