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SAMUEL DUM AND SON DAVID, five, admire Sheba, a first-calf Holstein heifer just finishing her lactation, while the other cows look on. Sheba freshened at a year and 11 months and produced 1,905 pounds of milk and 650 pounds of butterfat in 315 days. She is by H-55 (Dusty) the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative bull who is being proven at the present time.

L. F. Photo.

## DHIA Secretary Calls For Cutbacks In Milk Flow

The dairy industry needs some kind of controls on production, but the individual farmer can't cut back without hurting himself financially, the secretary of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association believes.

Samuel Dum, who farms at 2191 Greystone Road, East Petersburg, said this week that he would not like to see national controls on dairy production because of the difficulty of administration, but he believes a dealer could impose quotas on all his producers with financial benefit to both the producer and the processor. Dum explained that recently about 25 per cent of his production has been going into the "no price" category for which he received only about \$2.00 per hundredweight. Another portion of his total production went into class II for which he received slightly over \$3.00 per hundredweight.

With feed costs running to about \$2.15 per hundredweight, the dairyman can not afford

to produce milk at these lower prices, and has to count on his class I utilization to bring the blend price up high enough to pay a profit.

If the individual farmer cuts back on production, he loses part of his share of class I milk, but if dairy companies imposed quotas on all farmers so that each producer kept his share of the class I milk market, production could be brought into line with demand, Dum believes, and the dairyman could reduce production without losing net income.

Dum began farming at East Petersburg on the farm of his father-in-law about 10 years ago. He now has 25 registered Holstein cows of which 22 are currently in production.

When he installed a bulk tank several years ago, he set a goal of 40 pounds of milk per cow. Since that time his production has gone to an average of 50 pounds per cow, and he has reached the capacity of his tank "I have culled

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## County FFA Sets Date For Summer Picnic

Plans for a summer chicken barbecue and an all-star softball game were made at a Monday night meeting of the Lancaster County Future Farmers of America at Manheim Central High School.

The county FFA will hold its second annual barbecue on August 13 at Hiestand's ball field, Marietta R1. Elizabethtown chapter will make arrangements for the picnic and the game. During the same afternoon, the finals of county FFA softball competition will be held with the winner of section one playing the section two winner.

Delegates instructed their representative to the state meet-

ing next week to vote for a separate contest for tractor driving and trouble shooting instead of the combined contest which is now held on the state level. They also instructed the delegate to vote for elimination of the tractor record keeping project as a prerequisite to entering the tractor driving contest.

Nineteen delegates from the 10 local chapters were in attendance.

## Freeman Urges Dairy Month Observance

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman today urged all Americans to enjoy the benefits of plentiful milk and dairy products, in calling attention to the dairy industry's 27th annual "June is Dairy Month" observance.

In 1963, milk production may reach a level of about 126 billion pounds, or enough to supply every man, woman and child in the United States with about a quart of milk a day, the Secretary pointed out. Every State in the Union produces milk, and dairying accounts for about 14 percent of total farm income.

"The peak milk production month of June is a particularly appropriate time to pay tribute to the efficiency of the Nation's dairymen in supplying this abundance of healthful dairy foods every month of the year," he said.

"Milk is fundamental in any well-balanced diet, and better diets and better health in general have helped our children grow more vigorous and sturdy. At the same time, milk offers our older citizens their best and most economical source of calcium as well as a good

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## County DHIA To Study SNF Milk Testing

The Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association directors Monday night appointed a committee to study the possibility of forming an association to test total milk solids.

Robert Hess, Strasburg R1, chairman; Robert McSparran and Charles Tindall, both of Peach Bottom, were named to investigate costs of equipment, personnel needed, and other pertinent information connected with testing milk solids-not-fat and protein in milk.

If such a program is found to be practicable, tentative plans call for forming one association to test for interested dairymen on a county-wide basis.

At the next meeting on August 26 committees for the annual meeting will be appointed.

## Ben Morgan Will Head Up Livestock Show

Harrisburg — Ben Morgan, University Park, today was named general superintendent of the seventh Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition, Nov. 11-15 in the State Farm Show Building, by State Secretary of Agriculture Leland H. Bull following a meeting of the 1963 Exposition Committee.

Morgan, a member of the extension livestock staff of the Pennsylvania State University, will be filling that assignment for the sixth consecutive year. The exposition, open to beef cattle, sheep, and swine entries from the United States and Canada, will be conducted by the Department of Agriculture.

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## Four Lasses To Vie For Miss Milkmaid

Four Lancaster County farm girls will compete for the title of 1963 Miss Lancaster County Milkmaid on June 5.

The four lasses, daughters of county dairymen are Miss Jean Kreider, Quarryville R1, Miss Carol Lee Wilson, Quarryville R3, Miss Marilyn L. Rohrer, Paradist R1, and Miss Bonnie Lee Miller, Christiana R1.

The contest, sponsored by Lancaster County Milk For Health, Inc., will be held in the Farm Bureau Cooperative auditorium, Dillerville Road, at 7:45 p.m. on June 5.

Mistress of ceremonies will be Miss Jane Thurston, associate county Home Economist. Judges are Miss Joan Kline, WGAL-TV, Larry Bauman, Lancaster Newspapers, Inc. and Robert Keen, Queen Dairy, Inc., Lancaster.

Miss Joyce Kreider, Quarryville R1, was the 1962 county winner. The 1963 winner will compete for the title of Pennsylvania Dairy Princess next month.

## Plow Contest Dates Are Set

HARRISBURG — The 1963 Pennsylvania State Plowing Contest today was set for August 15 on the Joseph Hooker farm, Bernville, RD2, Berks county, with State Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull as honorary chairman.

Charles W. Passmore, Lancaster, contest chairman, said

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## Gypsy Moth Campaign Is Reopened

HARRISBURG — Another gypsy moth trapping operation was being planned today by state and federal authorities as a check follow-up on effectiveness of recent spray operations in eastern Pennsylvania for control of this most serious insect pest of eastern hardwoods.

Henry F. Nixon, director of the Bureau of Plant Industry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, said the moth trapping will center in and around a 10,000 acre area in Monroe and Pike counties that had been sprayed earlier this year.

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## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average two to six degrees above the normal range of 58 at night to 79 in the afternoon. A warming trend throughout the period turning cooler near the end of the period is expected. Precipitation is expected to total ¼ to ½ inch falling as showers near the end of the period.

Rainfall during May was only about 40 per cent of normal, and rainfall since April 1 has been only about 37 per cent of normal. Total precipitation since April 1 was 2.5 inches compared to the 7 inches normal.

## Farm Calendar

June 3 — 8 p.m. — Southern 4-H Holstein club meets at the home of Charles Tindall, Peach Bottom.

June 5 — 4:30 p.m. — Lancaster County Teachers of vocational agriculture meet in Warwick High School 7:45 p.m. — Miss Milkmaid Contest Farm Bureau Co-op Bldg., Dillerville Rd.

June 6 — 7:45 p.m. — Lancaster County Poultry Association Board of directors meet in the Poultry Center. 8 p.m. — Red Rose Baby Beef and Lamb Club meets in the Milton Brecht School, Lititz Pike, Lancaster.

8 p.m. — Senior Extension club meets at the Farm Bureau cooperative building, Dillerville Pike, Lancaster.

June 8 — 1:30 p.m. — Manheim Township 4-H sewing club meets at the Farm Bureau Co-op. Bldg., Dillerville Rd., Lancaster.